



Dixie J. Burkett

June 19, 1949 - March 27, 2026

Dixie Jane Burkett (née McLaughlin), 76, of Chambersburg, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 27, 2026. Born June 19, 1949, she was the daughter of the late George E. and Nancy J. McLaughlin of Fayetteville, Pa.

She celebrated 32 years of marriage with her devoted husband, Gary N. Burkett, originally of Greencastle, Pa. In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by daughter, Lori Edmunds, son-in-law, Jeffrey Edmunds, and grandson, David Edmunds, all of State College, Pa., as well as her brother, Larry McLaughlin, sister-in-law, Sue McLaughlin, sister-in-law, Jeannette McLaughlin, and niece, Renee Ambrose all of Fayetteville, Pa. and two great-nephews, Dylan Murray of Fayetteville, Pa. and Shane Ambrose of Norfolk, Va.

A 1967 graduate of Chambersburg Area Senior High School, upon graduation, Dixie went to work for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation in Washington, D.C. She enjoyed a long and successful career in clerical work, retiring from the Chambersburg Tax Office in 1999. She took great pride in her rapid and accurate typing (over 90 words a minute with zero errors), but most of all in her ability to help people and soothe frayed nerves. She was fondly remembered for her friendly smile and kind disposition by everyone who encountered her.

Dixie found great joy in life's simple pleasures. She deeply loved animals and cherished the many cats and dogs that she cared for over the years. She

enjoyed playing tennis and played competitively for many summers on the Chambersburg Recreation Dept's Adult Tennis League. She enjoyed camping with her husband, aerobics classes, swimming, dancing, sharing crossword puzzles with her daughter, and reading (especially biographies and true crime stories). She took great pride in homemaking and was the consummate interior designer, making every space she ever inhabited beautiful, comfortable, and homey.

The family will hold a private service at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Better Days Animal League, 875 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg, Pa. 17202.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ That was a very well written obituary that captures a lot of my memories of Dixie. I have great and funny memories of her and I and her daughter Lori, whom I was dating at the time, of sitting around her breakfast table on Saturday and Sunday mornings just talking, laughing, smoking cigarettes, drinking coffee and eating French toast. She was just a terrific woman with an infectious laugh and tons of stories about people from her past. It was a fun time just to sit and listen to her and Lori as they riffed back and forth always adding to each other’s memory of the story. Dixie was always welcoming to me and she always treated me with respect. I unfortunately lost track of her when Lori and I broke up but I am so glad I visited her out of the blue maybe 7 years ago when I was back in Chambersburg handling the death of my father. I had never met her husband and when he invited me in Dixie walked up to me and after all time still recognized me despite my weight gain and hair loss. I hadn’t seen her in like 30 years but instantly as we sat down it was just like old times again. We laughed, smoked and just had a too brief but wonderful time catching up. She was very sweet and I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing.

Chris Beidler
Spencer, IN

Chris Beidler - April 16 at 10:32 PM

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“ Sending prayers to your family. I remember Dixie's name from the days when my father was involved with Youth Fellowship at the Methodist church on old Main Street in Fayetteville. That always sounded like a great group of teenagers who were friends. Take care.



The family of Joe and Mary Eckenrode - March 31 at 02:49 PM

Jl

“ Sympathies to Gary and Dixie's family on the loss of a good friend and neighbor.

John

John R. Goss, III - March 31 at 01:07 PM

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I remember Dixie so well. I was CASHS '66, she '67. She had a beautiful heart and soul - inside and out. Her big smile was infectious. I shared her love of tennis - And reading biographies. I was living in another state when the Recreation Center had the summer tennis program. I visited Chambersburg for a month or so. There again we reconnected, laughed and had fun. And believe it or not , we shared the same success of having achieved the goal of 90 words a minute without errors! John Atella was our teacher. it was a “big deal” - Bless you Dixie. I so enjoyed the time we spent together!

*Patty (Bowman) Sites
Corpus Christi, Texas*

Patty Sites - March 31 at 02:25 PM

PS

Hi Dixie - Patty here again. Just reminding you - hit that tennis ball girlfriend, tap those typing keys. Hey our fingers will still type those 90 words a minute, read our favorite biographies-especially the new book Charlie Kirk wrote. Pretty inspiring weaving bible verses with our everyday lives. You will enjoy it. I'll always think of you when I'm enjoying all these! You will be my inspirational when I “keep on keeping on” - love from me to you! I'll see you on the other side girl!

Patty Sites - April 09 at 09:30 AM