



Oneta Ritchie Ott

March 19, 1921 - March 29, 2017

Oneta Ritchie Ott, passed away March 29, 2017 in Terrell surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 19, 1921 in Kaufman County, Tx to Neb and Maudie Jay (Baxter) Hargrove. She was met in Heaven by her Savior, her parents, her husbands, Wayne Ritchie, who passed in 1980, and Wilbert Ott, who passed in 1996 and eight brothers and sisters.

Being born in the era of the Great Depression, Oneta learned early in life that a good work ethic was just as important as a loving family during good and challenging times. She first saw the love of her life, Wayne Ritchie, when she was 13 years old when he came to visit with her father. He immediately asked Neb permission to take her on a date after which they dated for 6 years until marrying on Jan. 11, 1940. During that 6 years, Wayne would work hard to grow many business opportunities that both he and Oneta worked side by side to develop. Never one to sit idle, she and her husband, Wayne Ritchie, could be found together at the many commercial ventures they established together from gas stations to a laundromat to rental properties. After Wayne's death, her complete trust in the Lord helped her concentrate on continuing to work as well as staying involved with their children.

She later married Wilbert (Bill) Ott in 1983 and they shared 13 wonderful years until his passing in 1996. Oneta had been a faithful member of both First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for over 30

years. She was also a devoted member of College Mound United Methodist church where she was active in the United Methodist Womens Ministry as well as other ministries that highlighted her personality of service above self. Never being one to slow down, Oneta loved walking, was a fabulous dancer, and she was known for being an enthusiastic Dallas Cowboys fan during all their seasons. A vibrant personality with the warmest and most genuine smile, Oneta will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Barbara Kines of Terrell, Larry Ritchie and wife, Vicki of Holly Lake Ranch, Susan Zagorski and husband Edward of Las Colinas; grandchildren: Carey Kines and husband David Kellogg, Kimberly Rediehs and Tom, Cole Ritchie, Emily Zagorski and Anna Zagorski; great grandchildren: Nick Rediehs and wife, Jenny; John Rediehs and wife, Kristina, Kelly Gatz and husband Larry, Zachary Aiken and wife, Megan and Jillian Aiken; great-great grandchildren: Faith, Madison, Aubrey, and Payton Aiken, Harvey, Weston, and Ellen Rediehs, and Taylor Gatz as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends including special and devoted friend, Jerry Smith.

Oneta will be laid to rest next to Wayne at 10:30am, Saturday, April 1, 2017 at College Mound Cemetery with a celebration of her life and legacy at 11:30am, at College Mound United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday, March 31, 2017 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Oneta's name to the Arthritis Foundation at www.arthritis.org.

Cemetery Details

College Mound Cemetery

15151 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Committal Service

APR 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Mound Cemetery
15151 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Celebration of Life

APR 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

College Mound United Methodist Church
15151 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Tribute Wall



“ *Oneta Ritchie Ott*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Oneta's passing. I only knew of her through our many visits at Gordon's Beauty Salon. She was a lovely lady who lived life to the fullest. She loved her family and loved sharing her adventures with them. I know she will be greatly missed. She was a joy to know. Betty Babovec*

Betty Babovec - April 12, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Mrs. Ritchie as Barbara and I grew up in Terrell. She was always so kind and cheerful. Please know that my prayers are with all of you at this time. Linda Mills Allen*

linda allen - April 01, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Cameron Sutton lit a candle in memory of Oneta Ritchie Ott*



Cameron Sutton - March 30, 2017 at 08:37 PM

LF

“ *Lynne, Peggy, Debbie and their families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Oneta Ritchie Ott.*



Lynne, Peggy, Debbie and their families - March 30, 2017 at 12:20 PM

PD

“ *Susan and family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was soooo sweet. She always had a smile on her face. Every time I saw her she would always say "well hello Pam" (I can still hear her voice) and she would give me a hug. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pam Williams DeFord - March 30, 2017 at 07:31 AM

DB

“ *My dear sweet Great Aunt Neta...the person everyone wanted to sit by. Vivacious and fun, kind and dear. I'll miss you, Neta....*

Debbie Bozeman-Zook - March 29, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oneta Ritchie Ott.*



March 29, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Oneta Ritchie Ott.*



March 29, 2017 at 03:04 PM