



Leola "Lea" Gayle Stringer

September 4, 1949 - November 8, 2014

Leola Gayle Stringer of Fort Smith, Arkansas went to be with her Lord and Savior, Saturday, November 8, 2014 in Fort Smith, Arkansas surrounded by her loving family. Lea was born September 4, 1949 to Charley Hudgens and Shirley (Blalock) Hudgens in Waldron, Arkansas. Leola was 65 years, 2 months and 4 days old.

Lea was a member of Rye Hill Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. In January of 1967, Lea married the love of her life. They spent 46 years of wedded bliss until his passing in 2013. Lea loved to read and travel. Her most treasured past time was being a nana to her grandson.

Lea leaves behind to cherish her memory, one daughter, Angela Nigh of Greenwood, Arkansas, one son, Todd Stringer of Greenwood, Arkansas, one grandson, Clayton M. Nigh of Greenwood, Arkansas, one brother Jimmy Hudgens of Waldron, Arkansas. Lea will be missed by all that knew her and the many whose lives were impacted by her including a host of nieces, nephews, close friends and loved ones.

Lea is preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Stringer, her parents, Charley and Shirley Hudgens, and one sister, Sharon Owens.

Lea's life celebration will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the Rye Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Franklin officiating. Interment will

be in the Hon Cemetery in Hon Arkansas at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

Lea's pallbearers will be Shannon Hudgens, Sheldon Hudgens, Ronnie Keener, Dan Richardson, Todd Stringer and Clay Nigh.

Lea's visitation will be Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas where Lea's family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hon Cemetery, c/o Heritage Memorial Funeral Home, P.O. Box 358, Waldron, Arkansas 72958.

Tribute Wall

HA

“ Todd, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I wish you peace and many fond memories. In Friendship, Holly

Holly Anderson - November 12, 2014 at 08:03 AM

WD

“ Todd,

I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you today and in the days to come.

Walt

Walt Delp - November 11, 2014 at 03:04 PM

SR

“ My heart aches for the loss of this beautiful and sweet friend. She was ever so dear and smiling even through her pain. It is comforting to know that she is now in the arms of Jesus living the good life.. My heartfelt sympathy and love to the family.

Sandy Roe - November 11, 2014 at 10:22 AM

SW

“ Each year when my family(your Uncle Ed Blalock, Nadine, Sherry, Charline and Eddie) visited Arkansas, I enjoyed the picnics and all the fun we had together at your house, Jack Creek or Memaw Blalock's in Waldron. God bless you, during this time, dear cousin, Jimmy, and to Lea's son, daughter and grandson. What is so wonderful is that even though we did not get back to Waldron we will share forever together in Heaven because of Jesus! Hollis and I send our love and prayers to all of you and may you feel the presence of the Lord and His comfort and peace..



Sherry Blalock Whitaker - November 11, 2014 at 08:44 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lea's passing. She will be missed.



Ann Bingham - November 11, 2014 at 07:03 AM

RP

“ Leola was one of my closest friends in school. She was always so sweet and kind to everyone. We were the only two girls in Eddie Harrisons class with a bunch of seniors and we were in the 10th grade that is where she decided she was going to marry a red headed man and I decided I was going to marry Keith. I will never forget the day she meant Freddy, she said I meant the man of my dreams today and I said I guess he has red hair and she said and it is beautiful. I knew then the poor guy didn't have a chance. She loved that man from the first time she set eyes on him. They were one of the happiest couples I have ever known. I am so sorry she has left her loved ones but I think she is in the arms of her red headed man and no longer suffering.
May God Bless all who loved this wonderful woman and may he give all comfort in the coming days.
Rhonda & Keith Piles



Rhonda Piles - November 11, 2014 at 12:42 AM

CB

“ Leola & her family were our neighbors when I was a young girl growing up in Boles she use to come to our house & visit with us & I would walk with her sometimes on the old dirt road we had some fun times together. My sympathy & prayers go out to the family.

Christine Frost Bowles - November 10, 2014 at 08:23 PM

CL

“ *Thinking of you and praying for your comfort and strength at this time. May GOD bless each of you in a special way. Charlene and Larry Long Her friend and Freddie from Waldron.*

f

Charlene Long - November 10, 2014 at 07:17 PM

SB

“ *Angie, thinking of you at this time.*

sharon brigance - November 10, 2014 at 04:22 PM

LP

“ *Share a memory of Leola "Lea" Gayle Stringer or send condolences to the family.*



Lisa Pace - November 10, 2014 at 01:41 PM

LP

Angie, Todd and Clay I'm so sorry. Aunt Lea was the sweetest and kind person. I have special memories when they lived here in Waldron all of us kids would hunt Easter eggs and play in the creek next to their house and at Xmas we would have dinner @ Uncle Jimmy's and Aunt Carolyn's. Aunt Lea was an awesome seamstress too. U will always have a special place in my heart. Love, Lisa, Taylon and Donovan

Lisa Pace - November 11, 2014 at 12:40 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Aunt Lea. She was always good to me, and always made me feel welcome when I was around. She was a kind woman, and I know she will be missed dearly. Love Mandy and Maggie

Mandy - November 10, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leola "Lea" Gayle Stringer.



November 10, 2014 at 10:38 AM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Leola "Lea" Gayle Stringer.



November 10, 2014 at 10:34 AM