

# Obituary: Kay Sandlin

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**Kay Taylor Sandlin**, who served three decades as a preschool teacher at Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana, died Dec. 26 after a brief battle with cancer. She was 69. She was born Oct. 7, 1952, in Shreveport, La., to Gorman and Willa Mae Taylor. After graduating from Captain Shreve High School, she earned an undergraduate degree in home economics degree from Louisiana State University. She went to work as a teacher for the Texarkana Independent School District, and in Texarkana, she met her husband of 46 years, Rickey Sandlin. She taught at Westlawn Middle School before taking a break to stay home to raise her sons, Taylor and Erick. She then became a preschool teacher at Beech Street Baptist Church where she worked more than 30 years until her retirement in 2015. As an accomplished seamstress, she made many dresses, altered countless dance costumes and prom dresses, and created many beautiful articles of clothing. She was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church in Texarkana. She is survived by her husband, Rickey Sandlin; son Taylor Sandlin and wife Alyson of Sugar Land; son Erick Sandlin of Houston; two grandchildren; sisters Jan Hopkins of Marshall and Renee Beard and husband David of Natchitoches, La.; stepbrother Ron Smith and wife Louise of Shreveport; stepbrother Larry Smith and wife Sheryl Smith of Longview; and stepsister Kay LeRoy and husband Steve of Shreveport.

