



Mrs. Rachel A. Bennett

September 24, 1953 - February 14, 2017

Rachel A. Bennett, 63, of Seffner, born in Plant City on September 24, 1953, entered into enteral rest on February 14, 2017. She was a member of East Point Assembly of God, Tampa. She loved her family and enjoyed baking, arts and crafts, and flowers. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Ronald Bennett; children, Travis Bennett and Angela Curci (Shane); siblings, Jean Cribbs Lindsay (Mike), Daniel Cribbs (Deborah) and Renita Cribbs Johnson (Jimmy); and grandchild, Daniel Curci. She was preceded in death by her brother, David Cribbs, and parents Melvin and Carolyn Cribbs. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 A.M., at East Point Assembly of God, 5337 Garden Lane, Tampa, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Seffner Cemetery, Seffner. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC), East Point Assembly of God, 5337 Garden Lane, Tampa, FL 33610. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Seffner Cemetery

605 E Wheeler Rd
Seffner, FL 33583

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

East Point Assembly of God
5337 Garden Ln
Tampa, FL 33610

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Rachel A. Bennett



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 17, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ Rena Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel A. Bennett



Rena Johnson - February 20, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ This is what I shared this morning at her service. I had to omit a little so it would fit.....Ron

Rachel and I were married for 43 years. Reflecting on our life together it was difficult to put her life into a few minutes but I am going to try. The name Rachel is Hebrew in origin and means “LAMB”. Rachel loved that meaning. Characteristics for the name Rachel are listed as Inspirational, highly intuitive, Spiritual Teacher, Extremely Bright, uplifting and truth seeker. These all fit her character. Rachel was one that did not want the lime light or the glory. She was content to work in gentleness and meekness in the background. Rachel was an extremely talented person. She has led youth groups, taught Sunday School, prayer groups and loved praise and worship of our Lord. Several years back when we attended a different church she produced and directed an Easter play that was based on Ray Boltz’s song “Watch the Lamb”. Rachel loved that song. It spoke of what Jesus did for each of us. It also spoke of children and the Father saying “watch the lamb”. Jesus is also known as the Lamb of God. She would always talk to our kids Travis & Angie’s friends about church and Jesus. Even after they were adults she would still talk to their friends about going to church. She loved being around children and interacting with them. She loved doing arts and crafts things with them. Many times when I came home the table would be covered with paints glues glitter and colors the brighter the better. I knew some child would have visited. Sometimes there were no kids, just Rachel wanting to have fun. Rachel loved making deserts. Pies especially. The other day a friend and former neighbor commented how he remembered her delicious chocolate pie. It use to be people would come up to her at church functions and ask which pie she had made so they could get a piece before it was all gone. In recent years due to health reasons she had to stay away from the sweets but would still sneak one in at a family gathering. She loved missions and helping to spread the Gospel of Jesus. She loved it when the kids would collect change for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. Rachel became a nurse and worked many years in the Home Health field in people’s homes caring for children and young adult patients that had special needs.

She mastered sign language to communicate with her special patients. She would use sign language when she worshipped in church and many people expressed to her how they would love to watch her. I have been involved in Royal Rangers for 40 plus years. Royal Rangers is a boys mentoring ministry. Rachel was not a camper or woodsey person, but several months ago she agreed to help teach our 3rd 4th and 5th grade Discovery Rangers sign language for one of their merits. She had never taught Royal Ranger boys before. She was thrilled and had so much fun being involved in mentoring and teaching the boys this special language. Just some more of the many lives that she impacted. Rachel was a person that was glad to be in the background, subtly touching their lives, but impacting them for life. She wanted everyone to smile and be happy....that is what brought her the most joy....making others happy. She loved her family, spending as much time with them as she could. She impacted my life. I was not a Christian when I met here. But the influence she had on me led me to start attending church and to make a commitment to God and accept Jesus as my Savior. Every influence I have had to others since then can be attributed to her because of her impact on me. I am sad. I am heartbroken. She is not with me or with my kids...but I am happy knowing that she is with her parents and brothers, and others that have gone to heaven, She is dancing with Jesus amongst the bright flowers in God's garden....I have a vision of a cute little lamb bouncing and jumping in God's beautiful garden. In God's perfect timing we will be together again in glory.

Ronald Bennett - February 18, 2017 at 02:48 PM

AB

She will be greatly missed, glad I was able to attend. Ron you did a great job with the words you spoke about Rachel, I remember working with her , JB and Sherry on the play she did an amazing job I still have pictures from it. I remember meeting you and Rachel in September of 1998 she was always sweet and soft spoken and she did love you and her family so much it showed. I will keep you and your family in my prayers love you all💔

ann marie brummett - February 18, 2017 at 04:29 PM

BH

So accurate and beautiful. I know Racheal and Big Ron are praising Jesus. I remember the play, it was fantastic. Sad she is gone, but glad she is in Heaven. All my love Ron, big Sam.

Bishop Samuel Holland - February 18, 2017 at 04:36 PM

JM

Ron, I am so sorry for your loss.....

jJan and John Masson - February 18, 2017 at 07:12 PM

JS

Beautifully written Ron. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful Peron.

Justine Stickley - February 18, 2017 at 07:36 PM

SS

We're so sorry for your loss Ron. Rachel was a very special Lady, she will be missed! Loved watching her do sign language during the worship service! Praying for God's comfort on you and your family! We love you!

Susan Singletary - February 19, 2017 at 09:53 AM

VK

Ron, I am so sorry to hear of Rachel's passing.. you & the filter are in my thoughts & prayers. She was such a kind & gentle person who I know will be greatly missed. Our loss is heaven's gain. She is well now & with her loved ones who have gone before. I pray that God will give you the strength you need & that he will give you his peace that passes all understanding.

Vicki knowles - February 21, 2017 at 11:38 AM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss Ron.
Denny and Barbara Ahrens (HCSO)

Dennis Ahrens - February 18, 2017 at 11:21 AM

JM

“ To Ron and family: We are sorry to hear of your loss. We are sending our most sincere sympathy..Junious and Mary

Junious and Mary - February 18, 2017 at 12:01 AM

JL

“ Rachel I miss you lots already. Life without you will not be as rich. You are my special friend and sister. I appreciate that you were always there for me with helpful advice and prayers. I know you are in heaven now with Mom, Dad and David. Give them a hug for me please. Love you always.

Jean Lindsay - February 17, 2017 at 04:09 PM



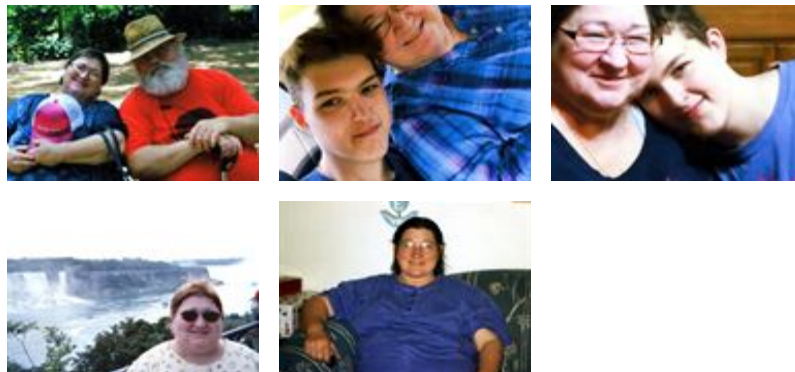
“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family Commander Ron. Camden so was pleased and grateful that he got to meet Rachel and she taught the class on sign language. Even though me and Paula only met her once the one time we met her she a great person. Great personality and very friendly. And Im sure she is going to be surely missed. She has become one of the lords top angels because of how much she cared for people and her family. We pray that god takes care of you and your family today and the days to come.



Mark Powell - February 17, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 17, 2017 at 08:50 AM



These were such great pictures! Our prayers are with you and your family Ron!

Rob Weidow - February 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *sincere condolences to the entire Bennett Family*



Shari Lynne Tribble - February 17, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ Chuck and I are praying for the Lord's comfort for you Ron, and all the family. Rachel was a precious jewel, always had a smile to share and such positive comments. I still remember so many years ago, when Rachel attended the Weigh down workshop, and she had many encouraging words to share. She made me feel accomplished for following the Lord in leading that class. She touched my heart when she said she had something for me, that she felt was perfect for me. She gave me a beautiful blouse and she melted my heart by her kindness. Jesus has His precious angel with Him. Rachel's life touched so many people with her love and kindness. May the Lord fill the void in your heart, with the feeling of the presence of Rachel's spirit everywhere you are. We love you Ron - Janice and Chuck Courtney



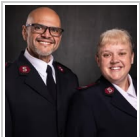
Janice Nuhfer-Courtney - February 16, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rachel A. Bennett.



February 16, 2017 at 10:00 PM



“ Keeping you and your Family in Brother Ron. I am So Sorry for Your Loss, But I am So happy to know that Sister Rachel is sitting at the Right Hand of our Lord and Savior. I wish I could make it down to Florida for her Services, But I'm stuck up here in PA. God Bless, Again, Keeping you all in My Prayers.



Tom Perez - February 16, 2017 at 09:34 PM

TT

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you Ron and your family. Your faith will keep you strong. Knowing that Rachel is in heaven now will give you peace. She has left many memories with everyone she knew. Love and Blessings Tanya and Bob Taylor

Tanya Taylor - February 16, 2017 at 07:42 PM

MT

“ Ron
My prayers are with you and your family during this sad sad time. I know your faith will keep you. God Bless you!

Michele (Young) Thomas - February 16, 2017 at 07:15 PM

PM

“ Dear Ron and Family. Meg and I are Saddened By Your Loss and Also Rejoice in Rachel who now is in the Arms of Jesus and Family who Greeted her in Paradise !!
Love, Mac & Meg Macalester

Paul Macalester - February 16, 2017 at 06:32 PM

RW

Rachel will be missed by Rob, myself, Dylan and Mackenzie. She made a lasting impact on all of our lives. We were blessed to have met her. Dylan will forever remember Rachel teaching his Ranger class sign language. Heaven did receive a very special lady. Love the Weidow family 💕

Renee Weidow - February 16, 2017 at 06:49 PM

LS

Heaven now has a very loving soul and angel to watch over her loved ones. Rachel you will be missed immensely, and you are so loved by all. Till we see you again you will be for now in our memories. Rest in Peace Rachel 💕

Linda Seeley - February 16, 2017 at 07:15 PM