



Rheta Mae Keck

July 29, 1930 - August 21, 2022

Rheta Mae Keck, 92-year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died August 21, 2022, in Bentonville, Arkansas. Born July 29, 1930, in Newton County, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Virgil Martin and Margie Belle Cowan Martin. Rheta grew up in Deer, Arkansas, and graduated from Deer High School. She attended Arkansas Tech University and graduated with a Teaching Degree. Rheta taught first through eighth grade in Pettigrew, Arkansas, and Lincoln. She and her late husband Orin Keck owned and operated Keck's Custom Meat Processing in Siloam Springs for many years. Rheta liked to take care of others and enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was a member of Weddington Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Randy Keck of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Brad Keck and wife Kathy of Fairfield, Ohio; daughter Boneta Hollis and husband Gary of Siloam Springs; 8 grandchildren; 1 brother, Nick Martin of Newton County, Arkansas; 2 sisters, Modine Ramsey of Russellville, Arkansas; and Bernadine Casey of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Visitation will be 1:00 P.M. Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Weddington Missionary Baptist Church near Siloam Springs. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 27, at Weddington with Pastor Doug Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Weddington Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Weddington Cemetery

19445 Weddington Church Road
Wedington, AR 72704

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Weddington Baptist Church
19445 Weddington Church Road
Wedington, AR 72704

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

AUG 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ If it wasnt for Gma I honestly believe I would've never made it past 9 years old! That woman saved my life! I miss her so bad. Some days I just want to get mad but most I it and smile or tear up cuz something she said or did comes up. I always see her in the cardinals and the butterflies! And Grandpa oren in the Blue Jays and the turtles.



Britney J Keck - May 11, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Rheta Mae Keck.



August 26, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ The Keck Family have been life- long friends. Rheta was my Sunday school teacher at Weddington Baptist when I was just a young girl. I have fond memories of her and still have the little bible she gave me for Christmas 1981 signed by her. I remember a Sunday school party we had at her house. It was the first time I played the game Twister. We also got a baking lesson, in which all I can remember was she said "Good cooks never lick their fingers." She made a positive impact on so many people, including myself. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

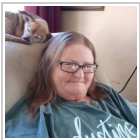
Shawna (Collins) and Tony Zodrow

Shawna Zodrow - August 26, 2022 at 07:47 PM

NG

“ I first met Rheta when she worked at the Stage Store and learned she was friends with by husband's family. Got to know her better when she brought her granddaughter to softball where my daughter played and my husband coached. Rheta gave so much of herself to the children she took care of. She was a wonderful person who gave of herself to others all the years I knew her. She and Oren were both wonderful Christian people. They are both missed.

Nellie Goodman - August 26, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ I got to volunteer with Ms. Rheta at Hunger & Thirst Ministry. She was such a sweet lady to be around! Heaven sure gained a beautiful Angel. My prayers & Thoughts are with the family.

Deb Woods Gehrke - August 25, 2022 at 04:57 PM

AB

“ To Randy, Boneta and Brad I offer my deepest sympathy. I didn't know Rheta well, but I remember she fed me supper at least once or twice. She was a very nice lady.

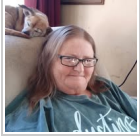
Alan Breedlove

Alan Breedlove - August 25, 2022 at 03:47 PM

GC

“ Rheta was one of the most amazing people I have ever know. She was always kind and thoughtful. Rheta put others above herself. She was a light for Jesus wherever she went. Rheta was a friend and neighbor. She will be greatly missed.

Gene Collins - August 25, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Deb Woods Gehrke lit a candle in memory of Rheta Mae Keck*



Deb Woods Gehrke - August 25, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Rheta Mae Keck*



Joe & Cheryl Burns - August 24, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Rheta Mae Keck.*



August 24, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Rheta Mae Keck*



Liz Reading - August 24, 2022 at 03:36 PM

KD

“ *Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Rheta Mae Keck*



Karen Davis - August 24, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SC

“ *We have many fond memories of Rheta and Orin being involved with the Siloam Springs Rodeo and Riding Club. They were cherished Golden Members of our club. Boneta, Randy and Brad, we are so sorry to hear this and are praying for you all.*



Siloam Springs Rodeo and Riding Club - August 24, 2022 at 01:29 PM

RE

“ *One of the sweetest, kindest ladies I've ever know. Prayers for comfort for the family.*



Renea Hill Ellis - August 24, 2022 at 12:54 PM