



## Ernestine Violet Tedford Power

July 11, 1930 - February 16, 2018

Ernestine Violet Tedford Power, 87 of Springdale, AR passed away on February 16, 2018 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. She was born in the community of Bethlehem in Lonoke County, AR on July 11, 1930 to Luther and Golden Tedford.

Tena is preceded in death by her brothers Reece, L. E., and Walker Tedford. She is survived by her sons Chuck Power, and wife Stacie of Poulsbo, WA; Ken Power, and wife Denise, of Fayetteville, AR; Bruce Power, and wife Donna, of Springdale, AR; Ted Power, and wife Brenda of Bentonville, AR; one niece, Mary Jane Vines Staggs, and husband Ted, of Cabot, AR; thirteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Tena attended Ouachita Baptist University where she met the “love of her life”, Ralph Power. They moved to Springdale, AR in 1953. After raising her children in Springdale she moved to Little Rock, AR and worked at Dillard’s corporate office for 10 years. She returned to Springdale in 1995 and worked at the Walmart corporate office for several years.

Tena was very active in church life. She was the piano player for Temple Baptist Church in Springdale for many years along with other churches throughout her life. She also attended First Baptist Church in Springdale, First Baptist Church in Centerton, and New Hope Fellowship in Springdale.

In Tena's younger years she enjoyed bowling and participated in several bowling leagues. She also loved to cook and was always the most entertaining person at the table. She was an extremely caring & humorous person who loved gospel quartet music, attended countless gospel concerts, and was a true Booth Brothers and Gaither Vocal Band groupie!!!

Tena moved to Morningside Assisted Living in 2016 where she was loved for her enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed her time there.

Funeral services will be held at Sisco Funeral Chapel at 10 am Thursday, February 22nd – 705 West Meadow Ave., Springdale, AR with interment to follow at Friendship Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday 5-7 pm February 21st at Sisco Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope Fellowship- House of Hope Rescue Mission-- P.O. Box 6100, Springdale, AR 72766.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road  
Springdale, AR 72764  
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel  
705 West Meadow  
Springdale, AR 72764  
(479) 751-4577  
[siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com](mailto:siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com)  
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ernestine Violet Tedford Power*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Tina was one of Duwanna Poling's, (my Mothers), best friends.*

*When I was in Jr and Sr High School I baby sat with Tina and Ralph's 4 boys.*

*What a handful they were....but they all 4 turned out to be great Boys-Men.*

*Tina and Ralph were very good to my family as well...in the 70's when my Mom had to go to Huston, TX for open-heart-surgery, Tina and Ralph kept my 2-small children so I could go with Mom.*

*She was a good Women and will be missed by a lot of people.*

*My heart and prayers go out to the family.*

*Cindy(Poling)Strawser*

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**Cindy** - February 24, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Tina was a beautiful lady whom I am thankful for our paths crossing many years ago. The last time I saw her, she bought some Mary Kay from me, which I didn't think she needed, her beauty outshone any flaws she might have had. Sincere sympathy to you boys & family.*

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**donna easley** - February 22, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernestine Violet Tedford Power.*



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February 22, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ *Tens was always my favorite Aunt. She was warm, funny and courageous. I was always amazed at the musical talent that God provided Tena and that she encouraged her children and grandchildren to also learn to play the piano. I was blessed to have the opportunity to visit with her and listen to many loving stories about "the boys" and her grandchildren. Chuck Ken, Bruce and Ted- I loved your Mom and take comfort knowing she is now playing piano for her Savior. Bless you all!!*

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**Ann Power Tolson** - February 21, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ *Tena was such an awesome person! She was truly a virtuous woman. She leaves behind a legacy of family and friends that she mentored.*

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**Cathy Miller** - February 20, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Didn't have the pleasure of meeting Ernestine but have heard many great things about her from her son Ken. Ken we send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

*The Jet Custom Family*

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**Cheryl** - February 20, 2018 at 10:03 AM

LM

“ Many memories of Tena as my Grandmother, Mrs. Webb babysat for the boys for years. I remember sitting on my grandmother’s front porch on Emma holding Chuck when she came out to tell him he had a new baby brother! Tena was always friendly and kind to everyone she met. Prayers and sweet memories to your family during this time.

*Doug and Linda Miller*

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**Linda Miller** - February 20, 2018 at 07:11 AM

RG

“ Bruce and Donna and family,  
So so sorry to read this! What an amazing lady and mom! So sorry for you loss. Sending you all love, hugs and prayers,  
*Robin & Robert Guadagnini*

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**Robin Guadagnini** - February 19, 2018 at 10:07 PM

JW

“ Tena was a first cousin, one of many She was like a sister, the sister I did not have. She was a wonderful person, friend and will be missed by many. She is now with Jesus and at peace.

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**Jan Wiedemann** - February 19, 2018 at 07:59 PM

PF

“ How blessed I am to have had this wonderful, sweet Christian lady in my life since 1961'. She was one of my dearest friends and I will miss her very much. She is enjoying her Heavenly Father and the home He has prepared for her now and there could be nothing sweeter for a Christian. I love you Tena.

*Pat Power Bequette Farley*

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**Pat Power Bequette Farley** - February 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM

JO

“ We have known Tena for 30 yrs. as a sweet, precious friend. We met when we attended Immanuel Bapt. Church in Little Rock together, and then she played piano at Forty-Seventh St. Bapt. when Jim pastored there. She has played piano for Jim numerous times. We have so many memories of her. She babysat our little poodle, Cece, several times after she moved to Springdale when we came up to go to Branson. She had such a sweet disposition and sense of humor. We have not been able to see her for a number of yrs. as we live in Hot Springs, but we have never forgotten her. Sure look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.

*Jim and Linda Oliver*

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**Jim and Linda Oliver** - February 19, 2018 at 04:13 PM

MW

*Tena and her precious family were dear friends of ours when we moved to Springdale to pastor Elmdale Baptist Church. We spent many happy hours together singing and visiting in each others homes. and discussing the Bible. She was a wonderful Christian. My sympathy, love and prayers to the family.*

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**Monnie Wheelus** - February 19, 2018 at 10:00 PM

MW

*Condolences to Tena's family. Tena was my mother's first cousin. I've known Tena my whole life and always admired her talent and charm. I will miss her.*

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**Mary Jo Bryant Wicks** - February 23, 2018 at 07:21 PM