



Wanda Kay Swank

May 6, 1947 - January 1, 2016

Wanda Kay Swank, 68 of Paragould; passed unexpectedly January 1, 2016 in the St. Bernard's Medical Center.

Born May 6, 1947 in Powhatan, daughter of Charley W and Grace Melton. She graduate Black Rock 1965 and Went on to teach special education at Hoxie AR and Bethel AK. She later was a mental health specialist in Anchorage AK before retiring and moving back home to Arkansas.

She is preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Leo Swank of the home; a son, Jason (Amber) Gill of Paragould; two daughters, Tammi (Scott) Skaleski of Delta Junction, Alaska and Emily (Jeffery) Sheets of Hoxie; three step-children, Misty Miller, Andy and Eric Swank all of Michigan; six grandchildren, Michael and Eric Guthrie, Jessica Cackler, Jacob Higdon, Caitlyn and Madelyn Sheets; eleven step-grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one brother, Jerry (Thelma) Melton of Jonesboro; one sister, Teen Andrews of Walnut Ridge; and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers are Joe Spades, Butch Cooper, Daniel Waters, Danny Andrews, Hunter Rasdon, Rene Swank, Rod Swank and James Ratliff.

Bro. Bob Mcmillion officiating.

Memorials can be made to Children's Homes Inc. of Paragould or Civitan of Paragould.

Cemetery Details

Old Military Cemetery

Lawrence Rd 636
Sedgwick, AR 72465

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **4**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

JAN **5**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ One of the best people you would every meet she was full of life and laughter no matter what she had going on she made sure she always took time for anyone and everyone else I love and going being miss dearly.....I have many memories of her and she was a angel on earth as well in heaven.....



Brandy Tribble - April 01, 2016 at 03:10 AM



“ Sorry for your loss we visit Wanda on my dream trip to to Alaska in 2008 on by 50 birthday she let us stay at her place for the night because are plane was late.It was great time we have. Take Care to all her family and friends,
James and Linda Skaleski & family.

James Skaleski - January 05, 2016 at 03:19 PM

DM

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Wanda who was a very dear childhood friend and high school classmate. We will always remember her compassion for others, her great sense of humor, and her laughter that always brightened one's day.



Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family. May you find peace and strength in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Flippo Hager (1965 BRHS Classmate) and Darlene Flippo Moore

Darlene Moore - January 04, 2016 at 09:29 PM

AM

Thank you

amber - January 06, 2016 at 08:37 PM

MJ

“ Mary Adams, Robin Robinson, Melissa Harrison, Mark and John purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Wanda Kay Swank.



Mary Adams, Robin Robinson, Melissa Harrison, Mark and John - January 04, 2016 at 06:11 PM

RR

“Wanda was a rural neighbor of our family in the late 70's - her family lived down the gravel road. She and my mom were great friends and I would babysit for her at times and I remember Tammi very well, and I recall when Jason and Emily were born and loved to babysit when Mom and Wanda would go shopping together. Tammi was my sister's great friend and our families spent a lot of time together. My brother, John, and Jason were friends at a very early age.



I was so happy when Wanda joined facebook and I connected with her once again. My mom, Mary, and I recalled many happy memories at a couple of lunch dates we were fortunate enough to have with Wanda during her visits to Arkansas from Alaska. At one lunch, we were happy to meet her husband, Leo.

My family will always treasure the friendship we had with Wanda - she was a special lady and I loved her dearly. Our entire family will forever remember Wanda as the fun-loving, caring and beautiful lady that she was.

Robin (Poag) Robinson, Mary(Poag) Adams, Melissa (Poag) Harrison, Mark Poag and John Poag

Robin Robinson - January 04, 2016 at 05:31 PM

AM

Thank you

amber - January 06, 2016 at 08:39 PM

KC

“ Jessica, you and your family will be in our prayers. We never met your granny but she seemed like she was a special lady.
Kevin and Kelli Cackler & Nancy Mceldowney

Kelli Cackler - January 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM

LB

“ Love Angela, Larry & Shaun Blackshear purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Wanda Kay Swank.



Love Angela, Larry & Shaun Blackshear - January 04, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Kay Swank.



January 03, 2016 at 03:23 PM

Brandy West

“ Prayers are with you, Jason and Amber. We hope you and your family find peace.

The West Family



Brandy West - January 03, 2016 at 02:29 PM

AM

Thank you Brandy. Jason & Amber.

Amber - January 03, 2016 at 11:48 PM

LD

“ Wanda and I went to school and church together for 11 years. The tributes I have seen say a lot about the far reaching influence she had on all the lives she touched. I loved her and will always remember her lovely spirit and personality. My prayers to Leo and her family.

linda Duckworth-Carroll - January 03, 2016 at 08:35 AM

AM

Thank you.

Amber - January 03, 2016 at 11:48 PM

DW

“ One of the best people and friends I have ever known and I will forever miss her.... Love you always Wanda and thanks for all you have done to help me in my life...

daniel waters - January 02, 2016 at 09:57 PM

AM

Thank you

Amber - January 04, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ Such a wonderful lady. She was a true blessing to her students. She will be missed dearly.

Lisa Travis - January 02, 2016 at 09:35 PM

AM

Thank you

Amber - January 04, 2016 at 10:23 AM

RM

“ *Praying for you and your family, Emily. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

Robin Munn - January 02, 2016 at 08:49 PM

AM

Thank you

Amber - January 04, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda Kay Swank.*



January 02, 2016 at 08:17 PM

DP

“ *She fought for her Kids at Hoxie. Wanted to help them feel good about themselves even though some had limited abilities. Always a smile, with worry and comfort for all around her. Linda and Brenda will miss their travel buddy and her family will miss their center. Prayers for all and lean on each other. Missing you 🙏*

Donna Pinkston - January 02, 2016 at 07:00 PM

DW

One of the best people and friends I have ever known and I will forever miss her.... Love you always Wanda and thanks for all you have done to help me in my life...

daniel waters - January 02, 2016 at 09:55 PM

PJ

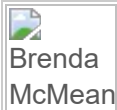
Bless your sweet heart, Wanda! You were an amazing gal that touched a lot of lives and you will be sorely missed, but you leave behind an amazing family that will carry on the lessons you taught them and the love you shared. To your family, may peace and sweet memories carry you through this time. God is always with you. Phyllis Jones

Phyllis Jones - January 03, 2016 at 07:18 AM

RC

Our prayers and thoughts are with all members of your family. God Bless

Royce and Sandra Coble - January 03, 2016 at 10:17 AM



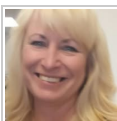
Jim and I both thought a lot of Wanda. Special prayers for your family and know your mom will watch over you now.

Brenda McMeans - January 03, 2016 at 02:00 PM

RO

Wanda is my Aunt, she was 5mo older, we used to get quite a laugh from that.. Got started in Ancestry.com recently, and was hoping to get to talk to her soon. Sadly, waited too long. Always had a large heart, you will be missed. Lov always, your Nephew, Roy

Roy - January 03, 2016 at 08:05 PM



So sorry to hear of the passing of this wonderful, loving, passionate woman. She was a wonderful sister-in-law and friend. We kept in touch instant messaging on facebook and always thought maybe we would meet in Hawaii for fun. I will miss her dearly. Love you Wanda. We will meet again when it is my time. I pray for your family. See you in Heaven.

Mary Swank - January 05, 2016 at 12:24 PM