



## Leta Howell

June 18, 2022

Leta Sue Lehew Howell, formerly of Terrell and lately of Arlington, passed away to join beloved family that has gone before her on June 18, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. Leta was born on May 5, 1941 to Frank and Marie Lehew in Terrell, Texas. She was greeted in Heaven by her parents, and her brother, James Frank Lehew who passed in 2021, step-father, who raised her, Orvel Flanagan and husband, Ron Upshaw.

Growing up in Terrell, Leta had a wonderful outlook despite losing her father, Frank, at a young age. She graduated from Terrell High School in 1958 and then went on to graduate from Mary Hardin Baylor University with her Teaching Certificate in 1962. She lived in Lubbock teaching elementary school where her love of her students was a daily blessing to all she taught. Leta was a proud mother of two sons: Mark Alan Howell born in 1969 and Brian Edgar Howell born in 1971. Leta's proudest accomplishment was raising them to be excellent examples of love and compassion to others. While the boys were young, she moved to Arlington in 1972 where she taught at various elementary schools as well as continued to raise her family in a home filled with love and laughter. In 1981, she made a career change to become a licensed Realtor and formed ERA Smith and Howell Real Estate where she once again had a personality to help others see a house with new eyes. Leta's commitment to her clients enabled many dreams to come true for other families buying not just a house, but an actual home! She attended Second Baptist Church in Lubbock and Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington

where she met many wonderful people who became just like family to her. Leta enjoyed local and national politics, all genres of music and any and all Cadillacs! Leta was able to marry her best friend, Ron Upshaw, and they had a wonderful relationship until his passing. A beautiful lady, inside and out, with a talent for making anyone feel instantly at ease in any environment, Leta will be so very missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She leaves her memory to be cherished by her sons: Mark Howell and Brian Howell and wife, Marla; her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as treasured nieces, nephews, other extended family and a host of countless friends, clients, and, most importantly, students, all of whose lives she positively impacted!

Leta's funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Monday, June 27, 2022 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. Her family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 pm to service time.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Leta Howell*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - June 30, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Leta Howell*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Much love, Connie's family. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Leta Howell.*



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**Much love, Connie's family.** - June 26, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leta Howell.*



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June 25, 2022 at 06:37 PM

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“ *Leta was definitely a unique and special lady. She showed great love for her family and friends and expressed joy of time spent with them. I'm blessed to have known her and shared in a part of her life. Rest In Peace sweet lady. Love, Gail Devitt*

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**Gail Devitt** - June 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

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“ *I met Leta Sue as a freshman at UMHB where we became friends. Fond memories remain of those days in college. May God's peace n comfort be with you at this sad time and may fond memories bring smiles.*



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**Mary Quiroz Thomson** - June 25, 2022 at 01:14 PM

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“ *Some of the greatest memories of my life began on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. I met Leta Sue, Marjanne Norton Thomas and Ruby Nell Barr Schick (my roommate) when they were freshmen and I was a junior transfer. The four of us bonded quickly and have remained friends throughout the years. We made it a point for the four of us to get together at least for a few days almost every year since graduation. We have shared so many stories, laughs, and fun times together. Many of my friends have told me they wish they had made college friendships like ours that have carried throughout a lifetime. I have been so blessed to count these four ladies as my closest friends all these years, and Leta Sue will be dearly missed. Prayers for her beautiful family.*

*Carolyn Brunson Vardeman, Class of 1961 UMHB*

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**Carolyn Vardeman** - June 24, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Leta Howell.*



June 24, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Leta Howell.*



June 24, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Leta Sue Lehew was my neighbor on Frances st. One day she said she was coming down to play. I went to meet her and she was walking down the street on her hands. Later I asked her if she could still walk on her hands and she no way just doing good walking on my feet. I have a lot good tales about out gang on Frances st. Praying for her boys.*



**Elaine Kasper** - June 23, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Nancy Clower lit a candle in memory of Leta Howell*



**Nancy Clower** - June 21, 2022 at 02:19 PM