



Rheta P. Letterman

September 8, 1934 - October 16, 2021

On October 16, 2021 our loving mom, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 87 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rheta Pauline (Cates) Letterman was born September 8, 1934 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Tom and Minnie Cates. On May 17, 1950 she married Robert Chambers in Claremore. They had 5 children, Robert (Bobby), Ronald (Ronnie), Kenneth (Kenny), Loretta, and Leroy. She had 10 grandkids and 9 great-grandkids.

Robert died in 1959 and she remarried to Bill Letterman in 1963.

Rheta was a cook at various restaurants in Claremore and she was a cook at the truck stop in Catoosa for many years.

When you visited her home she made you feel welcomed. During meal times, she always had plenty to eat. If you left her home hungry it wasn't because she didn't offer you a meal. She was a caring person with a big heart and a love for animals.

She always had wild animals coming up to her back door asking for food. She fed foxes, a fox pup, opossums, racoons, squirrels, and birds. She loved to watch the hummingbirds feed at the many feeders she kept full. She even raised and sold rabbits for a while.

She loved fishing and gardening, especially flowers. She loved to harvest fresh veggies for meals and can from her garden.

She is preceded by her parents, William Thomas Cates and Minnie Gay (Ward) Cates, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 husbands, and 3 of her son's, Bobby, Ronnie, and Kenny. She is survived by 1 son, Leroy, 1 daughter, Loretta, 1 daughter-in-law, Karen, 1 son-in-law Carey, 9 grandkids, and 10 great-grandkids.

Her love, hugs, laughs, and smiles will be missed by all.

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wofford Cemetery
Catoosa, OK 74015

Tribute Wall

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“ This poem was read at the funeral. I thought I would share it here because it touched me to do more with my dash.

THE DASH

the poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

Carey - October 29, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rheta P. Letterman.*



October 24, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rheta P. Letterman.*



October 23, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *For anyone that visited her home, she would make you feel more than welcome.
For anyone that sat for a meal, she made sure you were full before you got up.
For anyone that knew her, you were blessed with her love.
I know she's now preparing a place to welcome us home in heaven.
I'll miss her while I'm here, but I know she will be there when my time comes.*

Carey - October 22, 2021 at 05:14 PM

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