



## Dorothy (Leola) Smith

March 17, 1955 - December 23, 2024

Dorothy Leola Smith, of Terrell, passed away peacefully into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Dec. 23, 2024.

Leola was born March 17, 1955, in Terrell to Earl and Ernestine Toland, both of whom welcomed her into Heaven along with her sisters, Helen and Wanda and her brothers, Ernest, and Roger. Leola was a lifelong and recognizable resident of the Elmo and Terrell communities where her bright personality and her ever-present smile made sure that others could see the joy she always felt. She was a devoted wife and mother with a never-ending amount of patience for her family. On August 31, 1973, she married her best friend, Harmon, and together they were blessed to have two wonderful children, Deanna and Jason. Leola was a born caregiver and her heart and generosity in serving others was a direct reflection of her love for her Savior, Jesus, and her dedication to the churches she was a member of was widely known. She was an active and faithful member of Bible Baptist Church for many years and then a longtime member of Victory Baptist Church in Terrell. She served in any capacity she felt led by the Holy Spirit, including in the church offices as secretary and in worship ministry where she loved praising the Lord! Her constant love for others and faith in Him was a firm foundation for Leola's life and this legacy of love will be proudly carried on by the current and future generations that began, in love, with her and Harmon.

Her memory will continue to be celebrated by those who loved her including her husband, Harmon Smith of Terrell; daughter, Deanna Ledbetter and husband, Jeremy, of Terrell; son, Jason Smith and wife, Marci, of Midlothian; grandchildren: Matt Ledbetter, Kylee Smith, Taylor Smith, Maddox Smith and Henley Smith; brother, John Toland and wife, Toni, of Decatur, Ill., and many other nieces, nephews, other extended family, beloved church family and many friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, at Victory Baptist Church in Terrell with family receiving friends beginning at 10:00am to service time. Interment will follow her funeral service at Elmo Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmo Cemetery

CR 352  
Elmo, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Victory Baptist Church  
6651 Colquitt Rd  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Victory Baptist Church  
6651 Colquitt Rd  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy (Leola) Smith*

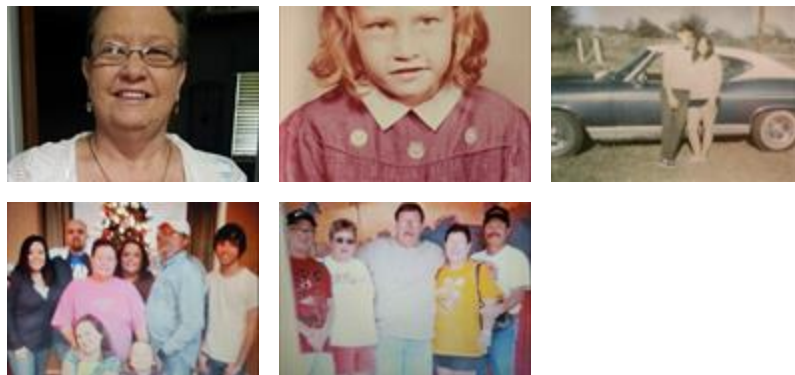


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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - January 15, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - December 30, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KS

“ Dear Harmon, Deanna, Jeremy, Jason, Marci and all of Leola’s family,  
Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you on the loss of your dear Wife, Mother, MIL, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt & friend! Her beautiful smile & heart will live on in each of you! She was a beautiful friend of mine for many years & she will definitely be missed!  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Karo & Wilson Stewart



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**Karo Stewart** - December 30, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LM

“ Love, Danny & Vicki McEnergy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy (Leola) Smith.



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**Love, Danny & Vicki McEnergy** - December 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

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“ My heart will remember her singing, her harmony and her tears as she would feel the words of some of the songs she sang. I will feel her hugs in my dreams, as I have many times already and I will smile at her contagious laughter in my memories! She made me feel so very loved and I will miss all that she shared with me. ( I will meet you one day in Beulah Land sweet friend.)

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**Sandy Mahaffey** - December 29, 2024 at 11:02 PM

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“ *Leola was always a happy friendly person. We lived down the street from each other as kids and attended Bible Baptist Church. Leola had a beautiful soul. I know she will be missed so much by her family and friends. May you RIP sweet lady.*



Linda Jordan Tipps - December 29, 2024 at 10:03 PM

KM

“ *I will miss Leola, tremendously. The light of our Holy Father shined so brightly through her. She taught me so very much during her journey and I loved her so deeply for that! May God open her with welcome arms!*

Kelly Mahaffey - December 29, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Leola) Smith.*



December 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Toland's and Hester's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy (Leola) Smith.*



Toland's and Hester's - December 26, 2024 at 01:52 PM