



Lynna Blackwell

In Remembrance | 1939-2025

Home:	Arkansas
Area of Ministry:	Arkansas and surrounding region
Ministry Focus:	Camp ministry, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Gideons, etc. New Life Ranch Partner with TBC since 1992

Longtime TBC partner Lynna Blackwell passed away in December 2025 after a life of ministry and endurance of Alzheimer's. She is survived by Randy, her husband of 61 years. Please keep praying for Randy as he is himself on hospice.

We are thankful for Lynna's work for the Lord and lasting impact on others! Read a bit about Lynna below.

Lynna grew up in the church, knowing and loving Jesus but not feeling an assurance of salvation. She went through a divorce, but in the midst of her feelings of defeat, the Lord brought Randy into her life. They were married and grew spiritually under solid Bible teaching.

Because of the Lord's gracious work in their lives, Randy and Lynna wanted to reach others with the good news of Jesus' love and forgiveness. This desire led them to many ministries, including Child Evangelism Fellowship, a boys' home in Missouri, Gideons Bible ministry, and New Life Ranch. Randy worked as executive director of New Life Ranch for several years, and Lynna filled various support roles, from secretary/registrar to food service director to bookkeeper.

In retirement, the Blackwells served on different ministry committees (missions, CEF, NLR, etc.) for many years.



From Lynna's obituary:

She loved music and was very talented on piano, organ, accordion and recorder — playing by ear. She was a poet, an artist and adventurer and a lover of all animals — even falsely accused of being a snake charmer. She was a fantastic cook and wonderful hostess to family, friends, traveling missionaries (at their "End of the Road" guest room in Siloam Springs) and to practical strangers, including homesick JBU students. She was lovingly known by NLR staff and many others as "Mama Jo" and to her grandchildren as "Granny Jo".

www.westfieldchapel.com/obituaries/Lynna-Jo-Blackwell?obId=46764609