



## Sonja Walker Fox McKamey

July 29, 1940 - May 30, 2020

Sonja Fox McKamey, 79, of Johnson City, left for heaven on Saturday, May 30, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Hazel Walker and lived most of her life in her hometown of Piney Flats. She was an alumna of Mary Hughes High School class of 1959 and ETSU. She was a former member of Gray UMC, member Greenwood Baptist with her late sister-in-law, Kate Teague, attended Edgefield UMC, and was a member of Piney Flats UMC.

Sonja worked her entire adult life for women's equality. She was a real estate broker and appraiser, member of NETAR, Tennessee Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, instructor of real estate, received Wall of Fame and Realtor Emeritus from the Real Estate. She proudly served in the Monday Club where she served as President and served on several committees; she was also a member of the Johnson City Police Academy, volunteered at the Ballard Regional Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., served as ambassador of the Chamber of Commerce, helped with the establishment of the Gray Library, she was active in the Sullivan County Imagination Library, and served as librarian of Gray Funeral Home and as a member of the Senior Citizen Foundation. She volunteered at the Mountain Home Veterans Administration and was a member of Salvation Army Auxiliary. She also served as President of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic women. Sonja organized and ran an art scholarship program at ETSU Training School in memory of her late daughter. She loved ETSU, UT Vols, Cincinnati Reds, reading, poetry, writing, swimming, dancing, the Rocky Mountains and her family and friends. Her favorite scripture that she lived by was Matthew 25: 31-46 from her Wesley Study Bible.

In addition to her parents, Sonja was preceded in death by her daughter, Joy; sisters Betty Walker and Dorothy Pealer; brothers, Mickey, Jim and Beryl Walker; special sister-in-law; Kate Teague; and best friends Charlotte Roe, John Webb and a Doberman named Peach.

Those left to cherish her memory her husband, William H. (Johnny) McKamey; sister, Peggy (David) Rusk; cousins, Wallace (Sue) and Duard Walker (Carolyn); several nieces

and nephews.

A private Graveside Service will be officiated by Rev. Estel Williams and Dr. Paul Humphrey officiating. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers Sonja's family has asked that donations be made in her memory to Shell Cemetery 336 Kings Rd. Piney Flats, TN 37686 or any of her local charity organizations.

This obituary was loving written by Sonja's family.

# Cemetery

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## **Monte Vista Memorial Park**

1900 Oakland Ave

Johnson City, TN,

# Comments

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“ Sonja Fox was my best friends mother. She put up with mine and Joy,s crazy things that we did and got into. Sonja was a special lady she will be missed. Charlene Cutshall

**Charlene Cutshall** - August 23 at 09:25 PM

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“ There are too many memories to list here. Sonja was my closest aunt and took me more places than I can count when i got to stay with her in the summer when I was little. She later took me on a river boat cruise in Southern France, bought a house close to mine so she could visit more often. Tried to teach all of my kids the fun things that she taught all of her scouts back in the day. I think I always thought she'd outlive me. She had an energy like none other. Still in shock. I know she will be missed by many. Our condolences Johnny.



**Ginger** - June 15 at 11:39 AM

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“ We miss Sonja so much! I am so grateful that we got to spend time with her the week before she passed - just like Sonja, thinking of others, she brought supper and we enjoyed the fellowship, promising we'd all get to do this again soon. She was never afraid to ask questions and speak her mind and I was always amazed at her energy! So much fun to be around.. Love you, dear cousin...

**Teresa Walker Knox** - 6/15/20

**Teresa Knox** - June 15 at 08:17 AM

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“ Sonja was my father's cousin and my second cousin. She was always special to my wife and I. We were so shocked to hear about her death when we returned from a trip. Sonja has been a rock during my health problems and traveling to the Cleveland Clinic. She we be missed but never forgotton. We love you Sonja!! Gary and Gina Walker

**Gary and Gina Walker** - June 14 at 01:20 PM

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“ Elaine and I are so saddened by this news. Coach and Sonja sat behind us at church and she always had that wonderful smile. She was one of the sweetest ladies, her smile will be dearly missed. Pick that Uke in Heaven gal. Love you

**Leon Johnson** - June 14 at 08:41 AM

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“ Sonja was my wife-in-law. I was Joy's stepmother. I worked for her in real estate. One day she said we need to come up with a way we can let people know we are family. Wife-in-law popped in my head and since then (1982) that is what we called each other. Joy called me her other mother. This goes to prove what a special, caring lady Sonja was. You are finally back with Joy. Thank you for being a great friend and sharing Joy with me. Rest in peace. Love you, Henrietta Abel

**Henrietta Abel** - June 12 at 11:21 PM

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“ We are shocked & saddened about Sonja's untimely passing! Just doesn't seem real! Johnny, our thoughts & prayers are with you & the family! Such a vibrant, wonderful woman!! She'll be greatly missed!

**Angie & Fred** - June 10 at 05:04 PM

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“ Loved Sonja, one of a kind

**Georgianna** - June 06 at 05:06 PM

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“ Sonja was such a friendly person and always so kind to her younger classmates

**sandra warren Hunter** - June 06 at 03:41 PM

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“ Such a dear sweet lady. I was so fortunate to know her as a co worker and a great friend. My heart is broken. Thoughts, prayers and hugs to you Johnny.

**Shannon Harr** - June 06 at 06:57 AM

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“ Shannon Harr lit a candle in memory of Sonja Walker Fox McKamey



**Shannon Harr** - June 06 at 06:56 AM

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“ Earl & Helen Harmon lit a candle in memory of Sonja Walker Fox McKamey



**Earl & Helen Harmon** - June 06 at 06:53 AM

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“ Sonja was a beautiful friend from many years ago. I remember her when I was growing up, then our lives crossed again when she lived in Gray, TN & we were living in Gray also. She contacted me in later years to offer me a Secretary job at DeVault Real Estate when she sold Real Estate for Mr DeVault. I was happy to work with her for a year. She was a successful Realtor in Johnson City. I was so thankful to see her a couple of years ago. Sorry to hear of her passing. To all her family, cherish those sweet memories and the hope of seeing her again one day. You all are in my prayers.

**Betty Wright** - June 05 at 09:31 PM

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“ Sonja got me involved in more things than I can remember. WE\e met a\at water aerobics at Freedom hall 14 years ago. Wow! I just realized just how long we've been friends. She got me involved with Monday Club, VA Memorial picnic Memorial Day, Halloween parties at her and Johnny's home , dressing in Victorian garb and doing the Cakewalk for the Johnson City Sesquicentennial and on and on. She was a true friend and always had your back. I am still in shock at her passing and will miss her dearly.

My sincere love, thoughts and prayers to Johnny, and Sonja's family.



**Dee Maggio** - June 05 at 06:28 PM

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“ JOHNNY IAM TRULY SORRY FOR THE LOST.SHE WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME AND LINDA AND A FRIEND TO ALL.SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.RAYMOND AND LINDA PERKINSON

**RAYMOND PERKINSON** - June 05 at 12:31 PM

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“ It is with much sadness that I send my deepest sympathy to John and to Peggy. I am at a loss for words but want to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you both. Sonja will surely be missed in the community and especially among all her Mary Hughes family. She was such a caring person and I appreciated her visits to Nancy at NHC. I pray for your peace and comfort at this time.

**Mary Kaylor** - June 05 at 12:16 PM