



## Becky Helms

August 12, 1951 - January 3, 2021

Rebecca Irene Helms (Northcutt), gracious friend, loving mother and adoring grandmother, went to be with the Lord January 3rd, 2021. Lovingly referred to by her many grandchildren as Gramsy, Becky lived her life with love and joy, always caring for others.

Born in Tyler, Texas August 12, 1951 to Irene and W.B. Northcutt, Becky was raised outside Jacksonville, Texas. An only child, she was doted upon by her loving parents. She attended Jacksonville High School where she was a majorette in the school's band. After graduating in 1969, Becky continued that love for performing as a member of the world-famous Tyler Junior College Apache Belles.

Becky then pursued her teaching degree from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas where she was both the lead majorette and a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Her love for teaching and helping others would prove long lasting. In 2018 she retired, completing a 35 year career as a schoolteacher, affecting many thousands of children's lives in East Texas. Teaching children was truly her passion.

After retiring, and looking for a new challenge, Becky was able to fulfill her goal of becoming a real estate agent. She jumped headfirst into this new adventure, building relationships with clients, and developing new friends in the profession. Her family looked on in pride as she stepped outside her comfort zone and became successful in this new career.

Becky's other passion in life was her family. Raising her children Julie and J.J., she never missed an event or game, always being the supportive parent. That love grew even larger as her grandchildren began to come along. Whether a dance recital, school event, ballgame or birthday, Gramsy was always there. The true joy her grandchildren's lives brought to her will never be forgotten.

Becky was an active member of Dayspring United Methodist Church in Tyler, acting as a

greeter on most Sunday mornings never wanting anyone to go unnoticed. She was also part of their community outreach team, bringing others closer to the church and Christ.

Becky is preceded in death by her parents, Irene and W.B. Northcutt. She will forever be remembered by her children, Julie and husband Chris Gibson and their two children Claire and Carter, her son, J.J. his wife Tori VanderPoel and J. J's children, Chandler Grace, Jett and Tripp VanderPoel.

In life, there are far too few people who offer love unconditionally, Gramsy was one of those people. She will forever be in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you make donations to Dayspring United Methodist Church in Tyler ([www.Dayspringumc.com](http://www.Dayspringumc.com)) and the Tyler ISD Foundation ([www.tylerisd.org/foundation](http://www.tylerisd.org/foundation)).

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**            05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Stewart Family Funeral Home

7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX, US, 75703

**JAN**   **Memorial Service**            02:00PM

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Dayspring United Methodist Church

310 W. Cumberland Road, Tyler, TX, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - January 06 at 03:29 PM

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“ As a cousin of Becky on her mother's side, I remember good times when all the cousins got together at Granny's house. Becky's lively personality and contagious laugh made the good ole days even better. As the years went by and us cousins would gather for family events, her presence was always uplifting. We will miss Becky but have fond memories of the joy she has brought to many.

**Bubba Henderson** - January 12 at 07:44 PM

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“ I loved working with Becky. She made life fun. She never met a stranger and we all loved her at school. We will all miss you sweet Becky.

**Judy Payne** - January 10 at 09:20 AM

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“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Becky Helms



**Kelley Uzzell** - January 09 at 11:15 PM

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“ Rest in Peace, My Sweet Cousin...So many fun times to begin the list!

Joe H. Henderson

Joe Henry Henderson - January 09 at 11:12 AM

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“ I was an Apache Belle with Becky and have many fond memories of our times together. My condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time. Linda (Chidsey) Wishard

Linda Wishard - January 07 at 11:28 PM

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“ I have nothing but fond & loving memories of Mrs. Vanderpoel; as we called her back when she was my teacher, at Troup Elementary, in the late 70's. (She soon became Mrs. Helms.)

All of us that were fortunate enough to have her as a teacher or were a student back then, loved her so much.

The best way to describe Mrs. Vanderpoel/Helms, is to think of a gorgeous bright light, add a huge smile, then a wonderful and beautiful laugh. Then think of that from a child's or student's perspective! Wow! She was like that every single day! It seemed as if nothing could bring her down!

Julie Jo & J. J., & all of her family, I want you to know how much your mother was truly loved; by everyone that ever met her! I know how hard this is on you & your children.

I'll be praying for you all.

Much love,

Carla Morrow Bekker



Carla Morrow Bekker - January 07 at 09:56 PM

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“ Ronnell Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Becky Helms



**Ronnell Wilson** - January 07 at 03:21 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Becky Helms.



January 07 at 09:51 AM

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“ A beautiful person who I had the pleasure of knowing. I worked with Becky many years ago. Her beautiful smile is unforgettable as well as her laugh. I thank God I was graced to see her again this past year. It had been many years since I last saw her. May the Lord be a comfort to the family.

**Karen Menefee** - January 06 at 08:59 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Becky Helms.



January 06 at 03:40 PM

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“ 41 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06 at 02:02 PM

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“ I grew up with Becky in Jacksonville and re-connected with her on FB. She must've been a wonderful teacher because her mother was!  
Always smiling and a genuine friend You will be missed!  
Sue Hearon

sue hutchins hearon - January 06 at 11:22 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diana C Reagan - January 05 at 10:03 PM

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“ I had the opportunity to know Becky through Apache Belles and we remained friends through Facebook.  
It was always great to run into her at various events. She will be missed!

carleta cates - January 05 at 07:50 PM

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“ I came to know Ms. Becky when she was my son’s teacher at Oak Hill Montessori School. She was such a loving and devoted teacher and my son loved her so much. She was someone who shared the love of God in everything she did. I am so sad that she is no longer with us. My love and prayers go out to her family.

**Sunni Boren** - January 05 at 07:19 PM

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“ Becky and I shared many lunches together seated around a table in a classroom. We shared laughter, dreams, tears and prayers. She was always a ray of sunshine and I am so thankful to have been in her light. Work took us in different directions. Yet every time I saw her in the years that followed, she would give me that special smile, a warm hug and we would chatter away to catch up on all that had happened since we last spoke. She taught me so much and inspired in me a spirit of positivity. I am grateful for her and the impact she had in my life.

**Jodye Jay** - January 05 at 07:03 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Becky Helms.



January 05 at 04:57 PM

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“ Becky, was always a pleasure to see. Always cheerful and kind. We enjoyed talking and visiting with one another monthly in the years past.

I pray the memories she has left behind will bring you joy. She is at peace and with the Lord.

My deepest sympathy  
Sheryl Miller



**Sheryl Miller** - January 05 at 01:49 PM

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“ I am so very sorry about the death of your mom. I hope you know how much I love all of you. I was so blessed to have you in our family at one time. Because of this virus I cannot attend the service or visitation but I want you to know I am praying for all of you. She loved her family so much. God be with all of you. Love and prayers. Granny (Patsy Helms).

**Patsy Helms** - January 05 at 12:02 PM

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“ A remarkable lady was lost to us on Earth, but Heaven gained an Angel. Your smile and devotion to your children and grandchildren will be what I always will remember. Rest in a peace sweet lady.

**Sherre Thurman** - January 05 at 09:04 AM