



# Peggy Lee Nabors

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## **Peggy Lee Nabors**

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**P**eggy Lee Nabors, of Little Rock, Arkansas went to be with her God on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, 2020. She was born on March 17th, 1946 in Houston, Texas to Carroll Wesley Tabb and Aileen Duncan Tabb. She is preceded in death by her parents and beloved sister, Patricia Ann Radford.

She proudly graduated from Milby High School in 1964. She married Michael Nabors, of Sulphur Springs, Texas in 1966 in Houston, Texas. They divorced in 1983.

She attended Lon Morris College and then went to work to fund college at various institutions to then graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Central Arkansas in 1971 and she and Mike settled in Harrison, Arkansas.

She was a teacher in Harrison, Arkansas and Pulaski County Arkansas and then went on to the Las Vegas Classroom Teacher Association for several years. After that, she worked for the Shreveport, LA Classroom Teacher Association.

She was the Arkansas Education Association "AEA" President from 1984-1985. During her tenure, she famously battled then Governor Bill Clinton on the issue of teacher testing. Representing Arkansas teachers, she appeared on the Phil Donahue show debating Governor Clinton. She also appeared on the Today show and the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour. It was during this time she and President Clinton and other state and national leaders formed a fond and mutually respectful relationship despite their differences. She he was frequently interviewed for local and national publications and a spokesperson many causes.

In 1989 she established permanent residence in Little Rock and was the Uniserv Director of the AEA and Executive Director of the North Little Rock Classroom Teacher Association. She was active in lobbying at the state capital. She was a lifetime member of the UCA Alumni Association.



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In 1991 she was an original member of the Arkansas Travelers going state to state for primaries which assisted in getting Bill Clinton elected as President of the United States. Eventually, she was the Director of Legal Services at the AEA and worked for the Little Rock Education Association. Once she “officially” retired she was then asked to stay on approximately 2 more years for these positions, which she did.

She was an avid public servant investing time and energy in causes she held dear such as being involved in Highland Valley United Methodist Church, where she had been a member since 1994. She served in numerous roles such as Chancel Choir, Highlander Sunday School Class, Church Council Team Member, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Vice Chair of the Nominations Team (Committee on Lay Leadership), Ex-Officio Finance Team Member, Ex-Officio Staff Parish Relations Committee Member, Office Angel, Pastor's Bible Study, HV Relaunch Team, Strong Women, Stephen Ministry and was a founding member of HV's Embracing Diversity A Pathway to Inclusion, and frequently attended the Arkansas Methodist Conference.

She also served on the Parent Advisory Council for the Conway Human Development Center where Melanie happily lives. Her unwavering love and dedication to Melanie's care has been witnessed by her friends and family alike.

She is survived by her loving son Michael Nabors and his spouse Krysta and their children, Wesley Nabors, Adeline Schenk, Lilly Schenk and Justin Nabors and her daughter Melanie Nabors, as well as her loving nephews Brent Radford and David Anzaldua and niece Kim Jones and husband Chad Jones.

Peggy loved music, theater and books and was not only an interesting person to talk to but funny and easy to be around. Her wit and humor charmed even the staunchest of her political opponents many of whom became her friends. Her legacy is a beautiful, genteel, and strong woman and a force to be reckoned with. Her smile and hugs were contagious, and her family was always first in her heart. President Clinton stated it best when he called Mike to say, “the world could use a lot more people like her.” We were proud of her and she will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peggy's name to Conway Human Development Center and to the Highland Valley United Methodist Church Music Department.



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Her family is planning a Zoom memorial service at Highland Valley United Methodist Church on a date to be determined.

If you cannot join us, you can click on the link and join us online:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/44037>




# Events

**Peggy Lee Nabors**

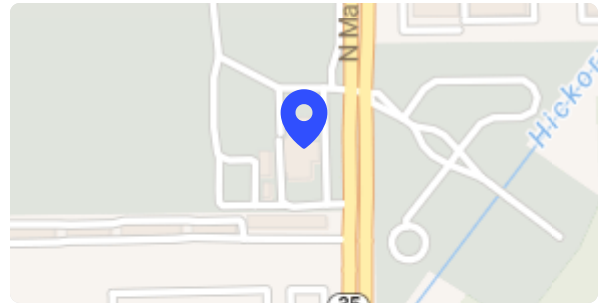
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## Visitation

 **Monday**, January 4, 2021

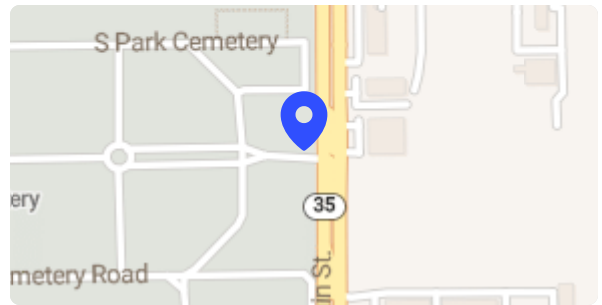
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



## Cemetery Details

 **South Park Cemetery**  
1310 North Main St., Pearland TX 77581





## Tribute Wall

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VM

**Vernon Marshall** posted:

Peggy was a role model in courage and determination -- she stood up for the rights and opportunities of school employees. Through her courage many found that they too could stand up for the opportunities for children and students. Children, schools and employees will miss her voice, but she trained and guided many who will follow in her steps. Peggy was also a loving mother and a faithful member of her church. I will never forget her friendship and will miss her.

January 9 at 4:25 PM

LB

**Linda Baer** posted:

Peggy was always there to help when we had school problems with our granddaughters schools. She would always have a solution or told us who we needed to talk to. Peggy was also a great friend. I will miss the hugs my granddaughters would give her. You will be greatly missed my friend.

January 6 at 4:26 PM

LL

**Linda Lundy** posted:

When I started going to Pastor's Bible Class, Peggy was always welcoming me & even asked me to join the group for lunch.

January 4 at 10:40 AM

CM

**Cathey Morris** posted:

I was in the Highland Valley Chancel Choir with Peggy for 25 years. We also attended a church lunch group after we retired. She was always warm and open as a friend. I enjoyed talking with her because she was knowledgeable about so many topics. Our church won't be the same without Peggy. God called her home on Christmas Day to show us how much he loved her, I think! Prayers for her family and friends to be comforted in their loss. Cathey Morris

January 4 at 5:19 AM

CC

**Connie Comeaux** January 7 at 4:06 PM

Peggy was one of the first AEA staff members whom I met in April 2008. She made my transition to working for AEA much less problematic. She always, always had time to talk to me, and never once did she give me bad advice. I was proud to call her my mentor and my friend. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.



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**Sam And Kelle Albrecht** posted:

We were Blessed to have met and known Peggy from the beginning of my wife's and mine relationship. Peggy was always generous with her time and insights into life and being present with family members. We will always treasure our time with Peggy and know her soul is restful with God. Sam and Kelle Albrecht

January 4 at 5:11 AM



**Sunnye Davis** posted:

Peggy was a lovely, sweet friend since our elementary school days at Bonner. We were in Brownies and Rainbow Girls together as well. She always had an engaging smile and a quick wit. We lost touch with one another after high school, but ran into each other one year in Little Rock at an ACLU banquet with my late husband Jim. So grateful we got to visit when she came to my current home to Hot Springs a year or so ago while our friends Carla, Geoffrey and Sharon were visiting from Texas. Just the best time! I'll always remember and treasure our friendship. Love to the family. May your many fond memories of times spent together give you peace. Sunnye Stegall Davis

January 3 at 11:15 AM



**Love, Chad, Kim, Jake & Darius** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Nabors family.



January 3 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Nabors family.



January 2 at 12:19 PM



**Monique Hudspeth Wilson** posted:

Ms Nabors was one of my favorite teachers. She was tough but it was because she cared and expected you to do your best. I truly believe that my better than average geography skills can be attributed to her. Peace be with the family.

January 2 at 9:19 AM



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**Cathy Ramsey Vantine** posted:

Lifting up the family in prayer. Peggy was a teacher who could relate to and guide students beyond the classroom. Harrison Junior High students were fortunate to attend during her time in Harrison. I was blessed by her during my jr. high years.

January 2 at 3:35 AM



**Jan Fortney** posted:

Peggy was a quite, but strong person. We've known her for many years because we had a common bond of having children with special needs. She advocated right along side us for many many years. She was a member of the Board of Directors of our state's organization of families with loved ones who reside in one of our Human Development Centers. Our Families & Friends of Care Facility Residents (FF/CFR) will miss her wisdom and passion in advocating for issues regarding our HDCs and our loved ones! She was a very sweet friend! Prayers for the family and friends.

January 1 at 9:00 AM



**Annette Woolston** posted:

I was a student in Harrison, Ar when she was a teacher. I never had her as one of my teachers, but that didn't keep me from knowing that she was a great teacher and a great person. She did so much good for this world. Prayers and hugs!Sincerely,Annette Woolston

January 1 at 7:29 AM



**Karen Sullards** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nabors family.



December 31 at 7:23 AM



**Otis Elevator Company** sent a Pretty Please to the Nabors family.



December 31 at 4:00 AM



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**Jean Hervey** lit a candle in honor of Peggy.

I met Peggy as a fellow Arkansas Traveler working on the Bill Clinton Presidential Campaign. She certainly was a kind, considerate person. Rest In Peace! Jean Hervey

December 30 at 5:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Nabors family.

December 30 at 4:30 PM



**Pam Fish** posted:

I met Peggy when she worked with the School Psychology Specialists in LRSD to help write our negotiated agreement. She was so very informative and positive. I don't think she ever had a harsh word to say to anyone. She will be missed.

December 30 at 3:26 PM



**Karla Bradley** posted:

Peggy meant so much to AEA members because of her dedication, commitment, and kindness. I knew Peggy through AEA and as a fellow Arkansas Traveler. I will miss her and feel grateful to have known her.

December 30 at 2:34 PM



**Tina Eoff** posted:

Peggy and my husband worked at AEA together. She was so very kind to me after my husband passed. We would often see each other at events in LR. She was always smiling. Sorry for your loss. Tina Eoff

December 30 at 2:15 PM



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**Rev. Dr. Tony Griffin** posted:

It was my privilege to be Peggy's pastor for three years. She was a model of discipleship for us all - a great leader and a loving, supportive friend. She will missed by all. Rest in peace and rise in glory saint in light!

December 30 at 12:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Nabors family.



December 30 at 10:38 AM



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CK

**Cathy Koehler** posted:

Peggy was a treasure. Through her continual guidance, she helped me personally and professionally. A stalwart friend, Peggy never failed to see the positive in any situation. Peggy loved to go to the movies and, having similar taste, we often went together. A friend who would join us reminded me that you could always count on Peggy to be a fair reviewer of what we saw. For years, Peggy shared an office at the AEA with her dear friend Michael Coleman. One of the greatest pleasures of my life was listening to the two of them share stories of their experiences as AEA UniServ Directors. Peggy loved her family dearly and every conversation included a them. When she posted a picture of Melanie this fall, I called to let Peggy know that I thought it was the best picture yet and she was so happy I had noticed Melanie smiling. There are not words to express how deeply I will miss my friend.

December 30 at 6:52 AM

GW

**Grant Williams** January 14 at 6:17 PM

Peggy Nabors was a champion for educators in AR. We were proud of her here in Harrison and always thought she was 'one of us'. What a great legacy she left. A great example of what it takes to succeed no matter the odds against you, and an inspiration to sand up for yourself, as an organized educator. May you rest in heavenly peace Peggy. -grant Williams

BH

**Bill Howell** January 8 at 8:37 AM

I just learned of Peggy's passing. I am deeply saddened!! offer my condolences to her family and friends. Peggy was a leader and warrior for causes and her friends. She did what needed doing, Rest in peace, Peggy!

JW

**John Wilson** January 2 at 8:44 AM

First, let me offer my condolences to Peggy's family and friends. Peggy was a great leader for causes and people especially educators. I knew Peggy as the right leader at the right time for the teachers of Arkansas. We stayed friends for a lifetime as many leaders in the NEA tend to do. I am so happy we got some quality time to visit with other leaders in the southeast and allies at our annual reunion in Jackson, MS. Her love for history, politics, the arts, and children were on display. Our next reunion will come after this miserable pandemic, and it will be a reminder that our friend has joined the angels in heaven. Rest In Peace, Peggy, you are our angel. John I. Wilson Retired NEA Executive Director

CS

**Carole Sherman** January 1 at 12:31 PM

Dear Family, Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of Peggy. She was quick to praise and to encourage others. I will miss her. Carole Sherman, fellow advocate for our HDC loved ones

JS

**Judy Stockrahm** December 30 at 3:52 PM

Being an AEA member for many years, I always would run into Peggy at either the AEA building or professional development locations. She was a dedicated and professional



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representative that served the association and its members. I appreciate how friendly, helpful and positive she was. My prayers go out to her friends and family at this time.



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

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



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