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Our “Chief” went to be with her Heavenly Father, on Thursday, October 21, 2021. She was at her beloved home in Dexter, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression with Lawanda’s family at www.andersonbethany.com.

There will be a Viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Monday, October 25, 2021, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the family home in Dexter.

Everyone is cordially invited to join the family.

Lawanda was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. November 9, 1931, to Sidney Hendrixson and Annie Hendrixson. The middle of six girls. She was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ in Dexter, New Mexico, and lived a long and happy life. Lawanda went back to school and became a Physical Therapist and worked at the New Mexico Rehabilitation Center of Roswell, St. Mary’s Hospital, and the YMCA. Later, she started working out of her home giving massages to friends. Married her sweetheart on March 31, 1947, he preceded her in death on February 8, 2013. She lived in the East Grand Plains area most of her life. Lawanda was the mother to four children: Nancy Holloway of Tyler Texas, James Jr Lay and wife Kathy of Dexter New Mexico, Gilbert Earl Lay of Roswell New Mexico; one sister Jan Shope and husband Terry of Rockport Texas.

Preceding Lawanda in death are her husband, James Lay; son, Connie Gene Lay; son-in-law, Glen Holloway; four sisters; sister-in-law, Earnestine Lawson; grandson, Efrin Fontanez.

Lawanda is survived by her grandchildren: Todd Holloway and wife Tonya of Marshall Texas, Daryl Holloway and wife Julie of Terrell Texas, Lisa Brady of Tyler Texas, Jason Lay of Tahlequah Oklahoma, C.J. Lay of Tahlequah Oklahoma, Ryan Lay of Roswell New Mexico, Brianna Lay of Roswell New Mexico, Tessa Fontanez of Dexter New Mexico, Michelle Lopez of Ft. Worth Texas; as well as eight great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Cindy Lay of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Lawanda's tribute was written in her honor by her family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM.

Family Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawanda Lay*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *A faithful saint, wife, mother, and grandmother. Precious soul that will not be forgotten. Welcome to your rest, reunion and reward through Christ our Lord.*

Denny Gumfory - October 26, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *I met Wanda through her daughter and my best friend Nancy Holloway, growing up in the East Grand Plains area. She treated me like family and welcomed me anytime I was at their home. Even though she is not with us anymore, know that she is in the best of hands with our Lord and united with her loved ones that went before her. Blessings of Love and Peace to her family and friends.*

Beverly Morrell - October 25, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *I met Mrs. Lay, through my then head s and, Glenn Tyler, He was friends with her sons, James and Connie. I remember a picture Glenn had of Mrs. Lay standing by a red Mustang. James must have inherited the love for cars honestly. James, I am so sorry for your loss. There is nothing I could do or say to make this loss better. I send all of your family my heartfelt condolences 🌸 God bless you all.*

Cleta Sharp - October 24, 2021 at 10:52 AM

WB

“ Haven't seen Wanda in awhile. Always looked forward to her smile when I would. My Mother and I went to Church with her, on Hobbs St. in Roswell years ago. Also James and boys when they were here. She was a wonderful person that will be missed by many. Prayers and love sent.
Wanda Brooks



Wanda Brooks - October 24, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lawanda Lay.



October 23, 2021 at 11:26 AM

SH

“ A Beautiful Lady..
Now an angel in heaven..
So saddened to hear of the passing of this Awesome Woman!!
She will be truly missed in the heart's of those who knew and loved her.. RIP Granny Lay 🙏🌹
My deepest condolences to ALL the LAY family... 🙏💕💕🙏


Sandra Harper - October 23, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BP

“ Wanda was the sweetest soul! I will miss seeing her in Walmart and our many conversations in the aisle. Prayers for the family

Bonnie Puntch - October 22, 2021 at 06:11 PM

EF

Mrs. Wanda, Beautiful spirit, I had the pleasure of knowing and working with. She'll be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Soar High


Elia Franco - October 22, 2021 at 11:33 PM

BM

I met Wanda through my best friend Nancy Holloway, a dear friend for 60 years. Even though I have not seen her for many years, I remember she was so kind and sweet to me when I would be at their home. Blessings of Love and Peace be with her family.

Beverly Morrell - October 25, 2021 at 01:59 PM

BM

I met Wanda through her daughter Nancy Holloway, a best friend of 60 years. We were raised in the East Grand Plains area and attended school together. I spent a lot of time at their home growing up and Wanda was always so sweet and kind to me. She lives on in our memories and through her family and friends. Love and Blessings to her family.

Beverly Morrell - October 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM