



Lou Catherine Tabor

March 31, 1943 - July 9, 2024

Lou Catherine Tabor left this earth for Heaven on July 9th, 2024. She was delivered by her aunt on March 31, 1943 to the delight of her parents, Rev. (Buddy) Rudolph Stanley Hawkins and Sally Imogene Hawkins. She was the first child and never let her baby sister forget it. She married her best friend and love of her life, Morris Glenn Tabor, on July 24th of 1965. They were inseparable for the next nearly 59 years and built their home near her parents and sister in Fountain Lake, Arkansas. Though they didn't have children of their own, Lou and Morris had two little nieces, Angel and Tammye, next door that tried to spend every waking moment with them. Many were the camping trips to Buckville, boat rides, crystal hunts, picnics, homemade pizza, Saturday morning biscuits and cheesy eggs, and million-dollar memories she gave them. She made everything she did fun, and her smile and laugh were infectious.

Lou, her sister, mom and dad began singing gospel music together and traveling to share the Good News in 1958. Sharing Jesus through music became her lifelong passion and she spent the rest of her life traveling the south and singing gospel music with her family and friends through the ministry of The Hawkins Family. She hosted summer gospel music singings at Hickory Hill Park for 32 years. She never missed a chance to share her faith and hope with others and made devoted friends who became family. She was loved by so many whose lives were touched by her witness of faith.

Apart from her musical gifts, Lou pursued a career in Graphic Design. Starting modestly but with big ambitions, Lou and her husband founded and operated a small printing business. Limited success was followed by new doors opened by God, which provided a stable livelihood, and enabled continuation in the ministry. Her graphic design work for the University of Arkansas garnered widespread acclaim, showcasing her exceptional creativity and artistic flair. Upon retirement from The Arkansas Rehabilitation Center, Lou dedicated herself to the ministry on a full-time basis. Over the years, Lou was responsible for creating all promotional materials, including media covers, posters, brochures, and even t-shirts showcasing the family's image and message of the gospel.

Lou was preceded in death by her parents and baby sister, Norma Lee. She leaves behind her devoted husband, nieces Angel Turoski (Ryan), and Tammye Michau, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and her "bonus" kids, Terry and Kim LeMay, Travis Brown, and their families. She's singing and playing in Gloryland now.

The visitation will be at Hot Springs Funeral Home on Saturday, July 13 from 5-7 pm. A celebration of Lou's life will be on Sunday, July 14 at First Pentecostal Church, 222 E. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, AR at 2:30 pm with burial to follow at Mountain Valley Cemetery near Hot Springs Village, AR.

Pallbearers are Dennis Gamble, Gene Hendrix, Kenny Jackson, Josh LeMay, Sohn McLean, and Steve Richardson.

Morris and the family would like to express their sincere gratitude to CHI Hospital nurses, their in-home caregivers, and life-long neighbors over the years. May the Lord continue to bless for the calling and dedication to helping others.

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ~ Romans 10:9-10

Cemetery Details

Mountain Valley Cemetery

Hot Springs, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 623-8820
hotspringsfh@sbcglobal.net
<https://hotspringsfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL **14**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church
,
Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 623-6310

Tribute Wall



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“ I met Lou in 2000 when I went to the Rehab. I had been on disability for 13 years and was near 50. I thought I was a nothing but God had opened this door and I was going to make the best of it that I could. I meet many great teachers there and the best counselor ever. When I finished the course I had come there for Mrs Tabor stepped up. She saw more in me. She asked the Rehab to keep me longer and arranged for me to go to college. Then she gave me a scholarship to go. Because of her and God working together I finished my classes in half the time. I had 2 jobs for 2 weeks each and then I was hired at the job I have had for 21years. Lou you were and awesome woman. I love you and Morris

june miller - July 14, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ Lou was definitely a class act in the Kingdom of God. What an amazing testimony of faith and commitment she was. I first met Lou in Eureka Springs, AR when we were singing at the same music festival as they were. We were in the parking lot of Gaskin Switch. An odd place to make a friend but I'm so glad our paths crossed. Since that time, we have had them come up to Oklahoma a few times to sing and they've had us at Hickory Hill to sing. It was always a joy to be in her presence. She will definitely be missed.

Terrill White - July 12, 2024 at 07:55 AM



I first met Lou when I was the Pastor at Hollywood Baptist Church outside of Arkadelphia. Lou was definitely warrior in God's Kingdom. I always looked forward to her ministry. She had a wonderful personality. She will be missed

Donald Gates - July 12, 2024 at 10:21 AM



I'll miss Lou . I called her mom when I saw her. Loved her music. To her husband and other family praying for all of you.

Wendy Byers - July 12, 2024 at 01:42 PM