



Mrs. Leota Faye Fitzsimmons

December 11, 1936 - October 25, 2014

Leota Faye Fitzsimmons, 77, of Wann, died Saturday in Bartlesville.

Leota was born the daughter of Bliss Delbert and Frances Beatrice (Claiborne) Doane on Dec. 11, 1936, in Fredonia, KS. She was raised and educated in Fredonia, and she grew up in the Pilgrim Wesleyan Church and enjoyed her summers at church camp. After graduating high school in 1956, Leota furthered her education at Colorado Christian College, Colorado Springs, before attending Friends University in Wichita and then Bartlesville Wesleyan College where she earned her degree in early childhood education.

Leota married Harold Finkenbinder on Aug. 9, 1960, in Fredonia, and two children Lawrence and Sydney were born to this union. Leota later worked for Montgomery Ward, Harold Thomas Jeweler, and Sears, and during this time she was united in marriage with Phillip Joe Fitzsimmons on April 27, 1986, and they blended their two families together. Leota served 13 years as the secretary at Dewey Christian Church before retiring in 1999. She and Phil enjoyed 28 years together.

Leota took great pride in the cleanliness of her home and she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Cooking and hosting family get-togethers were special to her. She enjoyed the birds that lived in the trees near her house and listening to her favorite gospel and country music. She will be dearly missed.

Leota is survived by her husband Phil of the home; seven children, Lawrence Finkenbinder and Deborah of Bartlesville, Sydney Askrens of Dewey, Marsha Greeland of Bartlesville, Phillip Fitzsimmons Jr and Dianne of Weatherford, OK, Renae Barnett and Royce of Bartlesville, Daniel Fitzsimmons and Kari of Carthage, MO, and Tim Fitzsimmons and Denè of Wann; as well as one brother Roland Doane and Shannon of Fredonia; one sister Emmajean Snook of Santa Ana, CA, her mother in law, Leona N. Carroll; 24 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters Frances Law and Betty Joe Doane.

Leota's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, at Dewey Christian Church with Rev. Casey Parham officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Leota's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Gathering of Friends and Family

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Leota Faye Fitzsimmons*



Davis Family Funeral Home - October 28, 2014 at 08:39 AM

BW

“ *Betty Doane White and husband, Harlan send our condolences to the family. Leota was my cousin and a wonderful sweet and quiet saint.*

Betty White - October 31, 2014 at 01:37 PM

DL

“ *Dear family, I am truly sorry. My prayers go out to you all. Aunt Leota will be missed by us all. I am sure she is in heaven with the Lord and her mom & dad and my mom will help keep her in line. I love you all. Davie.....*

David Law - October 29, 2014 at 08:02 PM

DH

“ My Aunt Leota will always hold a special place in my heart. I will always remember growing up and all the fun times we had getting to spend the night with Aunt Leota. :) We would spend lots of time laughing and having girl fun. I remember all the games we played. She was always a blast to be with. Just seeing the video put a tear in my eye and made me feel blessed to be a part of her life. We will look forward to our Great reunion in Heaven. Don't you know they are having one big party in Heaven. We Love You!

Debra

Debra Hoff - October 28, 2014 at 11:09 PM

LM

“ Phil, sure sorry to hear about Leota. I understand what you are going through. I sure enjoyed working with Leota. I pray that God will bless you and your family in a marvelous way.

God bless you!

Leon Martin

Leon Martin - October 28, 2014 at 10:48 PM

SE

“ I will miss this precious life from our world. Leota was not only my Aunt but a real friend. We had so many, many fun time's together, built memories to last a life time. She was a real joy, delight to be with. I'll miss her laughter and sparkle in her eye. Leota is with all our family in the next world...until we're together again, Leota. I love you, always!

Sharen Ezell

Sharen Ezell - October 28, 2014 at 01:56 AM

LP

“ *I remember Leota when we were small girls in Fredonia. When World War II was over, her Daddy gave us each a dime to go to town and get ice cream cones. My Daddy was the pastor at the Fredonia Pilgrim Holiness Church. I've always remembered her that way. So sorry for her passing.*

Lois (Pottenger) Penfold

Lois Penfold - October 27, 2014 at 06:48 PM