



Leta V. Olson

October 1, 1932 - December 26, 2018

Leta Vern Gleason Olson, 86, of Pampa passed away December 26, 2018 in Amarillo.

Services will be 2:00 PM Sunday, December 30, 2018 in the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with Rev. Mark Howard, officiating. Burial will follow in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock.

Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Leta was born to Charles and Maude Gleason on the farm southwest of Seiling, Oklahoma, on October 1, 1932, in the middle of the Great Depression and Dustbowl, as the last of twelve kids. She married Alden LaRue Olson December 28th, 1954 in Enid, Oklahoma. She lived a full and varied life. Her education had a bumpy start. She did not finish the 10th grade, but later went to Southwestern Oklahoma State where she earned a teaching degree and a masters. She taught at Shamrock High School, Pampa High School and Clarendon College. Subjects included typing, business and art history. She retired as a counselor at Clarendon ISD in 1991. She received Regional Teacher of the Year, Business and Professional Women's District Woman of the Year and Business Professional Women's Woman of the Year twice during this time.

Besides teaching, she had a job plucking chickens, ironing, an advertising business, was a travel agent and educational tour guide in Europe, and author of several genealogy/history books. She and her husband traveled all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and Europe during their life together. She enjoyed singing, reading, research and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Also preceded in death by her siblings, Anna Link, Otis Ray Gleason, Winnie Mosley, Susie Winters, Dora Clow, Jocy Pannell, Norene Johnson, Frederick Gleason, Maxine Erickson, Lee Gleason and Lela Fern Gleason.

Leta was survived by children: Jack Olson and wife Linda of Weatherford, OK, Roxana Hamilton of Amarillo, TX, Lewis Olson and wife Christy of Port Allen, LA. She was also survived by grandchildren: Benjamin Ballard of Amarillo, TX, Amanda Haynes and James of Amarillo, TX, Angela Cheney and husband Chris of Walker, LA, Pike Olson and wife Nikki of Addis, LA. She has great-grandkids: Cheyenne Olson, Adyen Cheney, Grady Olson, and Ryan Hunter Haynes.

Cemetery

Shamrock Cemetery

Railroad Avenue

Shamrock, TX, 79079

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Robertson Funeral Directors - Shamrock
311 North Wall Street, Shamrock, TX, US, 79079

DEC **Service** 02:00PM

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First Baptist Church - Shamrock
401 N. Main St., Shamrock, TX, US, 79079

Comments



“ I was so sorry to hear of Leta 's passing! We connected on line about 16 years ago when i found my 2nd great grandmother, Eliza, was sister to her great grandmother Harriet!
I tracked down the other siblings and shared that with Leta which was included in her masterful book which she kindly attributed to me.
We had many discussions about genealogy and Bentley family connections and research.
I had just written her in late December to tell her about the new John Bentley discovery but never heard backi.
She was a diligent researcher the old fashioned way before on line! She knew her stuff and was more than willing to share and dig for others. She shared much of her family's history with me since the rest of the family stayed where i live and harriet had moved west.
I will miss our discussions and sharing a great deal.
My thoughts to her family and friends!

Robert Steingraber - January 21, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ To the family of Leta Olson: Leta was very important to me and I enjoyed her friendship immensely, although I was never able to meet her face-to-face, we shared much! I will never forget her - we are distant cousins, and I so appreciate all of her work in genealogy and the invaluable book "Courageous They Were," a copy of which I own, and a small part of a chapter in it is one I authored about my Bentley family, pages 716-727. Everyone who met her in her work, online, or in person must have immediately known what a phenomenal person she was. I am thankful for her life. You have my deepest sympathy for your great loss. She is together again with Alden. ~ Patricia Bentley

Patricia (Elliott) Bentley - December 30, 2018 at 01:14 AM



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Pat (Elliott) Bentley - December 29, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Leta V. Olson.



December 28, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ We are so very sorry to see that Leta passed away. She was a very dear friend and taught me so much about genealogy. I am so glad we got to see her one last time in September. May your fond memories of her help you through this difficult time. Just hearing her name makes me smile.

DIANA & SAM JOHNSON - December 28, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leta V. Olson.



December 27, 2018 at 11:07 PM