



Edith Sue Bailey

March 18, 1944 - November 5, 2025

Edith Sue Bailey, age 81, of Harriman, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2025, at NHC in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Born on March 18, 1944, in Middlesboro, Kentucky, Edith was the daughter of the late Everette and Mildred Nagle. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Gary Lynn Bailey.

Edith earned her bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman University, where she met the love of her life, Gary, and later received her master's degree from Tennessee Tech University, class of 1995.

She dedicated 41 years of her life to teaching Home Economics at Cumberland Middle School and Harriman High School, inspiring generations of students.

An avid reader, Edith found joy in a good book and cherished her weekly bridge club gatherings. Her kindness, humor, and gentle spirit were felt by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Kris Mynatt; granddaughters Bailey and Abigail Mynatt; sister, Margaret Peace; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Betty Nagle; several nieces and nephews; and

her loyal Goldendoodle, Yobe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Roane County Animal Shelter, 296 Manufacturers Road, Rockwood, Tennessee, 37854, in Edith's memory.

The family will host a celebration of life on Sunday, November 23, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Gates Hall Event Venue, located at 408 North Roane Street, Harriman, Tennessee. Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman is serving the Bailey Family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gates Hall
408 N. Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edith Sue Bailey*



Kyker Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DC

“ *I had both Mrs Bailey and Mr Bailey (if memory serves me correctly), in 9th grade at South Harriman (if this is incorrect then it would have been at HHS). One taught math and the other taught science. They were both great. The kind of teachers that have an influence on you and you will always remember them. They will both be missed.*

Dave Clark

Dave Clark - November 23, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Edith Sue Bailey.*



November 21, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



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NM

“ Beautiful soul. One of my favorite teachers. Ms. Bailey was always full of love and encouragement. Prayers for the family.

Nancy Mullins - November 10, 2025 at 10:30 PM

VR

“ Mrs Bailey was one of the reasons I loved sewing and cooking so much. She was definitely one of my favorite teachers.

Veronica Malenovsky Robinette - November 09, 2025 at 12:14 AM

LB

“ We had so much fun in girl scouts . Miss those adventures we had as troop leaders. Best group of girls. Will miss you dear friend. Jennifer so sorry for your loss.

Lona Burkhardt - November 07, 2025 at 05:16 PM

DP

“ Mrs Bailey was just a wonderful teacher and person. She always tried to encourage you whether you were learning to sew, or cook a meal...

She was there to help. Rest in peace sweet lady!

Darlene Bowers Prewitt

HHS Class of '81

Darlene Bowers Prewitt - November 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MP

“ Mrs. Bailey was a wonderful woman, teacher, neighbor and friend. She taught me skills I have never forgotten and still use today. I was blessed to have known her. Jennifer, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all.

Melanie Kubas Pelfrey

Melanie Pelfrey - November 07, 2025 at 12:08 PM

AT

“ Mrs. Bailey was one of my favorite teachers. She was a very kind soul and always had a smile on her face. My prayers are with her family. I pray that God gives them comfort during this difficult time. Heaven has gained a most special person to many people.

Arlene Bowers Tapp - November 07, 2025 at 11:54 AM

CT

“ She was one of my favorite teachers at Harriman High school. And she taught me a lot. She will be missed.

Connie Tidwell

Connie Tidwell - November 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SM

A treasured friend; never to be forgot. Love to your family.

Susan Dillon Middleton - November 07, 2025 at 11:45 AM

AH

“*Mrs. Bailey was one of my favorite teachers. Loved her dearly. She will be missed by many. Praying for her family.*”

Anita Phillips Huling - November 07, 2025 at 10:39 AM