



Mrs Reba Jean Burden Turk

March 26, 1949 - July 21, 2018

Reba Jean Burden Turk, 69 of the Center Grove Community of Morgan County, passed away Saturday July 21, 2018 at her residence.

Mrs. Turk was born March 26, 1949 in Marshall County to John Ray Burden and Betty Earwood Burden. She taught school in the Morgan County School system. As a teacher she planted the seeds of knowledge to thousands of children. Mrs. Turk also taught teachers how to enhance their abilities in the class room. She enjoyed gardening, spending time with her family and friends. She was very passionate about teaching children and helping others.

She is survived by her husband: Gregory L. Turk; her son and daughter-in-law: Joseph Ray Cameron Turk and April; her mother: Betty Burden; her grandchild: Lilly Turk; her brother: John Ray Burden and her sisters and son-in-law: Jill Mitchell, Joan Ponder and Carlton. She was preceded in death by her father: John Ray Burden.

Memorial Service will be 4:00 p.m. Saturday July 28, 2018 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel with David Skidmore and Harley and Trent Shoemaker, officiating and Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Visitation will be 3:00 p.m. Saturday July 28, 2018 prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Clearview Cancer Institute in Huntsville.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ *A wonderful person and friend. I spent several nights at the Burden home when Reba and I were in school. Such a sweet family. The memorial service was a great tribute to Reba.*
Patsy Patton Brown

Patsy Brown - July 29, 2018 at 01:18 AM

NS

“ *My prayers are with the whole family of Reba - they are all very special to me. Some of the happiest times of my childhood were spent at the Burden's house. What an inspirational life Reba led! As a retired teacher I know first hand what a blessing Reba's students must have been to her! I also know how much her family meant to her - may God give comfort as only He can.*

Nina Humphries Stallings

Nina Stallings - July 28, 2018 at 09:38 PM

SA

“ *I had Mrs. Turk for my 1st & 2nd grade years in school. I remember being scared of staying the first few days but Mrs. Turk had a gentle way about her that she was more than a teacher but someone that made me feel safe and want to be there. She made it to where I didn't want to move on to the 3rd grade without her. She was a great inspiration to all she came in contact with. She will be greatly missed.*

Sandra - July 27, 2018 at 10:15 AM

DE

“ I had the privilege of serving beside Reba several years as an AMSTI consultant and they were always fun! She had such a heart for teaching and loved to watch people learn and gain insight into science concepts! We shared many a laugh and many hours preparing materials for classes and science experiments! I am saddened by her passing as I know many are in the field of education. So thankful I got to touch base with her recently at a random clinic visit with my daughter not long ago. I was struck by her peaceful calm demeanor as she shared a little of her recent life experiences. She was "salt of the Earth." Praying Gids peace , comfort and love covers her family. Debbie Easley

debbie easley - July 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

KB

“ Mrs. Turk was one of the most influential teachers I ever had. She loved every student as if they were her only one. She has left such a legacy. I was so blessed to call her teacher. Your family is in my prayers.

Katherine Carlton Bennett

Katherine Carlton Bennett - July 26, 2018 at 04:35 PM

ST

“ Mrs. Turk was my 1st & 3rd Grade teacher at Lacey's Spring Elementary and played such a tremendous role in my life! I'm so sad to hear of her passing 😞. My prayers are with her family as they live through this difficult time.

stacy - July 26, 2018 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ *Reba, the legacy you leave behind,
You touched so many hearts and minds.
Battles you fought and all the while,
Always sunny and bright with a smile.
Sharing and caring for all you met,
Questions and help, from you we could get. Y
ou touched so many people and hearts,
You will always be of us a part.*

You will truly be missed my mentor.

Leah Booser - July 26, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Such a wonderful lady and amazing teacher.
Heaven truly gained a special soul.*



Christy Walley - July 26, 2018 at 11:37 AM

CK

“ *I knew Mrs Turk she was a wonderful teacher for my sons so sorry
for your loss.*

cynthia kirby - July 26, 2018 at 11:19 AM

VJ

“ *She was my 3rd grade teacher so long ago. I also was classmates
with her son Joe my whole school life. She was such a wonderful
kind person. I will always remember her as one of my favorite
teachers. I know she will be running the halls in heaven. Thank you
for all that you did for so many children.*

Vandy Johnson-Sharp - July 26, 2018 at 09:16 AM



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Carol Mueller - July 26, 2018 at 08:50 AM



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Carol Mueller - July 26, 2018 at 08:49 AM



“ *Reba was an inspiration to so many. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sibling, and friend. She always spoke lovingly and fondly of her family and would do anything to help anyone. Much of her life was spent in educating children and teachers throughout the state of Alabama. What an influence she had on so many! Her smile and sense of humor were a delight to those around her. I will miss my dear friend and colleague. May God bless and be with the family at this time.*

Linda Bridges

Linda Bridges - July 26, 2018 at 08:30 AM

ET

“ *What a bright light to the world you were to so many people. I will miss our talks, but most of all your friendship. Rest in peace my friend, the world is a better place because you were in it.*

Ellen Thompson - July 25, 2018 at 10:15 PM