



Tamra Arnett

September 3, 1947 - May 5, 2026

Tamra Arnett, age 78, of Salyersville, Kentucky, passed away on May 5, 2026, at the Lantern at Morning Pointe in Russell, Kentucky.

She was born September 3, 1947, in Fredville, Kentucky, to the late John T. and Josephine Hale Arnett. A graduate of Salyersville High School (Class of 1965) and Morehead State University, she devoted her career to teaching in the Magoffin County School System, spending many years at John T. Arnett Elementary School. She especially loved teaching third grade and was remembered for her creativity and dedication to her students.

Tamra was a woman of strong faith who loved the Lord, gospel music, and time spent in Bible study. She enjoyed traveling, treasured time with family and friends, and had a special love for animals. Later in life, she resided at the Lantern at Morning Pointe, where she was dearly loved.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James David Arnett.

She is survived by her two sisters, Edna (Ronnie) Meadows and June (John) Montgomery; one brother-in-law, Calvin Pitts; her nieces and nephews, Chris (Nickie) Meadows, Kelli Montgomery, Greg Pitts, Kristy Rife, Mike Brown, and Connie Olson; and her great-nieces and great-nephews, Riley, Reed, Colin,

Juliette, Jamie, Wesley, Callie, Jill, Derrik, and Cortney, along with extended family and friends.

Tamra will be remembered as a devoted teacher and a loving family member whose life was marked by faith, kindness, and quiet joy

Entombment for Tamra Arnett will be conducted Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM from Davidson Memorial Gardens, 5287 Route 23, Ivel, Kentucky. The family will leave the Salyersville Funeral Home on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:30 AM in funeral procession to the cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Magoffin County Animal Shelter in her honor in lieu of flowers.

The Salyersville Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the funeral arrangements. Online condolences, flowers, and gifts are available on salyersvillefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Procession

MAY 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Salyersville Funeral Home
694 Parkway Drive
PO Box 669
Salyersville, KY 41465
(606) 349-1282
salyersvillefuneralhome@ymail.com

Entombment

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Davidson Memorial Gardens
5287 Highway 23
Ivel, KY

Tribute Wall

GA

“ Gary Edward Arnett lit a candle in memory of Tamra Arnett



gary edward arnett - May 10 at 08:16 AM

MA

“ Words cannot describe the beauty and kindness of this wonderful heart. So witty and fun loving. A joy to be around. A wonderful friend and wonderful memories. I will love and miss you always.

Marilynn Allen - May 07 at 12:27 AM

AH

“ Ms. Tamra Arnett was one of those teachers you never forget. She was tough as far as expecting you to get your work and everything but she also was one of the rare teachers who treated each student like an individual person and really got to know each one and built a unique relationship with them all. Some of my best memories from my days at JTA were in her class. And to me she was the definition of style. Other teachers wore matching knit sets with kittens on them but Ms Arnett wore fabulous ensembles that showed off her super cute signature cropped hair with whimsical dangly earrings...she could even pull off a red lip like a super model... I think it was part of her strategy to keep our attention and it worked like a charm...she was so beautiful you couldn't take your eyes off her. I will never forget you Ms Arnett when you see my mommy in heaven give her a hug for me 🙏❤️ prayers for the family

Amanda (Fitzpatrick) Howard - May 06 at 08:38 PM

GL

“ To my southern family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Tamra. She was a very special person and I know that she is at peace now. Many hugs, love and prayers to you all.
Love,
Gina Hale Lake and family

Gina Hale Lake - May 06 at 04:40 PM

NS

“ She was the most wonderful teacher. She always loved her students. She was the first teacher I told to slap my daughter's hand to get her attention to help her to learn. My daughter and I never forgot how she helped her to pay attention to what she was being taught. She has never forgot all she did for her and always said she was her favorite teacher. She was a very special friend and love this family dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are to all the family

Nola Elaine Shepherd - May 06 at 02:44 PM

VJ

Edna and June, my heart is broken for you. Tamara was a special person and teacher. Nicky love her dearly.
Sending you both my love.

Vicky Lyn Johnson - May 06 at 03:37 PM

RS

“ A beautiful woman that was a wonderful friend teacher and sister
She loved everyone and they loved her now she's home with her love James so sorry Edna June love you guys all 💔💔

Ruth Shepherd - May 06 at 01:06 PM

BD

“ Prayers, love, and hugs to June and Edna. Tamra was a very special person. I'm so sorry and pray that God sends the comfort only He can give to you and all the family. I love you guys very much.

Bessie Dyet - May 06 at 11:01 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Tamra Arnett.



May 06 at 11:00 AM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers for all the family in the loss of Tamra! She was a wonderful and very beautiful lady!

Kaye Stone - May 05 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ Tamra was one of the finest teachers my boys ever had. She was everything you could ask for in a role model for young minds. We are all honored to have known her.



Judith Howard - May 05 at 06:25 PM

BK

“ Tamra was a very beautiful soul with such a sweet smile that lit up any dark places around her! Thank you Lord for the joy of knowing this special lady ☐☐🙏🏻



Brenda Kilgore - May 05 at 05:58 PM

MF

tamra was the first friend i made when i started jta we had a great time together at school we would go to her house for lunch sometimes she was one of my closest friends during my time at jta so sorry for your loss

martha howard feeney - May 06 at 03:37 PM