



Zella Avey

August 20, 1962 - February 13, 2016

Zella Louise Avey of Tulsa was a loving wife and mother of seven, grandmother of 23 and friend to many. She died Saturday in Tulsa after 53 years of life in her home state of Oklahoma.

Zella was born the daughter of Riley Lee and Zella Maxine (Caviness) Nichol on Aug. 20, 1962, in Tahlequah. She was raised and educated in Tahlequah. Later in life Zella moved to Beggs where she lived for many years and made many close and special friends. For the past several years she lived in Tulsa with her husband Harrell Wayne "Pete" McGuire.

Zella easily made friends - not just friends but friends that become family. Her passion in life was her kids and grandkids and she often had as many as 15 at her house at any one time. As her kids were growing up Zella took great interest in their school activities and helped out with the sports they were involved in. Zella loved football, especially the New Orleans Saints, so she collected anything with their logo or name. She enjoyed camping trips to Tahlequah which were always great fun especially when other family members would join in. But most of all Zella is remembered for the loving care she showered on her 23 grandchildren.

Zella is survived by her husband "Pete"; seven children, Larry Avey, Kevin Avey, Amanda Avey, Harrell Wayne Avey, Jessie Avey, Nikki Avey and Jenifer

McGuire; three brothers, R.J. Lee Nichol, Ronnie Lee Nichol and Jerry Neal Nichol; one sister Barbara Mauman; and 23 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother Ronni Lee Nichol.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, at the Ochelata Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Zella's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Ochelata

West 2900 Road
Ochelata, OK

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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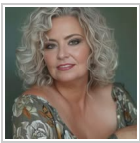
Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Mia lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey*

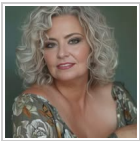


Mia - November 04, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ *Happy Anniversary Old Woman. I love you and miss you so much!*

Renee Roley - March 17, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Renee Roley lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey*



Renee Roley - March 17, 2022 at 09:15 AM

RE

“ *RENEE lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey*



RENEE - December 01, 2021 at 02:00 PM

MD

“ i'm going to miss you grandma

mia deatherage - February 25, 2021 at 12:40 PM

HM

“ I remember when i was afraid to dance in front of some family members and she encourage me to do it and she told me to not be shy or afraid because there is nothing to be afraid of she was my best friend and she always will be even though she is not here with me now she will always be in my heart, you are in a better place now, I LOVE U GRANDMA. -Hailey McGuire



Hailey McGuire - October 27, 2020 at 01:46 PM

RK

“ Renee Kinkade lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey



renee kinkade - March 29, 2016 at 04:42 PM

 Michelle Acree

“ I'm going to miss you Aunt Zella



Michelle Acree - February 19, 2016 at 12:25 PM

KP

“ *Karla Poe lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey*



Karla Poe - February 19, 2016 at 09:41 AM

KP

Praying for all of you.

Karla Poe - February 19, 2016 at 09:42 AM

TW

“ *For a very special aunt that I love very much I'm going to miss sitting and talking with you about anything and everything I could always call you and talk to you and you would always listen loves you lots and miss you aunt zella Avey Love tabby*



tabatha wilson - February 18, 2016 at 11:22 PM

LS

“ *I love you Aunt zella and will miss are talks on fb and your hugs when i would see you at the store...*



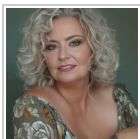
Lawanda Simpson - February 18, 2016 at 03:24 PM

AG

“ Aunt Renee, Tim, Toya, Shelly, Michael, Bradley and Gavian purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Zella Avey.



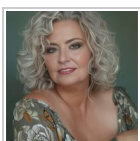
Aunt Renee, Tim, Toya, Shelly, Michael, Bradley and Gavian -
February 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ Renee Roley lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey



Renee Roley - February 17, 2016 at 10:15 PM



“ My crazy ,sweet , loving sister of my heart. Zella my heart is broken. I miss you my friend. I never imagined this day would come so soon....I know we talked about it and we somehow both knew that I'd be the one that'd wind up holding the reins. I'll always watch over Petey and the kids (not gonna baby em big kid britches will be pulled up 😊) I will sometimes remember you and smile...and other times the memories will sneak out of my eyes and run down my face. You are one of a kind and I'm so thankful we had each other to lean on all these years. Now I stand alone but I know that you will always be looking over me....I've seen the little signs you've thrown in my path...and I've heard your laughter clear as day....and in my heart I know you are letting me know you made it...and you are happy and at rest. I love you...and I love you some more 🥹🥹🥹



Renee Roley - February 17, 2016 at 10:15 PM

KB

“ *Kathryn Bell lit a candle in memory of Zella Avey*



Kathryn Bell - February 17, 2016 at 11:16 AM