



## Rebecca Ann "Becky" Tackett

January 18, 1949 - February 5, 2023

Rebecca "Becky" Mathis Tackett passed away on Sunday, February 5th. She was born in Arkadelphia, Ar on January 18th, 1949.

Becky was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, Gary Tackett, and her parents, Winston and Pauline Mathis. Becky is survived by one daughter, Amy Williams (James) of Searcy and one son, Terry Tackett of Little Rock. Grandchildren, Hunter Wood (Jessica), Haley Wood and Olivia Tackett. One great grandchild, Wells Wood. She is also survived by her sister, Pat Cook (Curtis), brother, Darrell Mathis (Julie), sister, Jan Calicott, Sister-in-law, Gail Conaway, aunt, Gayle Owen and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Becky went to school in Okolona, AR. She graduated from Arkadelphia High School in 1967 and from Henderson State University in 1971 with a degree in early childhood education.

Becky and Gary met in college and were married soon after graduating. They moved to Altheimer, Ar in 1971 to start their teaching careers. In 1976 they moved to Searcy, Ar where Becky taught at Sidney Deener Elementary and then at Westside Elementary where she retired after forty years of teaching. Becky was inducted into the Searcy Schools Hall of Fame. She was devoted to her students. She was the first to arrive at school most days and was always so organized. Becky mentored a number of fellow teachers and left an

example for all to follow.

Becky loved playing basketball at Okolona. She loved Elvis, Motown and dancing. You would often hear of dance parties she and Olivia would have when they were together. She could sing every word to many Elvis songs, even in the late months of her battle with Dementia. You would always find her wherever the Searcy Lions or her grands were playing.

The services for Becky are scheduled for Saturday, February 11th, 2023, at First United Methodist Church, Searcy, AR. Visitation will be from 12:30-2:00pm with funeral services to follow at 2:00.

We would like to thank all of the caregivers at Providence Memory Care, Oakdale Rehab Center, Hospice Care Services and most of all, her pal and caregiver, Nadia Hendricks.

In lieu of flowers, we ask friends and family to make donations to Alzheimer's Arkansas in memory of our precious mother.

You can donate at this link: <https://igfn.us/f/3v8b/n> (<https://igfn.us/f/3v8b/n>) . Look beneath the "volunteer" drop-down menu. There is a "make this donation in someone's honor or memory" checkbox. You will also receive an email confirmation.

Donations can also be sent to:

Alzheimer's Arkansas

Attn: Ricky Williams

201 Markham Center Dr.

Little Rock, AR 72205

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

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
304 N Main St  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-5896

## Memorial Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rebecca Ann "Becky" Tackett



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 09, 2023 at 05:17 PM

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*Becky was a wonderful, sweet and kind person. We were classmates at AHS, played basketball together and participated in the Pep Club. She was one of about 10 or 12 girls that "packed" into my little blue Renault to go to the football games- yes were literally "packed" in lol! She achieved much in her lifetime, touched many lives and left a beautiful legacy for her family! She will be missed by many! Thoughts an prayers with her family, especially Jan and Darrell as I knew them as friends also. Our class of '67 has lost another beautiful person. Prayers for you all to include her former co-workers and school staff.*

Sharon Neel Ouellette - February 10, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rebecca Ann "Becky" Tackett.



February 07, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Ann "Becky" Tackett.



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February 07, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Mrs. Tackett was one of my favorite teachers I ever had the pleasure of having. The love she showed so many children, including myself will not be forgotten. Sidney Deener was blessed by her presence. My prayers are with her family and friends. She was a wonderful person and I know she is rejoicing with her Lord and Savior and her husband. She loved her children. I never met them but she spoke of them often while teaching. Her children were the light of her life.

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**Angela (Morris)** - February 06, 2023 at 07:03 PM



*My sincerest condolences to the Tackett family! I pray you be given the strength and comfort needed to get through these difficult moments.*

*A Member of Coach Tackett's  
Basketball Teams from Altheimer*

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**Arlee Jones** - February 07, 2023 at 01:17 PM