



Thelma Ruth McFarlin

March 14, 1936 - December 20, 2022

Thelma Ruth Gossett McFarlin, best known as Ruth, was born March 14, 1936, to Thelbert M. and Jessie Jewell Williams Gossett in Hickman County near Wrigley, Tennessee, and died December 20, 2022, in Hickman Community Nursing Home at the age of 86 years.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Gerald W. McFarlin, son Gerald Forrest McFarlin, daughter Cecily Anne McFarlin Haithcoat, grandsons Tommy Allen Haithcoat, Jesse Aaron Haithcoat and Riley Evan Haithcoat, all of Centerville, Ronald Thomas Gossett, her brother, of Bon Aqua, and also two nieces and their children.

Mrs. McFarlin finished High School in Hickman County in 1955 and entered Austin Peay State College in the fall of that year with ambitions toward teaching. She began teaching fifth grade in Centerville in 1958. She taught two years at Isaac Litton in Nashville but returned to Hickman County in 1962 where she completed her teaching career in 1990 as Senior English and Art teacher at H.C.H.S.

She became a member of the Church of Christ at age 14 at Wrigley and attended faithfully at Centerville until her health failed.

She was involved with the FCE, Retired Teachers, and DAR organizations in

Hickman County. She loved to go fishing, paint, hunt morel mushrooms in the springtime, and travel. Mrs. McFarlin visited the Holy Land about 20 years ago and was always ready to board the bus for another trip after her retirement.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

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DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Gardens
2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Steve Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin



Steve Atkinson - February 22, 2023 at 09:09 AM

CM

“ She was one of my favorite teachers, I always enjoyed her class and she made reading very interesting.

Connie Cummins Martinez - January 22, 2023 at 10:47 AM

SS

“ Sheila P Chessor Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Ruth McFarlin



Sheila P Chessor Smith - December 31, 2022 at 10:56 PM

KB

“ Mrs. McFarlin was a wonderful teacher and will be remembered by so many of the students she had. She will be truly missed.



Kathy Breece - December 29, 2022 at 03:02 PM

NJ

“ Neil and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ruth. We have many fond memories of our years together teaching and working at HCHS. She was an excellent art teacher. We have a drawing which she did of our old tobacco barn which we appreciate. We were unable to come to the services to pay our respects, and we are sorry. May God comfort each of you. Rest assured that she lived her life well.

Neil/Beatrice Jobe - December 28, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ So sorry over Ruth's passing, she & I enjoyed talking about our travels, she & Mr. Gerald such wonderful people. RIP my friend.



Margaret Martin - December 28, 2022 at 12:35 PM

DL

“ Donna Lance lit a candle in memory of Thelma Ruth McFarlin



Donna Lance - December 27, 2022 at 10:20 PM

AR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ruth's family at this time. She was a wonderful and very talented lady.



Andrea Redd - December 27, 2022 at 06:27 PM

RM

“ Roy Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



Roy & Sharon McCoy - December 26, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Laura and all your family.

Janie Duran - December 26, 2022 at 12:04 PM

PB

“ Ruth has been my dear friend since we were
at Austin Peay together. "Rudyl" and I wrote
each other daily until she was unable to
communicate by Email. She was always a
good Christian and treated everyone as she
would like to be treated. I shall miss her so much. Condolences to
the family!



Peggy Berry - December 25, 2022 at 06:44 PM

DB

“ Mrs McFarlin was my English teacher. She
will be missed.



David Bates - December 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

RS

“ *To: McFarlin Family,
We both are so sorry of the loss of Mrs. RUTH MCFARLIN*

REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON - December 24, 2022 at 01:02 PM

TU

“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Thelma
McFarlin*



Terrie Utley - December 24, 2022 at 12:32 PM

PH

“ *Paula Hay lit a candle in memory of Thelma
McFarlin*



Paula Hay - December 23, 2022 at 11:25 PM

RJ

“ *Prayers to Mrs McFarlin's family. She was
one of the Best teachers.*



Rita Jenkins - December 23, 2022 at 10:05 PM

MC

“ *Maelynn Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Maelynn Campbell - December 23, 2022 at 01:14 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Cheeva McClearen - December 22, 2022 at 09:21 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Ronald Gammons - December 22, 2022 at 08:06 AM

KH

“ *My deepest of sympathy to you all, Ms. McFarlin was such a wonderful kind person and a great Teacher. She was a wonderful friend to my Mom and they even took some trips together. My heart is sad for all, please know you are close in thought and prayer.*

Kathy Hamilton - December 21, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ Mrs. McFarlin was my art teacher as she was for so many, she always come around and observe whatever we may be drawing or painting, living me with a comment such as " I'm not really sure what it is , but your doing a fine job mixing in your colors. R.I.P Dear Lady.



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - December 21, 2022 at 05:27 PM

VB

“ Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma McFarlin



Vicky Beagle - December 21, 2022 at 05:14 PM

SG

“ Stanley Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin



Stanley & Judy Gordon - December 21, 2022 at 04:44 PM

BM

“ Keeping family in our thoughts & prayers-



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - December 21, 2022 at 04:33 PM

GA

“ GailGammons lit a candle in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



GailGammons - December 21, 2022 at 02:04 PM

LG

“ Lonnie Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory
of Thelma McFarlin

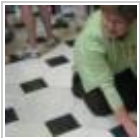


Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - December 21, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ Sympathy to all of the family. Enjoyed years of serving at Hickman
Co. High with Ruth. Glenda C. Gilmer

Charles & Glenda C. Gilmer - December 21, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Charles Gilmer lit a candle in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



Charles & Glenda C. Gilmer - December 21, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CW

“ Coleen Williams lit a candle in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



Coleen Williams - December 21, 2022 at 10:51 AM

GO

“ Glenda Orman sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



Glenda Orman - December 21, 2022 at 10:50 AM

SC

“ Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thelma McFarlin



Sheila Chance - December 21, 2022 at 10:22 AM

VJ

“ Cecily, so sorry about your mom. She was my favorite teacher!
Thinking of you and your family. Love you . Billy and Vicky James💕💕

vicky james - December 21, 2022 at 09:12 AM

MH

“ *Melinda Hickman lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Melinda Hickman - December 21, 2022 at 06:23 AM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Rhonda Taylor - December 20, 2022 at 11:37 PM

LA

“ *Mrs. McFarlin was one of my favorite teachers in high school. Prayers to Cecily and the entire family!*



Letitia Allen - December 20, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Betty Love - December 20, 2022 at 05:49 PM

PT

“ *Paula Talley lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Paula Talley - December 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Brenda Isbell - December 20, 2022 at 03:13 PM

RS

“ *We are thinking of you.*

Regina & Martha Shelton - December 20, 2022 at 02:22 PM

CB

“ *Carmela Brown lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Carmela Brown - December 20, 2022 at 02:19 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



Randall-Sandra Barber - December 20, 2022 at 01:53 PM

JG

“ *John Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of Thelma McFarlin*



John & Wanda Givens - December 20, 2022 at 12:46 PM