



Loretta Jean LaBuz

July 19, 1936 - September 24, 2019

Loretta Jean (Fincher) LaBuz of Tulsa passed away on September 24, 2019, at the age of 83. Loretta was born on July 19, 1936, in Drumright, OK, to Lawrence and Beatrice Fincher. She graduated from Drumright High School in 1954 as "Highest Ranking Girl."

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, Chester "Bud" LaBuz, of 52 years; her parents; brother Don Fincher; and friend Stanley Rowley.

Loretta is survived by her two children: Larry LaBuz and wife Beth of Temple, TX, and Laurie Swarer and husband Larry of Tulsa; three grandchildren: Misty Davis, Tiffany French, and Eric Wieburg; and brother David Fincher and wife Janice of Brentwood, MO.

Loretta attended Draughon's Business College in downtown Tulsa. It was there that she organized a square dance to which one of her classmates invited his roommate, Bud, who had moved from upstate New York to Tulsa to work at American Airlines. They were married within a year.

Loretta was a life-long square dancer. She and her husband Bud were active in several square dance clubs, serving on committees and as club officers, and on the newsletter mailing committee for the Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA). Loretta and Bud were Publicity Chairs of NEOSDA for many years. They coordinated and staffed a square dance booth at the Tulsa State Fair for several years—a real labor of love. They took the Publicity Committee to square dance in many nursing homes in the Tulsa area—not really for publicity, but for love of the community and the desire to

spread happiness.

Loretta was passionate about serving in her corner of the world. She volunteered at Maxwell Park as treasurer and at Central Center in Centennial Park where Rushing Stars Square Dance Club dances. She was active in Democratic Party politics as a precinct chair and in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

Despite battling serious health problems her entire life, Loretta managed to stay busy and optimistic. She loved traveling, especially to Puerto Rico. Her many interests and hobbies included bowling on the "American Airlines Wives" bowling league, singing in the church choir, and sponsoring the Methodist Youth Fellowship group at Catoosa United Methodist (now Disciples). She was even in a play at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tulsa ♦ "Cricket County City Christmas" ♦ at age 77.

Loretta loved cats, Elvis, and sports of all kinds. Her favorite athletes were Tiger Woods, Kevin Durant, and Steve Largent.

A celebration of Loretta's life will be at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Serenity Funerals, 4170 East Admiral Place, Tulsa, OK, with a reception following.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *I was her hairdresser years ago. I always enjoyed talking sports with her. She was truly a beautiful person. You are missed.* ”

Teresa Scrapper - August 07, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JN

“ *janice newton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Loretta Jean LaBuz.* ”



janice newton - September 26, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Loretta Jean LaBuz.* ”



September 26, 2019 at 05:04 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



David Fincher - September 26, 2019 at 01:41 PM

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My sister Loretta LaBuz. No other caption necessary.

David Fincher - September 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Loretta Jean LaBuz.*



September 26, 2019 at 01:32 PM

GN

“ *I remember being at our family camp in Brantingham, NY where my siblings and my cousins including Larry and Laurie would get together for a couple of weeks each summer. Our grandfather would pile us in the back of his pickup truck and drive us down to Otter Creek - but Aunt Loretta would not allow Larry and Laurie to ride in the back. However, Uncle Buddy would give Grandpa authority to stop the truck once out of sight and let them jump in back. They Truly made a great couple.*

George Newton - September 26, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *I have not seen Loretta for a lot of years, but I will always remember her from our days at Draughon's Business College on South Main Street in Tulsa. My sympathy to the family.*

Frances Ashinhurst - September 26, 2019 at 01:15 PM

MD

“ I have a lot of memories of my grandma, but the one that stands out the most was when I accidentally called her granny. She hated being called that, and she griped at me big time. I called her that to joke with her another time after that and she told me I knew better. I lived in Arkansas growing up so I was always a happy kid when i got to come to Tulsa to visit her during the summer. She was always there for me too. She always helped me when I needed it. I miss her and still will miss her for the rest of my life.

Misty Davis - September 26, 2019 at 11:41 AM

SL

We loved Loretta. She was always in a good mood & having a good time at the square dances my husband was calling. I would also see her in Drumright during alumni weekend or Oil Patch once in a while. She was a lovely lady. RIP, Loretta. -Tommy & Sue Lee

Sue Lee - September 26, 2019 at 09:33 PM

JF

“ Loretta was blessed in being part of a loving family, including generations that preceded and succeeded hers; and she and Bud were a loving couple.

In spite of health problems that plagued her much of her life, she maintained and practiced the familial sense of humor. I hope that she's now feeling great and laughing with family members who went before her.. Maybe she and Don are pestering each other again!

*Love and comfort to all,
Jean*

Jean Fincher - September 25, 2019 at 09:10 PM