



Wendy Lyn Badger

November 30, 1974 - September 5, 2025

Wendy Lyn McCreless Badger, 50, of West Blocton, Alabama, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on November 30, 1974, in Birmingham, Alabama, Wendy brought light, generosity, and warmth to every life she touched.

Wendy is survived by her husband, MSG(R) John A. Badger, Her children: Tabatha Wallace, Austin (Brandy) Wallace, Preston Kidd, Savannah (Quinn) Reed. Bonus Children: Caitlyn McPherson, Ginni Fontenot, Alexis (Charles) Leach, Adriana Young, Allie Sorensen, and Kayla Badger, Her parents: Jefferson County Chief Deputy (Retired) James (Jodie) McCreless and Joan McCreless, Mother-in-Law: Mrs. Sherrie Badger, Brothers & Sisters: Gary (Charlene) Gulledge, Randy Gulledge, Vicky (John) Daniel, Debby Gordon, BJ (April) McCreless, Cody Chapple & Kaci Chapple.

Wendy was the cherished wife of Master Sergeant (US Army, Retired) John A. Badger, with whom she shared a joyful marriage beginning on September 21, 2018. She was a devoted mother to Tabatha Wallace, Austin (Brandy) Wallace, Preston Kidd, Savannah (Quinn) Reed. Resulting from her generous and welcoming soul, she did not consider bloodlines as to what she defined as family. As such she also embraced as Bonus kids; Caitlyn McPherson,

Ginni Fontenot, Alexis (Charles) Leach, Adriana Young, Allie Sorensen, and Kayla Badger. Her love extended to 15 grandchildren, with her tender heart and selfless spirit remembered by all generations. Most of the kids in the neighborhood were taken under her wings as well, she was always there to support and encourage anyone that came to her. As such, many of the children lovingly referred to her as "Ma."

Wendy was the beloved daughter of Jefferson County Chief Deputy (Retired) James (Jodie) McCreless and Joan McCreless

A proud Army wife and fervent supporter of America's warfighters, Wendy was awarded the Alabama Distinguished Service Medal for her unwavering dedication to the Alabama Army National Guard and U.S. Army. She attended Bessemer Technical College, focusing on art studies and drafting. Following her passion for art, she would later work at the Birmingham News working on cartoons and other artwork. She later served as a Transportation Security Officer in the turbulent times following the events of 9/11.

Wendy's defining qualities—her generosity, kindness, and patriotism—were matched by her many passions. She was an avid Alabama fan, a lover of travel and beach days, and found joy in expressing her creativity through drawing. Above all, she loved being a grandmother, embracing every moment with her growing family.

Visitation will be Friday, September 12th, 2025, at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home at 5360 Deerfoot Parkway Trussville, AL. Visitation for family will be from 9-10am with friends visitation being from 10-11am. Funeral Services will begin after visitation.

Following the funeral service, we will all travel to the Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo-at3133 Highway 119, Montevallo AL, where final service will begin at 1 pm, with graveside to follow.

The family warmly thanks the CICU staff at Princeton Baptist for their heroic efforts and compassionate care as well as Dr. Player and his staff at UAB West Hospital.. Also, the Alabama Army National Guard, 226th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade; specifically Major General David Pritchett, Lieutenant Colonel Donald 'BJ' Grantham, Sergeant Joseph Kesterson and Governor Kay Ivey for their support during Wendy's final days and the recognition of her service and sacrifices for the state and nation.

Wendy will be deeply missed but is fondly remembered for a life filled with love, joy, strength, travel, adventure, curiosity and the enduring spirit of generosity.

The family is requesting that anyone who wishes to make a donation in Wendy's name to the Tunnel to Towers organization at t2t.org/donate/ to continue their mission of helping catastrophically wounded or ill Service Members and Law Enforcement Officers. This group assisted the family greatly when they suffered a devastating house fire.

"In recognition of Wendy's fervent support of our Military, Law Enforcement and First Responders; should you desire to do so, please wear your appropriate uniform."

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173

Committal Service

SEP 12. 1:15 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Tribute Wall



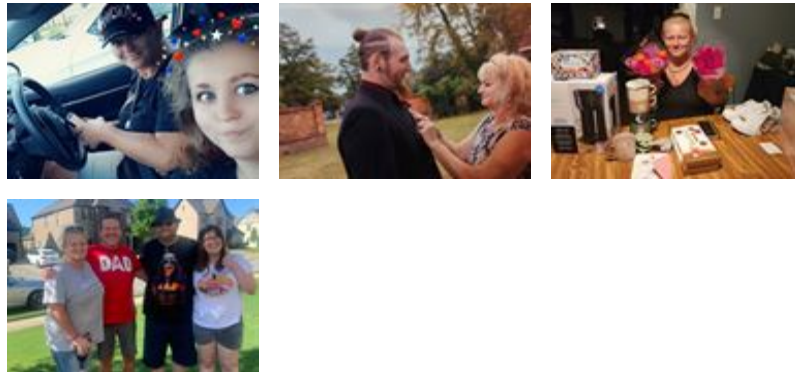
“ Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendy Lyn Badger



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - September 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM



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Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - September 12, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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“ Heartfelt Condolences, CICU Nurses planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendy Lyn Badger.

Heartfelt Condolences, CICU Nurses - September 11, 2025 at 03:16 PM

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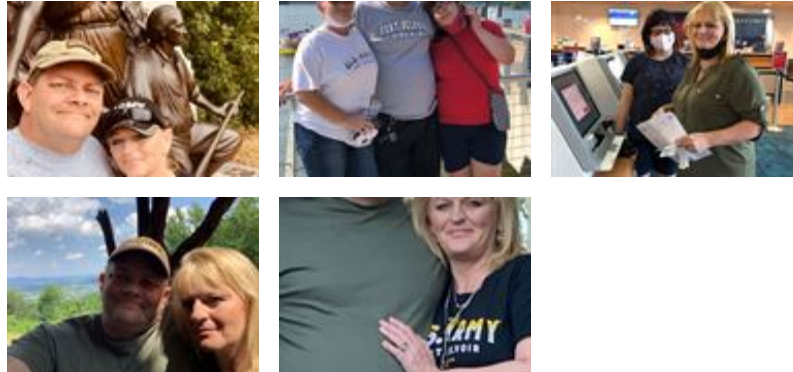
“ Heartfelt Condolences, CICU Nurses purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wendy Lyn Badger.



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“ I knew Wendy in highschool (MCADORY HIGHSCHOOL) and Wendy was such a sweet girl. She literally always was smiling and laughing. She will be missed. To her amazing friends and family Wendy was a bright light even in highschool. Fly home beautiful ❤️ your truly missed.

Kelly Kilgore-Nichols - September 11, 2025 at 06:43 AM

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“ I met Wendy at Bessemer State Technical College. I was 8 years older than her. Early on she made me feel comfortable in class. I felt like a mother hen to them considering most in the class was fresh out of high school. Looking back now Gods plan was that we meet and become friends. It was a trying time for us both back then. When we had time we would hang out at my Dads house. Wendy was a good friend and I will miss her. I pray for comfort for her family as she is laid to rest. 🙏



Sheila Salter - September 09, 2025 at 11:36 PM

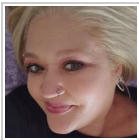
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“ Wendy was the love of my life. More than just my wife but also my best friend, partner, confidant, counselor and so much more. I cannot imagine my life without her. But I will continue on and finish this life in any way I can to make her proud. Until that glorious day that I join her.

Rest well Babes, your suffering is over. This world is a lesser place without your bright light.

I love you Babes!!!!

MSG(R) John A Badger - September 09, 2025 at 07:22 PM



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Tera Lindsey - September 09, 2025 at 04:38 PM