



## Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall

August 22, 1954 - October 25, 2020

Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall entered into eternal grace on October 25, 2020 in Springdale, Arkansas. A longtime resident of Springdale, she was born August 22, 1954 in Newport, AR to Jack and Betty Jo Bailey where she made lifetime friends. When her father reentered the U.S. Air Force, she found herself on the move living in Texas, the United Kingdom and Hawaii as a child. While her father was in Viet Nam, the family lived in Springdale where once again she made many lifelong friends. After graduating from high school in Hawaii she attended the University of Arkansas, earning a degree in Sociology. It was there she met the man who would become her mate for life, Matt Mendenhall. After graduation, they married on May 14th, 1977 and she began another adventure moving to many different locales as the wife of an Air Force pilot. Included were stops in Oklahoma, Hawaii, United Kingdom, Nebraska and Georgia. Her love for travel and adventure included stops at places such as the Korean DMZ, the Berlin Wall, skiing in Austria, and sightseeing in Wales, Scotland, France and Germany among others. A gentle soul who never knew a stranger, she was known for her ability to make a friend on the spot and always had an empathetic ear for those in need. She worked in various jobs in human services, banking, retail sales and as an owning partner in a local business before retiring a few years ago. Her love for the Lord and gift of hospitality led her to host several different Bible studies at her house where she made everyone welcome and delighted in serving a delicious dish. She did this even when fighting her own battle

against cancer, carrying this burden with grace and dignity.

Leigh Ann is survived by her husband of 43 years, Matt, and son Bailey. She is also survived by her Mother, Betty Bailey; brother Scott Bailey and wife Nancy; and James Gardner, a close cousin raised by her parents in addition to many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Jack Bailey and twin sons Nathan and Samuel.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30am Saturday October 31st at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. The service will be conducted with social distancing and masks will be required. For friends who are not able to attend the service, it will be live streamed from the St. Raphael Facebook page.

In lieu of sending flowers the family ask that you consider a donation to St. Raphael Food Pantry (1386 S. West End St. Springdale, AR 72764) or the Springdale Animal Shelter Foundation (1549 E. Don Tyson Pkwy Springdale, AR 72764).

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

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
1386 S. W. End St.  
Springdale, AR 72764

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I just came across this tonight when I thought I would “search” for my friend Leigh Ann. Our dads were stationed at Wethersfield AFB, England. I believe we were in 5th or 6th grade. Last I remember was a picture she sent me and she was on the beach in Hawaii. We lost touch after that. I have a few pictures of me, Leigh Ann, and her brother Scott playing at her house. I remember her mom being the nicest, most welcoming person to me. I am so sorry to read Leigh Ann has passed.....Sheila (Hawkins) Janssen

Sheila - April 19, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

JD

“ BLESSED BEAUTIFUL BRILLIANT ONE forever now in your mansion in heaven with family and friends for all eternity and one day we shall meet forever. I release the BLESSING upon your family and loved ones, in Jesus Name.



Jan DeWese - November 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM

MW

“ MARY LOU WENDER lit a candle in memory of Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall



MARY LOU WENDER - October 29, 2020 at 02:39 PM

WW

“ *Waltraud Marie Kusche aka mom and Mary Lou Wender purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall.*



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**Waltraud Marie Kusche aka mom and Mary Lou Wender -**  
October 29, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DM

“ *Matt, we are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

*Kathy & Darryl Massey*

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**Darryl & Kathy Massey -** October 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Leigh Ann Bailey Mendenhall.*



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October 28, 2020 at 11:17 AM

MR

“ Leigh Ann will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to have known her. I have never known anyone who had so much joy in her heart despite the challenging health issues she faced in the past few years. Such grace and what an inspiration she was to me personally. She was a beloved cousin to the Gardner family and I cherish my childhood memories of us in Newport and phone conversations as adults. She has left us too soon, but what a life well lived.

Mary Kaye Rogers

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Mary Kaye Rogers - October 28, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Leigh Ann will be missed by this Simmons Cousin. She & I had great conversations about our extended family. She was all eager to share he memories & learn new ones. Sending prayers and positive thoughts for the family during this time of loss -

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Karen Sullards - October 27, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JA

“ This is a person that will be missed by so many! She touched so many lives and hearts! Rest with the Lord my friend!

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Jamia - October 27, 2020 at 05:31 PM

LC

“ The very definition of a beautiful soul. Oh, how we will miss her.

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Lynn Cowan - October 27, 2020 at 05:01 PM