



## Mary Catherine "Cat" Stark

May 16, 1930 - October 25, 2020

Mary Catherine Stark of Searcy, Arkansas, entered the presence of her Lord on Sunday, October 25. She was born May 16, 1930, in McRae, Arkansas, to Dewey and Mattie McAfee.

Cat, as she was known to most people, is survived by a son, Tony Stark of Judsonia, Arkansas; a daughter, Linda Stark Strode of Antioch, Tennessee; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Clifford "Red" Stark, and a son, Allen "Tip" Stark.

She was a member of the Rose Bud First Baptist Church for more than 60 years.

Cat served as a nurse for more than four decades, retiring in 2012 just before her 80th birthday. She was named nurse of the year in 1995 at what is now Unity Health-Searcy Medical Center. A past president of the Arkansas Licensed Practical Nurses Association, Cat received the association's Georgia Lee Tucker Award for outstanding and dedicated service in 1997.

Memorials may be made to The Sharing Shoppe of Searcy, Arkansas, and the Psalm 139 Project, a ministry of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Visitation is Thursday from 1:00 until 2:00 pm at Rose Bud First Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2:00 pm at Rose Bud First Baptist Church with interment to follow at Rose Bud Cemetery.

Due to the most recent COVID-19 directive, attendance is strictly limited to 100 people and face covering must be worn at all times.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

**Rosebud Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Bud First Baptist Church  
5990 AR-36  
Rose Bud, AR 72137  
(501) 556-5740

### Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Catherine "Cat" Stark



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 27, 2020 at 05:39 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Catherine at one of the Arkansas LPN Conventions a few years ago. She was a very gracious lady and wonderful hostess. We will all miss her very much. You have our sincere sympathy.

*Ann Bauer, President, NAPNES*

Ann Bauer - October 29, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SM

“ Catherine was the loveliest, most dedicated, steadfast reliable and humble human being I ever had the pleasure to work along side. Nursing was truly her calling. Job well done, Catherine. You are Off Duty. My love and prayers.

Sharon Martin - October 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

M(

*Tony you know how much your mom and dad ment to my family. Uncle Nip and Aunt Lillian were friends as long as I can remember and it was though them my family became friends. The days of showing cows at the fair, my oldest son Kennth Black worked with your Dad at Eaton and talked alot about him. Kenneth really respected Red alot. I worked with your mom for years at the hospital. She was an amazing nurse, person and friend. Sorry I just foundout. I'm deeply sorry for your lost Tony. My heart is breaking but know she is wih our savior and all the ones she loved than were waiting for her homecoming!*

Martha Black (Boone)Black - October 30, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cat" Stark.



October 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM

GB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Catherine was a beautiful Christian woman who loved everyone and was a role model for everyone who met her. I feel very blessed to call her a friend. She was a wonderful nurse and passed her passion for nursing to so many students and new nurses.

Gail Burton - October 29, 2020 at 08:21 AM

JB

“ Catherine was " A Rare Jewel " and such A Blessing to My Life .  
Our Love to Her Family

Jerry and Janice Burlison - October 28, 2020 at 10:29 PM

AD

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all, Catherine was always smiling. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Your friends, Gary and Anita Duncan

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**Anita Duncan** - October 28, 2020 at 09:44 PM

TM

“ It has been a true blessing to know this beautiful Christian lady. I had the privilege of working with Miss Catherine as a nurse for years and being her friend. Her lovely smile will never be forgotten, her endless kindness and compassion for others touched so many hearts, including mine. Tanya McGary

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**Tanya McGary** - October 28, 2020 at 09:12 PM

SC

“ Catherine was a lovely lady both inside and out!!! Prayers for all for peace and comfort! She will be missed by everyone!!

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**Sharen Crockett** - October 28, 2020 at 01:59 PM

PR

“ A wonderful, caring, nurse and friend. The world is a better place because she lived. Porter Rodgers jr.

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**porter rodgers** - October 28, 2020 at 09:24 AM

PW

“ She was an excellent nurse, a rare combination of caring and competency. Catherine always pitched-in and was involved fully in whatever she was doing. She served in leadership with the student LPN association, paying it forward to raise the next generation of nurses. She traveled with her friends to various places and could be counted on to bring fun to any occasion. What a great example of a life well-lived. Patty Wilson RN

Patty Wilson - October 28, 2020 at 08:13 AM

PM

“ I am sorry for your loss, Catherine and I worked together, she was a wonderful lady



Pamela Mullins - October 27, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DE

“ So honored to do Ms Starks hair for her last Wednesday and had a great conversation with her. Such a sweet lady and I know she will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family! Diane Edwards

Diane Edwards - October 27, 2020 at 08:48 PM

EL

“ Tony, I am really sorry about your mother. She was always so sweet and friendly. She was a beautiful woman. I will be praying for you. Love, Aunt Emma

Emma Lester - October 27, 2020 at 07:54 PM

FA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Floyd "Eddie" Carter / ALPNA - October 27, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DH

“ I got the privilege to work with Catherine at White County Medical Center. She was one of my favorite nurses to work with. I was saddened to hear of her passing but I know I will see her again in heaven. My condolences goes out to all her family and friends.

Debbie Howell - October 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cat" Stark.



October 27, 2020 at 06:02 PM