



# Theresa Pascal Fender

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**T**heresa Pascal Fender, age 60, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas, after a courageous 3.5-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Theresa was born on March 14, 1965, in Pocahontas, Arkansas, to Raymond and Mary Henning Baltz. She spent all of her pre-college years at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, where she was actively involved in school, church, and athletics. She was a decorated track and basketball athlete and graduated from high school in 1983. She later attended the University of Arkansas, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fashion Merchandising, and was a proud member of the Sigma Nu Little Sisters.

On May 14, 1988, she wed her high school sweetheart, David Fender, in Pocahontas. A bond marked by mutual respect, deep friendship, and the strength that comes from walking through life hand in hand. Theresa's early career years were spent in retail management and pharmaceutical sales in Memphis and Atlanta. In 2005, she and David returned to Fayetteville, where they became entrepreneurs in the retail and real estate development space.

Theresa was the heart of her family — a high-spirited beauty and the CEO of the home. With grace and devotion, she dedicated herself to raising her daughters and nurturing a home where love and order flourished. She was a gifted Southern cook, cherished for her beloved cheese dip. Her happiest moments were by the water at sunset, playing with her grandchildren, and traveling to new places with her loved ones by her side. Her faith was a steady presence in her life, and she was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary Baltz; her brother, Bub Baltz; her sister, Rosanna Smith; her father-in-law, David V. Fender; and her brother-in-law, Brian Fender.

Theresa is survived by her beloved husband, David Fender, with whom she shared 46 years including 37 years of marriage; daughters, Hannah O'Donnell and her husband Tyler of



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Fayetteville, and Ashton Fender of New York City; grandchildren, Eli and Heidi O'Donnell; siblings, Becky Baltz, Melinda Davis, Marvin Baltz, Diana Gregory, and Amanda Wilson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A **Memorial Service**, followed by a **Reception**, will be held at **1:00 PM on Saturday, July 26th, at Stone Chapel, 2228 W. Bowen Blvd., Fayetteville, AR 72703.**

To leave a tribute, please visit <https://www.bernafuneralhomes.com>.

In lieu of flowers, **donations in her honor** are appreciated and may be directed to: **The Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN - Pancreatic Cancer Research - Dr. Mark Truty.**


Arrangements are under the care of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville.



### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, July 26, 2025

 1:00 PM CT

 **Stone Chapel Reception Hall**  
2228 West Bowen Blvd., Fayetteville AR 72703





# Tribute Wall

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**Deena Palmer** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



There are so many fond memories with Theresa, starting with PHS and then the time we both lived in Memphis and many lunches at The Olive Garden. Then the family moved to Atlanta and I lived in Knoxville and there were many visits there as well. But we came closer again, when my son Alec went to U of A and became a Sigma Nu and Theresa and David became his college parents ❤️ She had an amazing smile and laugh and the gift of being able to make everyone feel included and special! She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by many! Love you TPF ❤️ Deena Sukenik Palmer

July 26 at 11:38 AM



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July 26 at 11:32 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Theresa.



July 26 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Fender family.



July 26 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Fender family.



July 25 at 9:36 PM



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**Connor C.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Theresa.

July 25 at 6:08 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Theresa.

July 25 at 8:11 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Theresa.

July 23 at 10:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Fender family.

July 23 at 10:16 PM



**AC**

**Andrew, Katie, & Caroline** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Fender family.

July 23 at 8:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Fender family.

July 22 at 12:26 PM





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**Mark And Julie Knoke And Family** sent a Serene Retreat to the Fender family.



July 21 at 5:24 PM



**Carly Bright** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

❤️❤️❤️ So very glad we got to spend this evening together not long ago. Theresa looked beautiful & was constantly smiling.



July 19 at 1:07 PM



**Carly Bright** lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

Theresa was a kind & devoted mom, friend, & person. She was beautiful inside & out & the world is a dimmer place without her in it. She will always be remembered & cherished fondly by all who knew & loved her. I feel blessed to have known her! We are sending prayers & love to Ashton, Hannah, David, & all of Theresa's loved ones. ❤️🙏✝️



July 19 at 1:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Fender family.



July 19 at 11:23 AM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Theresa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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