



## Mrs. Reta Askew

July 28, 1939 - November 23, 2025

We, the staff of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Reta Askew, 86 years old, of Magnolia, Arkansas. Mrs. Askew transitioned from this life to her earthly home Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Reta Mae Zackery-Askew was born to the loving parents J.C. "Sug" and Susie Henrietta Zackery. On November 23, 2025, God's finger touched her, and she peacefully went to sleep.

Reta graduated from Waldo High School in 1957, proudly carrying with her the wit, confidence, and feisty personality she was known for throughout her life.

Reta's love story began on September 4, 1957, when she met the man who would become her lifelong partner, Noah Askew, on his birthday. Their connection was instant and undeniable. They later married on April 5, 1959, beginning a beautiful union that lasted 66 blessed years. Together they built a family rooted in love, strength, faith, and unwavering devotion. To this union, six children were born: Alonzo, Stanley, Richard, Kevin, Darnell, and Varnell.

Reta was a hard worker and dedicated many years of service to the former Shanhouse, Meadowbrook Lodge, Western Sizzlin, and Southview Church of Christ Daycare, where she formed meaningful friendships and earned respect

for her loyalty and strong work ethic. Even more important to her than her work was her faith. She was baptized into Christ at an early age under the leadership of the late Bro. R. L. James at the Westside Church of Christ in Waldo, AR.

Reta cherished the bonds she formed with others. Her closest friends, Mary Creer-Lane and the late Carrie Mae Robinson, held a special place in her heart. Whether she was sharing laughter, stories, or quiet moments of encouragement, Reta valued connection and loyalty. Above all, she adored her family. Her greatest joy came from spending quality time with her children, grandchildren, and loved ones, creating memories filled with warmth, humor, and love.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her children: Alonzo Askew and Kevin Askew; her grandson: Brandon Askew; her sister: Darletha Zackery-Smith; her brothers: J.C. Zackery Jr. and Richard Zackery; her son-in-law: Thomas Messer; her paternal grandparents: Dolbest and Susie Zackery; and her maternal grandparents: Sam and Mattie Mobley.

Reta leaves behind a legacy of strength, love, and unforgettable wit. Her presence touched every life she encountered, and her memory will continue to shine through the family she loved so deeply.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 66 years, Noah Askew; four children: Stan Askew of Texarkana, TX, Richard (Linda) Askew of Magnolia, AR, Darnell Askew of Sherwood, AR, and Varnell Askew-Messer of Jacksonville, AR; grandchildren: Sharittia Askew of Mesquite, TX, and Richard Askew Jr. of Magnolia, AR; great-grandchildren: Shymaryia "Shy" Christopher, Jermaine Christopher, and JerMiyah Christopher of Mesquite, TX; her brother: Minister Ernest Zackery Sr. (Alma) of Dallas, TX; sisters-in-law: Marilyn Askew of Lancaster, TX, Daisy Askew of Dallas, TX, Ida Thomas of Magnolia, AR,

and Ruby Kohlmon of Little Rock, AR; brother-in-law: Edmund Askew of Lancaster, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Sunday, November 30th, 2025, at Westside Church of Christ in Waldo, Arkansas at 2:30 p.m., with burial to follow at Smith Cemetery in Waldo, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Bro. Donald Howell, Pastor/Eulogist.

A final viewing will be held Sunday before service, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., at Westside Church of Christ in Waldo, AR

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Cemetery

County Rd #27 N  
Waldo, AR 71770

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 30. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Westside Church of Christ  
201 South Adair St  
Waldo, AR 71770

## Celebration of Life

NOV 30. 2:30 PM (CT)

Westside Church of Christ  
201 South Adair St  
Waldo, AR 71770

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Kenneth Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Kenneth Ransom - January 31 at 01:40 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Gracie W Tucker - December 03, 2025 at 12:36 PM

GT

*Heartfelt condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Askew. As you lay your loved one to rest keep in mind, I Cor.16:13-14. "Watch, stand fast, in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love." Rest in peace and love Mrs. Askew. 🕊️*

Gracie W Tucker - December 03, 2025 at 12:44 PM

RC

“ *Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Reginald Curry - December 01, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *Nicole Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Nicole Lowe** - December 01, 2025 at 12:52 AM



“ *Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Lyndell Franklin** - November 30, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ *Michael Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Michael Williams** - November 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ *Jennifer White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Jennifer White** - November 29, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JT

“ I have fun, wonderful memories shared with Mrs. Askew. Laughter, humor, big hugs and more. She will always be in my heart. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Askew family.

Janice Warren Taylor - November 29, 2025 at 08:54 PM

LS

“ Lee M Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Lee M Sanders - November 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM

TK

“ Tony King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Tony King - November 28, 2025 at 11:02 PM

TK

Our condolences to the family of our beloved cousin Reta Askew. We will forever remember the joy and happiness of our time together. You always brought joy and laughter and that will truly be missed. From your loving cousins, children and grandchildren of Aunt Mildred Sanders.

Dr. Samuel Ray Sanders and family  
James Earl Sanders  
Lee M. Sanders and family  
Tony D. King and family

Tony King - November 28, 2025 at 11:08 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Kelly Gentry - November 28, 2025 at 10:55 PM

RM

“ I love you Auntie!! 😭 Your little girl (as you called me). I am just lost for words!! You was so much support to me after losing Bubba!!! I will remember you always telling me one day at a time baby. Aunt Reta understands how you feel. Get your rest Auntie!! Regina and her crew



Regina McCray-Henderson - November 28, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DK

A special "Thank You" to you Reta Mae for always being a positive role model for the little Black girls of Waldo. You were always poised and ladylike. I pray that you are "SOARING WITH the ANGELS." I send ❤️ and 🙏 to ALL of your family and friends. To Ernest Lee, I am so glad that you know what you know and that is that "God is still in the 🤝 business and HE will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deloris J. King - December 07, 2025 at 07:14 AM

JM

“ Jennie Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Jennie Martin - November 28, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Reta Askew.



November 28, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Reta Askew.



November 28, 2025 at 02:34 AM



“ Love, your SHMS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Reta Askew.

Love, your SHMS Family - November 26, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Love, your SHMS Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Reta Askew.



Love, your SHMS Family - November 26, 2025 at 06:47 PM

RL

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God wrap his comforting arms around each of you. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏



Ruthie Lee-Curry - November 26, 2025 at 03:03 PM

CC

“ Cynthia Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Cynthia Carter - November 26, 2025 at 01:09 AM

AH

“ Amanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Amanda Henderson - November 25, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KL

“ Keosha Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Keosha Love - November 25, 2025 at 03:47 PM

CA

“ *Cat lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Cat** - November 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

RT

*My Deepest Sympathies to the Family extended family and friends on the passing of Sister Reta Askew praying for the families 🙏❤️📖❤️📖  
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**Ruth McDaniel Nacogdoches Texas** - November 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

AW

“ *Annie Witcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Annie Witcher** - November 25, 2025 at 01:31 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to the Askew family.*

**Cassandra Wright** - November 25, 2025 at 12:30 PM

TM

“ *Travianell Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Travianell Morgan** - November 24, 2025 at 11:53 PM

FJ

“ Fred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Fred Johnson - November 24, 2025 at 09:34 PM

MC

“ Michael & Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Michael & Mary Clayton - November 24, 2025 at 08:25 PM

GC

“ Condolences and prayers to ASKEW FAMILY May provide you all strength mercy and Grace during this difficult time now and hereafter 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Gwen Carter - November 24, 2025 at 05:29 PM

TS

“ Tony Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Tony Smith - November 24, 2025 at 03:41 PM

UM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Askew. She was loved so dearly. I always enjoyed hearing Darnell speak about her and laugh as he shared stories — each one showed just how special Mrs. Askew truly was. RIL Regina, Tori, Sydney, Fred*



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**Una Miller** - November 24, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DG

“ *Darlene Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



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**Darlene Green** - November 24, 2025 at 01:34 PM

TE

“ *Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



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**Tearee Easter** - November 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SA

“ *Sending My Deepest Condolences to the Family.*

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**Sharari Adams** - November 24, 2025 at 01:24 PM

AE

“ Arnetta Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Arnetta Easter - November 24, 2025 at 12:50 PM

GJ

“ Gladys Talley Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Gladys Talley Jones - November 24, 2025 at 12:21 PM

ER

“ Edna Rowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Edna Rowden - November 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Edna Rowden - November 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SP

“ Sandra Page sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Sandra Page - November 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SP

“ Sandra Page lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Sandra Page - November 24, 2025 at 11:11 AM

SC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Askew family I love u Aunt Linda and Uncle Richard. 🙏🌸🍫🍫



Sonya Colvin - November 24, 2025 at 10:56 AM

VJ

“ Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew



Vevelyn Jackson - November 24, 2025 at 09:05 AM

DY

“ *Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Darlene young - November 24, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Ora Radford - November 24, 2025 at 12:03 AM

RL

“ *May God comfort the family and friends of Mrs. Askew and give you all peace of mind!*



Ruthie Lee-Curry - November 23, 2025 at 11:36 PM

LC

“ *Linette Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Linette Curry - November 23, 2025 at 11:08 PM

TT

“ *Travis Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Travis Tucker - November 23, 2025 at 10:51 PM

LI

“ *Lisa Irvin-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - November 23, 2025 at 10:42 PM

LI

“ *Lisa Irvin-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - November 23, 2025 at 10:41 PM

CF

“ *Cathy Revels McNeil & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



Cathy Revels McNeil & Family - November 23, 2025 at 10:37 PM

CF

*Sending prayers and condolences to our family..Dorothy, Paul Ray, Rose Mary and Cathy..love you'al 🙏*

**Cathy Revels McNeil & Family** - November 23, 2025 at 10:41 PM

FM

“ *Felicia McKinneyLanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Felicia McKinneyLanders** - November 23, 2025 at 10:22 PM

HP

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family*



**Hal Prevoe** - November 23, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Reta Askew*



**Ramona Fears** - November 23, 2025 at 09:33 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Reta Askew*



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**Ramona Fears** - November 23, 2025 at 09:33 PM