



Teri Beth Eklund

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Teri Beth Eklund, 58, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away on July 9, 2025, in Fayetteville after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Born on March 16, 1967, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Dennie and Wanda Snow, Teri dedicated her life to her Christian faith. She retired from Vandergriff Elementary in Fayetteville after 30 years as a beloved first-grade teacher. Teri lived out her faith each day and was a joyful witness for Christ to everyone she met. Cherished by students, colleagues, friends, and family, she radiated love, warmth, and laughter. Teri was a member of Cross Church Fayetteville and a devoted Razorback fan—especially when it came to baseball.

She is survived by her husband, Troy; her daughter, Maci Beth Williams, and son-in-law, Josh, of Fayetteville; her parents, Dennie and Wanda Snow of Bentonville; and her sisters, Tami Gray (Darin) and Traci Poland (Christopher), both of Bentonville. She was a treasured aunt to Caleb Gray of Columbus, Ohio; Joshua Poland of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Abbi Poland Fogle of Topeka, Kansas. Teri also found immense joy in being “Sweet T” to her cherished grandson, Tate Joshua Williams. Visitation will be held Monday, July 14, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Fellowship Bible Church in Fayetteville.

A celebration of Teri’s life will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, at Fellowship Bible Church, with Pastor Jonathan Beasley officiating. Because Teri brightened the lives of all who knew her, guests are encouraged to wear bright colors in her honor. If you are unable to attend and would like to view the service please follow this link https://youtube.com/live/m_HNEW32ttQ?feature=share A private burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arkansas Children’s Hospital Northwest or Hope Cancer Resources.



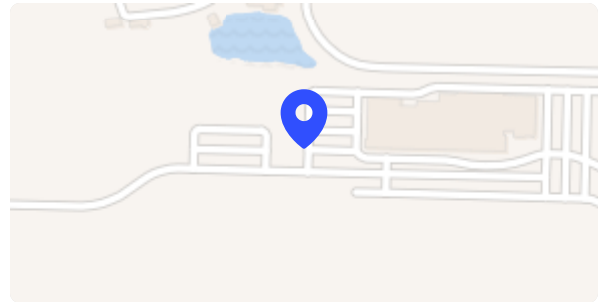
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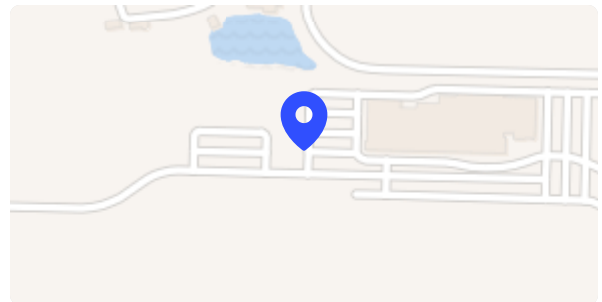
Visitation

- Monday**, July 14, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Fellowship Bible Church**
3447 AR-112, Fayetteville AR 72704



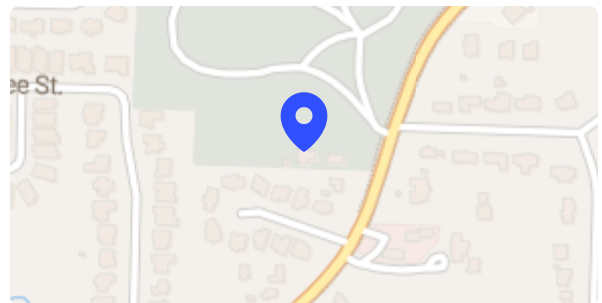
Celebration of Life

- Tuesday**, July 15, 2025
- 10:00 AM CT
- Fellowship Bible Church**
3447 AR-112, Fayetteville AR 72704



Cemetery Details

- Fairview Memorial Gardens**
1728 East Mission, Fayetteville AR 72703
- (479) 521-8701**





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Chantelle Kearney lit a candle in honor of Teri.

You were the first teacher that made an impact on my daughter Mia. I was devastated when I heard this news. Rest well Mrs. Eklund

November 18 at 8:10 PM



Dexter Karnatz lit a candle in honor of Teri.

I just found out that Mrs Eklund died and I am heart broken she was my first grade teacher at vandergriff elementary spending a long time together it makes me very sad to think about it.

October 22 at 6:33 PM



Jean Hickman lit a candle in honor of Teri.

July 31 at 7:33 PM



Scott Pose lit a candle in honor of Teri.

Teri was a joyous, sweet person that was always positive about everything.

July 18 at 7:53 AM



Debby Sellers posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of sweet, beautiful Teri. So glad I got to know her in the University Sunday School class at church all those years ago. Love and prayers, Debby (Thompson) Sellers

July 17 at 5:24 PM



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Debby Sellers posted:

It makes me so sad that such a bright light is no longer with us on earth. However, it gives me great comfort to know she's cured and in the arms of Jesus. I first met Teri when she was in school at the U of A and she attended a University Sunday School class that I helped with at Cross Church. I knew her when she was just dating Troy, but we all knew they were destined to be married. She was fun and full of life and so sweet to my kids. She will be missed and I'm so sorry for your loss, Troy, Maci, Tami, and Traci. My love and prayers, Debby (Thompson) Sellers

July 17 at 5:21 PM



Holly Williams posted:

Teri was an absolute joy to get to care for during her battle. The shot nurses at Highlands will miss her and her wonderful smile terribly! With much love- Holly & Amanda

July 16 at 1:08 PM



Kathy Waldo (Pettyjohn) posted:

Troy, Maci Beth, Dennie, Wanda, Tami and rest of family: I am so sorry to hear this. Terri was one of the sweetest girls I knew. We know she is in the arms of her Heavenly Father and all pain is gone. May you find comfort in this and know so many friends are praying for strength in the future.

July 15 at 8:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Eklund family.



July 14 at 11:10 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Teri.



July 14 at 11:10 PM



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Becca Ceola lit a candle in honor of Teri.

July 14 at 4:10 PM



Brian Carter lit a candle in honor of Teri.

To the Snow Family: I graduated with your daughter at Northside in Fort Smith. She brought many smiles to her friends at Northside High School. She was always kind to others. She would listen to you when you were having some struggles in your life. I'm glad to have known her in school. My condolences to the Snow Family. 🙏



July 14 at 1:44 PM



Guy Proteus posted:

Teri was the consummate Southern Belle and my favorite person at Northside High. My memories of her in Mr. Z's physics class are some of my favorite memories of high school. She was the sweetest kindest person you could ever hope to meet. One day she decided to "connect the dots" of the freckles on the back of my neck and thought it was the funniest thing ever. In my year book she wrote that she hoped I didn't get "ink poisoning"! Such a smart and generous soul. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

July 14 at 10:29 AM



Carolyn Scott lit a candle in honor of Teri.

You cannot meet the Snow family without seeing the love of Jesus in them. Dennie and Wanda are treasured friends and I truly mourn for them at the loss of their wonderful daughter. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving embrace until you meet again.

July 14 at 7:15 AM





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PI

Paula Irwin posted:

I was blessed to teach with Terri for several years at Walker Elementary in Springdale. She and I immediately hit it off. I loved her joyful attitude toward students and faculty every single day; and her beauty, grace, and charm were admired by all who knew her, as she was just as beautiful on the inside as out. Troy, Maci Beth and you are in my prayers, as is the rest of your family. I know the pain is immense, but please know you have many friends who will carry special memories of Terri in our hearts and will not forget her. May your many memories and God's peace bring you comfort. Paula Irwin

July 13 at 11:27 PM

RM

Rod And Melinda Moore sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Eklund family.



July 13 at 9:08 AM

RM

Rod And Melinda Moore planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Teri.



July 13 at 9:08 AM

KC

Keisha Coyle lit a candle in honor of Teri.

She was the best 1st grade teacher I had at Walker. I wish my kids had someone like her now.



July 12 at 5:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Eklund family.



July 12 at 5:17 PM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Teri.



July 12 at 5:17 PM



Bruce Vick posted:

I have such wonderful memories of Teri and all of the Snow girls from their days at Kimmons Junior High and their student council days when I sponsored student council. Prayers for the entire family for comfort, strength and peace.

July 12 at 1:25 PM



Brian Mobley posted:

Became friends with Teri and her sisters at Fort Smith Northside. Teri was always happy, sweet and encouraging. She had a great work/study ethic and never failed to accomplish a goal. NWA won't be the same without her.

July 12 at 9:30 AM



Adam & Anita Parisi And Family. sent an Arrive in Style to the Eklund family.



July 11 at 7:09 PM



Razorback Foundation And A Club Family sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Eklund family.



July 11 at 3:36 PM



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KW

Kathy Wetsell posted:

I remember seeing Mrs. Eklund in the halls of Vandergriff when my daughters were in elementary school. Neither of them were lucky enough to have her as their teacher, but that did not stop them from knowing her kind spirit. She often wore the cutest, brightest outfits which were perfectly suited for a classroom of first graders, who no doubt felt as if Mrs. Eklund was their "mom away from mom". She will be missed by so many and impacted countless people by her beauty, grace and Christ's light which shone through her. I am praying for her sweet family as they mourn her loss, but it is not without hope, as Teri is whole again and in the presence of Jesus.

July 11 at 2:53 PM

MG

Melissa Gutierrez posted:

I blessed to be part of Terys care. I will always remember entering her room and just feeling the immense love she and her family radiated. I loved her sense of fashion and how beautiful she looked in the color pink ☐

July 11 at 2:33 PM

HH

Heather Hammig posted:

Teri taught both of my children to read and to write. She was an exceptional teacher; firm enough, fun enough, and with the chops to get the information percolating in young minds. I volunteered in her classroom once a week for a year and was astounded at her patience, kindness, and ability to get high level work from these six and seven year olds. Thank you to Teri, and so much love to her family. She is gone much too soon.

July 11 at 11:27 AM



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ZS

Zachary Stanley posted:

I have such fond memories of spending time at Terri's home in Fayetteville during my middle school and early high school years. I remember the excitement I'd feel telling my mom I was going over to "Maci Beth's mom's house," doing my best to convince her to let me hang out with friends. But honestly, it never took much convincing everyone's parents knew that if you were at Terri's, you were in good hands. Terri had a way of making every kid feel like one of her own. I always felt safe, cared for, and genuinely loved in her home, like I'd been unofficially adopted into her family just like so many of us were. One of the little things I'll never forget is how she'd always offer snacks and drinks the moment you walked in. No one ever left her house hungry or unnoticed, which says so much about the kind of person she was. Terri truly was one of the kindest, most joyful people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. Her warmth, generosity, and love for life touched so many and that spirit will live on in all of us who were lucky enough to know her.

July 11 at 10:24 AM

ZS

Zachary Stanley posted:

As kids in middle school and early high school we would always go over to Terri's house and hang out. She made us all feel as if we were as special as one of her own children. Her smile and spirit always made us feel right at home. I remember always feeling super happy and overjoyed when we got to go over to "Maci Beth's mom's house" as I would tell my mom. Terri would bring out all the snacks and drinks every single time we went over and not a single person that ever went over there would ever be hungry I promise you that! I can't say I have ever met a sweeter woman. Her kind spirit will live on in the people she impacted.

July 11 at 10:12 AM

TP

Twila Pilkinton posted:

I subbed at Vandergriff from 2016-2020. During my time there Terri was so very kind and friendly to me. I felt immediately that I had a new friend. I will never forget her. Love and prayers for her sweet family. Twila Pilkinton

July 11 at 10:01 AM



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CA

Corbitt Audra posted:

Several years ago I gifted a devotional to Teri. I had actually forgotten about doing so, but when I went to visit her before her retirement, she retrieved it from the top of her desk and showed me the well loved little book to let me know that for all those years, she kept it right next to her and read it every morning before she began teaching. She was truly an inspiration in so many ways. I hold so much love and respect for my dear friend!

July 11 at 9:07 AM

MP

Monica Poland shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



From the moment I was introduced to the family through Teri's nephew, Josh, she instantly welcomed me with open arms and a heart full of love. Teri brought such joy, warmth, and kindness. Her presence truly would light up any room. I always looked forward to her sweet comments on my Facebook pictures telling me how much she loves me, how beautiful I am, and how happy she is that I am part of the family. Her heart was so full of love and joy, and it left an everlasting impact on me. She cared so much for her family and friends, and she lived a life that inspired all who met her to be an example of God's grace and love. We will miss her so much. Heaven gained a truly beautiful angel. We love you very much, Teri. I will always remember your beautiful heart.

July 10 at 11:57 PM

AC

Angela Cox posted:

Our hearts are with all of you during this time of sorrow. I can only image the depth of your pain, and want you to know how truly sorry we are for the loss of Terri. She was a beautiful soul, and her light touched the lives of so many. May you find comfort in your cherished memories you hold and peace in knowing how deeply loved and admired she was. Please know you are not alone - many are lifting you up in love and prayer. With all my heart, we are sending you comfort, strength, and the peace that only God can provide. With deep sympathy. Dan and Angela Cox

July 10 at 11:24 PM



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RY

Robin Yoakum posted:

Teri brought her lunch to school daily, unless we sent Troy to pick up lunches at Stone Mill for us on Fridays! Her daily lunch consisted is an apple, a teaspoon of peanut butter for those apples, oatmeal and 1 boiled egg. All healthy choices, but the one fun thing that really made me chuckle was her 2 cookies! Teri's love language was sweet treats!!! But she was very careful to enjoy them in moderation. She loved good food and great fellowship with all of her friends. My life was better the last 19 years because Teri was in it. I will miss her dearly. I'm sure she's already eating banana pudding with Jesus.

July 10 at 10:01 PM

KW

Kim Gibson Wray posted:

My daughter, Sarah Kate, was in Teri's first grade class. SK had terrible separation anxiety. Teri promised her that if she could come into the classroom 5 days in a row without having to be scraped from my legs, that she would take her to McDonald's for ice cream after school. It finally worked, and she took Sarah Kate to McDonald's after school. SK got some French fries to dip in her ice cream and Teri brought her home! I think they both had a great day that day, which resulted in such a great school year. Best teacher ever! She was such a lovely friend. -Kim Wray

July 10 at 8:08 PM



Media

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July 10 at 11:57 PM





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