



Colleen Marie Bailey

July 7, 1964 - February 22, 2025

Colleen Marie Bailey, age 60, passed away peacefully at her home in Strawberry Plains, surrounded by her crazy and loving family.

“It is okay to cry, but it is not okay not to laugh.” If you knew Colleen, you would have known her sense of humor and that she was the queen of one-liners. Her passions in life were making people laugh, poetry, teaching children, especially teaching those children about God’s Love.

First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains was her second home, in which she taught Sunday School and was in charge of the church vans for many years. She also headed up the crafts for VBS for 27 years, coached Upward soccer and basketball as well as the commissioner for cheerleading.

Colleen was a substitute teacher for Jefferson County schools, before becoming a teacher's aid for the CDC class at Rush Strong.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Henry and Anna Shoemaker and Rev. Lida and Doxie Lawson; father, Don Lawson; half-brother, Russell (Sandy) Reynolds; half-sister, Linda Reynolds, and special friend, Robbie Hardin.

Colleen is survived by her husband of 26 years, Richard Bailey; sons, Rich (Megan) and Brandin (Jessica) Taylor; bonus daughters, Michele (Willie) Miller and Angie (Wayne) Palmer; mother, Barbara Reynolds; sister, Tammy (Jarrod) Hayes; half-sister, Wanda Reynolds; half-brothers, David, Charlie (Linda) and Carl Reynolds and Louie (Jennifer) Albright; bonus brother, Brock Webster; grandchildren, Brenda and Toby Cate; Anna, Abby, Lily, Levi and Vanessa

Taylor; Summer, Aubrey and Kylee Diguls and Oliver Jennings; bonus grandchildren, Lorelai Jennings, Bryson and Braylynn Palmer, special bonus grandchildren; and each and every one of her CDC students.

Funeral service 7:00 pm on Monday, February 24, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains with Rev. Brock Webster and Pastor Tony Hayes officiating. Friends and family will meet at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 25th, at Strawberry Plains Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm prior to the funeral at the church on Monday. Pallbearers: Rich and Brandin Taylor, Shawn Dillard,

Elliot and Issac Hooks, Andrew Craig; honorary pallbearer: John Dillard and John Tipton. In lieu of flowers, she requests that donations of children's school supplies be made to Rush Strong Schools by bringing them to the church on Monday night. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bailey family.

Cemetery Details

Strawberry Plains Cemetery

3110 W. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

FEB 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains
3100 W Old Andrew Johnson Hwy
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Colleen Marie Bailey*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - February 24, 2025 at 01:02 PM

AB

“ *As a coworker of hers at Rush Strong you knew when you saw her to go the other direction because she was gonna ask you to do something.*

Angie Brown - June 29, 2025 at 03:23 PM

RR

“ *she is my dad's sister and very good aunt she was always joking see u soon in heaven!!!!*

Rebecca Rutledge - February 24, 2025 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ *Jaynelle Campbell Brown lit a candle in memory of Colleen Marie Bailey*



Jaynelle Campbell Brown - February 23, 2025 at 11:20 AM

AF

“ Anderson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colleen Marie Bailey.



Anderson Family - February 22, 2025 at 05:52 PM

RH

“ Robin Hughes lit a candle in memory of Colleen Marie Bailey



Robin Hughes - February 22, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DB

“ Mrs Colleen is a beautiful human. I grew up with her substituting at rush strong and grew up with her being a very strong influence in the Church. She would send me home with food growing up knowing it was ruff around the edges for me and I will be forever grateful for that. She always double checked and made sure I had school supplies and shoes as well. I was one of the only kids to call her mrs. Bailey after hitting late middle school and would always call me ms. Bailey back since we share that last name. She used to tell me all the time how she owned a baby doll that looked like me as a baby for yearrrrsss on end and it always made me smile. She was a mother figure for me for the longest time and has ingrained words of intelligence and wisdom my mind . I don't know what I would've done in those times without a supporter as kind as her. She lifted everyone up and gave people the love they deserve. She let me feel comfort in times of pain and I love her deeply . I send prayers to close loved ones-.Dakota Bailey



Dakota Bailey - February 22, 2025 at 05:05 PM