



## Oleta Fay Letney

December 29, 1938 - July 1, 2020

Oleta Fay Letney, of Forney, passed away on July 1, 2020. Oleta was born Dec. 29, 1938 in Elkhart, TX to James and Annie (Williamson) Gray, both of whom preceded her in death along with her husband, John E. Letney, daughter, Patricia Jean Letney and grandsons, John Philip Smith and Jimmy Edward Floyd.

Oleta was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Ola where she loved attending every chance she could. A faithful prayer warrior, Oleta made sure that the people she knew were covered in prayers of protection. She was a wonderful seamstress and the care and talent that she had was evident in everything she sewed. Her family was her life and she was a devoted mom, grandmom and friend to all who loved her. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, and gardening and her flowers were the envy of everyone. A beautiful woman inside and out, Oleta will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by her daughters: Joy Christen and husband, David, Judy Letney, and Edna Leonard; grandchildren: Rachael, Adam, Christie, Amanda, T.J., Joanie, Jeanie, Dallas and Mary Ann; 24 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren as well as several other extended family and a host of friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00am, on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. For those wishing, memorials in memory of Oleta may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oleta Fay Letney*

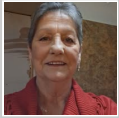
October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Joy Christen sent a virtual gift in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



**Joy Christen** - July 09, 2020 at 06:52 PM



*My mom was the strongest woman I ever knew. I thought mom had a direct line to heaven. Mom would always tell me "I m smiling for you baby " that would always calm me down. She would pray with me, everything would calm down. Forever I will miss her until my time when I can join her.*

**Joy Christen** - July 09, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *One thing I know is Oleta loved LOVED her flowers! She taught me alot! Love her so much. For the short time I was able to be in her life, shes an amazing MOM!*



**Kelly and Paul Leonard** - July 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Kortney Johnson lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



**Kortney Johnson** - July 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM

KJ

“ *Missing you more and more Grandmother* ❤️



Kayle Johnson - July 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM

EL

“ *Edna Leonard sent a virtual gift in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Edna Leonard - July 06, 2020 at 04:50 PM

KL

*Beautiful*

Kelly& Paul Leonard - July 09, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ *Jeanie Mccoy lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



jeanie mccoy - July 06, 2020 at 04:32 PM

JE

“ *3 files added to the album LifeTributes*



jeanie - July 06, 2020 at 03:36 PM

JL

*Love these pictures Jeanie*

Judy A Letney - July 06, 2020 at 04:02 PM

JM

*I miss granny a bunch*

jeanie mccooy - July 06, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 06, 2020 at 02:29 PM

EL

*My mother loved her family and always loved cooking sewing and traveling with any one of us.*

Edna Leonard - July 07, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oleta Fay Letney.



July 06, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KB

“ Kathy Dunaway Barecky lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney



Kathy Dunaway Barecky - July 05, 2020 at 09:52 PM

KB

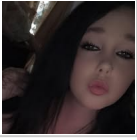
*My Aunt Oleta meant more to me than anyone knows. I could talk to her about everything and she would listen. I hurt inside, but it's my loss of someone very dear to me. I just love her so much.*

Kathy Dunaway Barecky - July 05, 2020 at 09:57 PM

BB

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother, I remember her from Westminster Church of God she was a precious lady praying for the family*

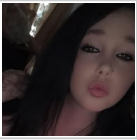
Barbara Boggs - July 04, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Seminole Gray lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Seminole Gray - July 03, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *Seminole Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Seminole Gray - July 03, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *Christie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Christie Johnson - July 03, 2020 at 08:59 PM

BG

“ *I remembered the time I drove to visit her in north Texas and we just sat in talked about the days of the past,will always remember her as such a wonderful lady,my Aunt Liter as we called her,welcome home Auntie*

bobby gray - July 03, 2020 at 06:54 PM

MA

“ *Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



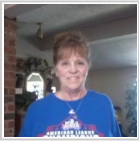
Mary - July 03, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KE

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful Aunt, stand in Momma and all around friend. Aunt Liter as we called her will always be a very special person in my heart, as I am certain she is to a multitude of family and friends. My favorite memory of this beautiful lady is summers I spent with her, I was taught to not only garden but also to can, and to have a great understanding of the love of Christ our Lord and savior. And, I attribute great admiration to the times I spent with My Aunt and Uncle John Edward. I was truly blessed with a very loving God fearing family, and I praise God for each of them, and for giving me such a wonderful Aunt. Until we meet again beautiful lady I love you.*



Katie Ellis - July 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *I am 71 years old Grandmother has been apart of my life for many years. I don't remember how old I was when they moved up the street from us in Farmers Branch on Hearthstone. I tried to see her every chance I got. I lloved her as if she was my grandmother too. I wiil miss her.*

Dorothy Brassell - July 02, 2020 at 09:45 PM

EL

“ *Edna Leonard lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Edna Leonard - July 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM



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Joanie McCoy - July 02, 2020 at 04:03 PM



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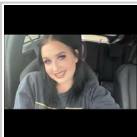


Joanie McCoy - July 02, 2020 at 04:02 PM



Good times

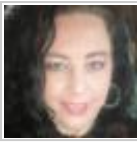
Edna Leonard - July 07, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ Brooklyn Shelly lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney



Brooklyn Shelly - July 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Joanie McCoy lit a candle in memory of Oleta Fay Letney*



Joanie McCoy - July 02, 2020 at 11:31 AM



*I hope this candle never burns out Granny, just know you were loved, and you are missed, and we will keep you in our hearts forever. I love you Grandmother.*

Joanie McCoy - July 02, 2020 at 11:32 AM

JM

“ *My dearest Granny, i know you hated it that i called you that but you allowed it because you were so wonderful. Words can not express the sadness and selfishness that i have because I was not ready for you to go but Granny i know you are in a better place. I know you are with the love of your life and with God. Granny we will try to keep the plants up lord knows you love your flowers, I hope God has draped you in purple. And Granny just know you was always my favorite person in the world. I cant image how we will make it with out you. You was always a rock for us, you was on the main line to God and lord knows you used it when it came to me and the girls! you filled my life with joy i could not have every wanted a better grandmother. I have a question for you:*

*Tell me, what does it look like in heaven?  
Is it peaceful? Is it free like they say?  
Does the sun shine bright forever?  
Have your fears and your pain gone away?*

*Oh, oh, I  
I hope you're dancing in the sky  
And I hope you're singing in the angel's choir  
And I hope the angels know what they have  
I'll bet it's so nice up in heaven since you arrived*

*So tell me, what do you do up in heaven?  
Are your days filled with love and light?  
Is there music? Is there art and adventure?  
Tell me are you happy? Are you more alive?*

*I love you and you will be greatly missed. But for ever in our hearts.*

Joanie McCoy - July 02, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oleta Fay Letney.*



July 02, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Rachael Dawn Flynn was added to the Family Tree.*

**Christie Johnson** - July 02, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *Joshua Adam Flynn was added to the Family Tree.*

**Christie Johnson** - July 02, 2020 at 10:08 AM

AL

“ *Words can't describe the hurt I'm feeling. I always loved sitting at the table and talking to you. Some of my earliest childhood memories and best ones were always with you in the kitchen. Every time I came over we always make cookies or cakes. You taught me how to bake from scratch. I'll never forget When we made all of those fondant flowers for Grandma's wedding cake or when we decided we were having Mexican food for Christmas dinner and we made tamales. I always love going to your house in the summers to can food. I loved playing dress up in your hills and clanking around the house. I love that you never met a stranger and you prayed for everyone and you prayed hard. It's selfish for me to want you back here because I know you're having such a great time with granddaddy. I love you so much grandmother.*

**Allison Lassiter** - July 02, 2020 at 10:06 AM

KJ

“ *My sweet Grandmother, There isn't enough space on this page to explain what you mean to me. I admired you faith and love for Jesus! You were always a bright shining spot in my life. You accepted me into your family from the moment I walked into your door. I will miss your prayers, your stories, and all the Holidays we spent together in the kitchen dancing and singing. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. I will treasure your love forever. Until we meet again! Love Kayle Bug.*

**Kayle Johnson** - July 02, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *The first thing that I think of when I think of you is Prayer Warrior. You have taught all of your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and yes even your great great grandchildren to pray. You have taught me that I need to put God first in eerything that he will always be there when we need him. You were my beautiful grandmother and I can't imagine being in this world without you. I cannot express how much I loed you and how much you have always meant to me. You were our ROCK.... I am going to miss talking to you and calling you to pray. I have always said you had a line straight to Jesus. Grandmother I will neer forget the lesson you taught me about the mustard seed!!!! I will never forget my summers with you, you teaching me to crocket and to sew. I will neer forget us baking together and you saying my Chrishopper can do it, well grandmother I don't know how your Chrishopper is going to do life without you. I know you are so happy now being with Jesus, granddaddy and your family. But I want you too.... Forever and always I will love you.... till I see you in heaven...*

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**Christie Johnson** - July 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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**Allison Lassiter** - July 02, 2020 at 10:05 AM