

Lawson, Rebecca Lucille Henderson 1938 - 2017



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Rebecca Lucille Henderson Lawson, 78, of Taylorsville, passed away peacefully on Friday, the 24th day of February, 2017, at Baptist Health Louisville. Rebecca, "Becky" to her friends and family, was born to the late Fred Leroy Henderson and Pauline Fowler Henderson on the 26th day of July, 1938, in Etowah, McMinn County, Tennessee. She graduated from Fulton High School in Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where she majored in English, and where, during her freshman year, she met the love of her life, Robert Lawson. They were married in the college chapel on the day they graduated in 1960, and were happily married until her death parted them. They raised three children and many extraordinary dogs. She was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Taylorsville and also attended the Elk Creek Baptist Church.

Rebecca parlayed her bachelor's degree in English from Berea and a master's degree and rank one in education from the University of Louisville into a twenty-six year career as a teacher in Spencer County. She began by teaching the seventh grade at the old Waterford school one year, and then taught junior and senior high school English at Taylorsville, retiring in 2000, after guiding generations of Spencer county students to God's own understanding of English grammar and at least a nodding acquaintance with the canon of great literary works in that language. She had a kind and nurturing soul and loved her students, her friends, and her family. She was a founding member of the Friday Afternoon Club at Spencer County High School, and sends her fellow members her kind regards. She had an artistic temperament and dabbled in practical and decorative sewing, painting, and ceramics.

After retiring from teaching, she spent some time as a docent at the J. B. Speed Art Museum and enjoyed her memberships in the Middletown Women's Club and in Book Marns, a book club of like-minded ladies in the area. She even started a chapter of the Red Hat Society in Taylorsville. Her great passion in later life was genealogical research, and she and her cousin, Shelby Morris, were devoted to researching her family line.

Her survivors include her husband, of over fifty-six years, Bob Lawson of Taylorsville; her children, Sean Lawson and Kerry Lawson of Louisville, and Shannon Lawson of Nashville, Tennessee; her brother Jerry Henderson of Palm Coast, Florida; her sister, Freddie Cochran of Springfield, Ohio; and her three grandchildren, Kate, River, and Faith, all of Louisville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 2017, at the Hall-Taylor Funeral Home of Taylorsville, with Reverend Kenny Jackson officiating. Interment will be in the Valley Cemetery in Taylorsville. Visitation will be from 2:00 P.M., until 8:00 P.M., Monday, at the Hall-Taylor Funeral Home of Taylorsville.