



Sarah Ann Birdwell

January 22, 1951 - February 9, 2016

Sarah Ann Birdwell was born January 22, 1951 in Searcy, Arkansas to Annie Lee and Willaim L.B. Birdwell.

She passed away on February 9 at her sister's home in Searcy, Arkansas. She is survived by a sister, Linda Estep, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sarah taught junior high physical science, gifted and talented classes for 38 years, the first five in West Helena and the remaining 33 years at Van Buren/Butterfield Junior Highs in Van Buren.

She sponsored the National Junior Honor Society for 4 years.

In 1990, Sarah recruited six G.T. students to establish the first junior high quiz bowl team in Van Buren.

She coached the team for 18 years.

Sarah was a member of Grand Avenue Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association.

Sarah's memorial service will be held Saturday, February 20 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of Grand Avenue Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grand Avenue Baptist Church, St. Jude's, or Kitties & Kanines of Fort Smith.

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“ Sarah taught both of my sons, Daniel and Michael Elkins at Butterfield Junior High. They were both on the quiz bowl team so I have several memories of Sarah and how she unselfishly gave of her time. She was a strict teacher but a very respected teacher. I can say that without a doubt she is one of the reasons for my boys success today. She will truly be missed.

Connie Elkins Tanner - March 30, 2016 at 10:50 AM