



Ethel Walker

March 19, 1944 - February 23, 2026

Ethel Inez Poole Walker, better known to many as “Sissy,” age 81, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026. Sissy was born March 19, 1944, in Chic, Tennessee, to the late Floyd and Augusta Poole. Though she lived in many places throughout her life, Rutherford, Tennessee was the place she called home for many years. She was one of seven children. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four siblings: Mazie Morris, Estel “Mann” Poole, Milton “Pepper” Poole, and Sandra Dick. She is survived by two sisters, Alice Hutson (James) and Millie Bane. Sissy also endured the heartbreaking loss of both of her children, Teresa Birdsong and Shane Walker, whom she loved fiercely and would have done anything in the world for. Left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren, Colby Birdsong (Crystal) and Brooke Walker; her great-grandchild, Hallie Shiplett (Aislynn); and her great-great-grandchild, Kolsen Shiplett. She is also survived by a special niece, Kim Rambo (Mike), along with a host of other beloved nieces and nephews. For most of her life, Sissy was a talented hair stylist and the proud owner of Ethel’s Beauty Shop, where she not only fixed hair but built lifelong friendships. She was known as a true spitfire — feisty, fun, and absolutely one of a kind. Sissy was a fabulous cook, famous for her signature spaghetti and her beautiful cakes that brought joy to many family gatherings. She was also gifted with her hands — whether sewing, making bows, or tackling any project she set her mind to. She loved to travel and live life on her own terms. Above all, Sissy loved her family deeply. No formal services are planned at this time.

The family will gather at a later date to share stories, laughter, and memories of their beloved Sissy.

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“ Lived close to Ms Walker at St Joseph, flew times I saw her and talked to her were precious. Praying for all the family. Kim in our prayers. Cody Praying for yall too.

Theresa Flatt - March 02 at 10:16 PM

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“ Peggy Fitzpatrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Walker



Peggy Fitzpatrick - February 25 at 10:49 AM