



Stella LaCour

December 29, 2024

Stella LaCour, 104 years old, of Terrell, passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2024 with family at her side. Stella was born Sept. 19, 1920 in Vick, Louisiana to James and Mary Ann Barker, both of whom met her in Heaven along with her husband, Joseph (J.W.) LaCour, son, Justin LaCour, daughter, Linnea LaCour Templin and grandson, Cody Gunter and her eleven siblings.

In her youth, Stella worked alongside her family in the cotton fields picking cotton to help out. Later, after she married J.W, she was a devoted wife and mother and her ability to make a happy home will always be a treasured memory to her family. Throughout her life, she loved her yard and gardening and Stella had an enviable skill of being able to grow anything into a vibrant plant, flower or vegetable. She loved spending time with her family and cooking them her signature specialties like chocolate sheath cake, lemon and coconut pies and strawberry cake. You could always count on Stella to have something sweet to eat and it was always delicious. One of her dishes, "Nanny's Yams" was made by Stella for gatherings, and always without a recipe as she measured with her heart! To this day, the family is still trying to replicate the taste: getting closer but still not as good as Stella made them! After the children were older, Stella worked at Texas Aluminum on the packaging line and was later employed as a medical aide with Alexander Hospital. She also worked at Terrell State Hospital where her compassion and kindness were blessings to the patients and staff. Stella enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together, playing Bingo and was always ready for a quick trip to Shreveport! Always one to stay active, Stella loved living at the Terrell Senior Terraces where she, again, made many friends and participated in activities like water aerobics and line dancing. She often told her family that she and her dance group would be at a local long term care facility performing 'for the elders'! At this time, she was close to 90 years old herself. Her zest for life kept her young AND young at heart. There wasn't a day that she didn't get dressed, put her make up on and get ready to take on the world. She will always be remembered as a 'go getter' and a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and great-great grandmother who was always there for her family any time they needed her.

She leaves her legacy of love to be carried on by her daughters, Helma LaCour Rabal and husband, Clifford, and Betsy LaCour Petty; grandchildren: Seth Rabal, Mark Bryant, Stephanie Rabal and husband, Robert, and Cynthia LaCour; 9 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends, each of whom loved Stella very much.

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with her family receiving friends beginning at 1:00pm prior to service time. Interment will follow at Oakland Memorial Park where she will be laid to rest with her beloved husband,

JW. For those wishing, donations may be made in memory of Stella to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/dallasnetexas>

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

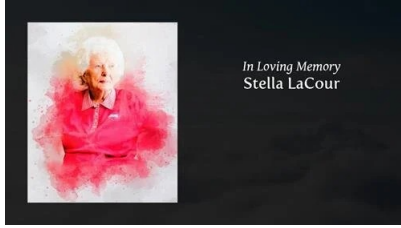
JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Stella LaCour*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 15, 2025 at 03:14 PM

MF

“ *What a beautiful long life lived. Sending prayers to her family. Thinking of you all during this time. Marsha & Joe Flowers*



Marsha Flowers - January 10, 2025 at 05:09 PM

KS

“ *Dear Helma, Betsy, Stephanie & families,
Thank you for sharing your beautiful Mother, & Grandmother with me for all of these years! All of you have always felt like family to me! I always loved her sweet smile & her sweet sense of humor especially when I would ask her if she still could dance and she would say, “ You bet I bet I can do you want to see me teach all of these “old people how to dance!” Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. She will never be forgotten!
With Deepest Sympathy & Love,
Karo & Wilson*



Karo Stewart - January 02, 2025 at 01:53 PM

LP

“ *Such a privilege to have been part of Ms. Stella's care. Started as a stranger & now so happy to call this family my friends*

LaVina Patman - January 02, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stella LaCour.*



January 01, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SG

“ *Seth Rabal & Taylor Gedelman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Stella LaCour.*



Seth Rabal & Taylor Gedelman - January 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM

SG

“ *Seth Rabal & Taylor Gedelman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella LaCour.*

Seth Rabal & Taylor Gedelman - January 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM

HL

“ *Helma L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella LaCour.*

Helma L. - January 01, 2025 at 07:21 PM

KS

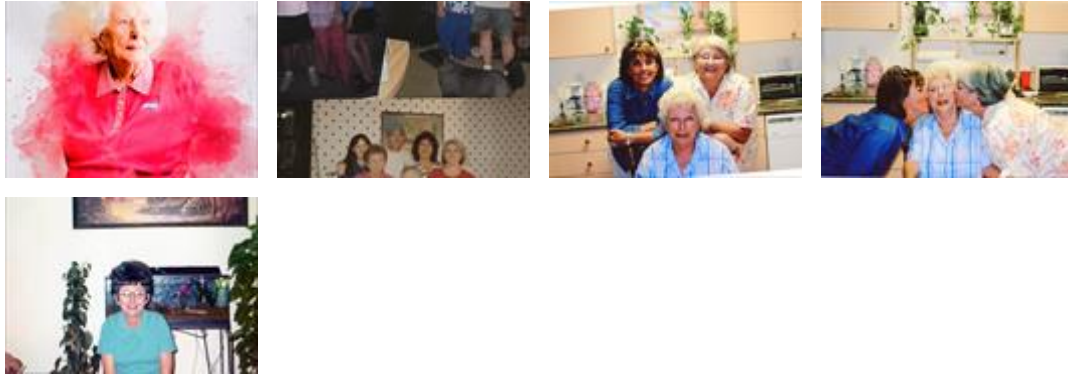
“ *Stella was a delightful person to know. I remember many times when she lived at Terrell Senior Terraces while walking my dog visiting with her on her patio.*



Kay Squires - January 01, 2025 at 03:16 PM

MF

“ 42 files added to the album memories



Max Slayton Funerals - January 01, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JO

“ John and Lynda Odom purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stella LaCour.



John and Lynda Odom - January 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JO

“ John and Lynda Odom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stella LaCour.

John and Lynda Odom - January 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stella LaCour.



December 31, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stella LaCour.

December 31, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JG

“ John Ganter purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stella LaCour.



John Ganter - December 31, 2024 at 05:00 PM

LA

“ Love Kim, Trey, and Alissa purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Stella LaCour.



Love Kim, Trey, and Alissa - December 30, 2024 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ Beautiful lady. I enjoyed visiting with her when my Mother, Annette Lovell, was living at Colonial Lodge. She was so sweet to always ask about Mama and her wonderful sense of humor helped lift my spirits. Love and prayers to Mrs. LaCour's family.
Margaret Lovell Matura

Margaret Lovell Matura - December 30, 2024 at 08:33 PM