



Merrell Walker

July 19, 2019

Merrell Walker, age 67, of Searcy, Arkansas passed away after a long and courageous struggle with Alzheimer's on Friday, July 19, 2019. She was born on May 12th, 1952 in Searcy, Arkansas. Merrell is preceded in death by her parents Bill and Jessie Ruth Walker, and sister Hilda Diana Stracener. She is survived by daughter Erin Jackson (Alex), sons Ross Walker (Lindsey), Tate Walker (Allison), and Drew Walker (Candice), her sister Sue Kibbe (Charles) brother Billy Walker, Jr. (Cheri), her grandchildren Brynntley, Avery, Layton, Walker, Addy, Kylie, Eli, Sloan, Lindley, Dax, and Scout. Merrell believed in the power of education and was a dedicated public school teacher in Searcy for 28 years. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor and was always willing to offer a helping hand, an encouraging word, or a prayer for any she encountered along life's way. Merrell believed in the power of faith. She was a lifelong Christian – incredibly dedicated in her faith and in her relationship with Jesus. Her life was built on prayer and humble service. As a loving single mother, she was devoted to her four children and made countless sacrifices along the way so she could provide for them and surround them with affirmation and love. Merrell was a proud "Mimi" to 11 grandchildren that brought her much happiness and laughter. Despite the many struggles and challenges in her adult life, Merrell always managed to see the bright side, to live with joy and thanksgiving, and to find the beauty in all things. She will be sorely missed but her legacy of faith and love will continue.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 21st, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home.

The Funeral Service will be at Searcy First United Methodist Church on Monday, July 21st at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Cemetery Details

Gum Springs Cemetery

Hwy 367 S. @ Booth Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
304 N. Main St.
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

S-

“ I have many wonderful memories of my aunt Merrell. My aunt was a generous & loving aunt. I remember so many times when my aunt would take me to shopping for clothes, and when my mother was very sick with a perforated colon and 5'4 and down to 71 pounds & not expected to live. At the same time my granny Pearl had passed away, and my little dog had been injured when a car ran over her back leg & I did not have the money to take my pet to the vet. My aunt was a loving loving christian lady that told me , "I cannot fix things like your mother being sick and your granny Pearl passed away, but take your puppy to the vet and tell them to fix her leg, even if they have to keep her overnight, I will pay for it & we will be there to pick her up in the morning." What my aunt did was no small thing, it was very expensive & and lessened my sadness during a very sad time for me. Aunt Merrell had many talents other than being able to cheer people up, she could paint murals on walls, dressers, and even had a part in the "Holiday Of Lights" & even did the decorating of the Christmas Tree in the Whitehouse during the Bill Clinton Presidency. She did decorations of Sox the Cat. Aunt Merrell was also a beloved school teacher. If anyone could go out of their way to make things positive, aunt Merrell did, and could and did. Aunt Merrell is in the hands of God now, She will never be forgotten. Love you, aunt Merrell.

Shannon Stracener -Clark - July 22, 2019 at 09:30 PM

JF

I am so sorry Merrell had Alzheimer's disease. I was a roommate of hers at UCA in 1972 & we remained friends through the years. I lost touch with her a few years ago when I called & wrote to her & I never heard from her. I suppose she had Alzheimer's at that time. She was a precious person & always so happy for others in spite of the many trials and tribulations she had. I just found out about her illness & passing yesterday. Bless you all.
Love, Judy Waddell Fletcher

Judy Waddell Fletcher - August 03, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DP

“ Sue and Billy, We are so sorry. Merrell was always the most joyous person. She had a wonderful smile and was always kind. We have many wonderful memories of her and your family at church. Praying for you and her family. The Blackburn Family (Mildred, Donna, Maureen and Melinda)

Donna Przybys - July 22, 2019 at 09:09 AM

SD

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merrell Walker.



July 21, 2019 at 11:22 PM

CD

“ *Carol Daves lit a candle in memory of Merrell Walker*



Carol Daves - July 21, 2019 at 05:02 PM

CD

Merrell's life said it all. You could not be with her or hear about her from her friends without knowing she was dedicated to God and family. She will be greatly missed. She definitely left a life of good memories and love.

Carol Daves - July 21, 2019 at 05:05 PM

JS

“ *Judy Swafford lit a candle in memory of Merrell Walker*



Judy Swafford - July 21, 2019 at 04:45 PM

JS

*Billy, I am so sorry . Keeping you and Merrill's family in my prayers . The Walker Family memories are a cherished part of my childhood. God Bless You,
Judy Tilley Swafford*

Judy Swafford - July 21, 2019 at 04:49 PM

CM

“ So many good things could be said about Merrell Im not sure what to say. One thing I will always remember is how she believed in having the Christmas spirit al the year round, which was so fitting for her because she lit up the room like a Christmas tree with her beautiful smile. I had known her since Jr. High school and she was always warm, friendly, very funny, and most of all kind. Rest in Peace sweet soul.



charlotte rice morris - July 21, 2019 at 01:58 PM

DN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss! Merrill was such an inspiration to so many others! I will keep all of you in my prayers as you walk through the days ahead without her beside you. My God bless you and give you the strength, comfort, love, peace, and joy that you need to move forward!

Donita Nye - July 21, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merrell Walker.



July 21, 2019 at 11:46 AM

 Tommy Jelks

“ One of my favorite teachers . she always had a positive attitude and a smile on her face when you saw her. Loved her and she will be missed.

Tommy Jelks - July 21, 2019 at 09:34 AM

TE

“ *Precious lady!! She was my very favorite teacher. She wanted the best for her students. She had such a caring heart and beautiful smile! She will be truly missed!* ”

Tonya Elliott - July 21, 2019 at 02:24 AM

PC

“ *I taught school with Merrell for several years. She was so creative in her classroom. I remember her painting the American Flag across one wall. Her home was full of her creativity with murels she had painted, her children's hand and footprints under a window. Her American History lessons were creative, interesting, and fun or so my girls told me. All the times we would share leftover pizza from a football game at her home. I shall greatly miss Merrell, her warm friendly smile, encouraging words, and her willingness to share her love of God and a prayer.* ”

Pamela Carter-Cirn - July 21, 2019 at 12:34 AM

PG

“ *Patrick A. Garrett lit a candle in memory of Merrell Walker* ”



Patrick A. Garrett - July 20, 2019 at 11:32 PM

SC

“ *Sonya Couch lit a candle in memory of Merrell Walker* ”



Sonya Couch - July 20, 2019 at 10:31 PM

HD

“ I loved the way Ms. Walker taught 9th grade Civics and have adapted many of her ways in my daily teaching practices. She was an inspiration and will be missed. Rest In Peace

heather duncan - July 20, 2019 at 07:48 PM

PD

“ She was my 9th grade Civics teacher. She had such a passion for the topic and loved her students! She inspired me to pursue a degree in political science and a career in government service. I was saddened to hear of her passing.

Paul Davis - July 20, 2019 at 07:02 PM

SM

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom Tate, our prayers are with you .
Scott and shree mason

shree mason - July 20, 2019 at 05:38 PM

JN

“ Mrs. Walker was my teacher in 8th and 9th grades. She was amazing. I and will be missed. I remember her wanting to rename the town of Searcy to Tulip since that was a much prettier name. And she wanted to keep her Christmas tree up all year! I always think of her when I take mine down. I'll be praying for the family.

Jennifer Wilson Naas - July 20, 2019 at 05:31 PM