



Teddie Leah Sandifer

April 25, 1937 - September 14, 2025

Teddie Leah Sandifer, of Searcy, passed away on September 14, 2025, at Unity Health in Searcy. She was born April 25, 1937, in Sidney, Arkansas to the late Phillip Glen and Drinon Wright Smith.

Ms. Sandifer graduated from Sidney High School in Sidney, AR. Graduated with her BSE and MSE degrees from UCA in Conway. She taught Special Education classes at Beebe, then worked with Cabot Schools as the LEA (Local Education Administration) Supervisor until she retired.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Joe Sandifer, a son Douglas Whitener, and a sister Glenna Dean Smith, age 2.

She is survived by three daughters, Sheila Jennings (Bart) of Searcy, Dixie Bryant (Ricky) of St. Louis, MO, Nancy Duren (Randy) of Benton; eight grandchildren, Clint Fulks (Hannah) of Benton, Shawn Romine (Heather) of Greenbrier, Colby Jennings (Meg) of Searcy, Trisha Jennings, Douglas Whitener (Ashley), Casey Whitener, Brianna Whitener, and Christie Hensley (Mitch) of Conway; thirteen great-grandchildren (14 in December), and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Gayra Smith of Washington; one brother, Mike Smith of Perryville, AR.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, beginning at 1:00pm,

at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Memorial services will follow, beginning at 2:00pm.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Teddie Leah Sandifer



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 16, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Teddie’s passing. She was my LEA during my short time at Cabot. She was a lovely lady with a sharp sense of humor. I don’t think I knew she was from Sydney. I was from up there and drive by the ‘Sydney Road’ many times going to and thru Batesville. My condolences to her family and all her grans.

Paula - September 28, 2025 at 07:23 PM

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“ Love Gayra and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Teddie Leah Sandifer.



Love Gayra and Family - September 17, 2025 at 11:08 PM

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“ Love Gayra and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddie Leah Sandifer.

Love Gayra and Family - September 17, 2025 at 11:08 PM