



Laverne Neely

January 1, 1928 - December 15, 2005

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LAVERNE NEELY

Laverne Neely, of Bolivar, MO was born January 1, 1928 in Moody, Texas the daughter of Charlie D. & Amah Slaughter Williams. She passed away at 9:40 PM Thursday, December 15, 2005 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar after a lingering illness. She was 77 years, 11 months, and 14 days of age.

Laverne and her family moved to West Texas where she graduated High School in Ralls and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock. It was also in West Texas where she met her future husband of 58 years, Roy Neely. Their romance grew while Roy was in the service. Upon his return to Texas they married and they moved to Kansas City in 1950. It was there they started their family and eventually settled in Overland Park, Kansas.

Laverene was a devoted wife and mother, active in school and scouting activities with both children, Chuck and Linda. In 1982 with both children grown and Roys retirement, the couple decided to return to their small town roots and moved to the Bolivar area. That same year their family increased by two more children, Diana and Jerry.

Through the years, Laverene loved knitting clothes for herself and others, embroidering and quilting, but her favorite hobbies were finding and restoring antique furniture and collecting antique dishes.

Laverne was truly happy when she was with her loved ones and cherished her two grandchildren, Afton and Brian. She used every opportunity with family to indulge her own enjoyment of cooking and baking for others. When family wasn't available, she cooked and baked for the Neighborhood Lunch Club and more recently the DAV Auxiliary. Laverne loved people, loved doing things for people, and was loved by so many and will be truly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers; Aubrey & James.

Surviving is her husband; Roy Neely of the home, her daughter Linda Woodward and husband Jerry of Overland Park, KS; her son Chuck Neely and wife Diana of Olathe, KS and two grandchildren Afton and Brian.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 11:00AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain James O. Friend officiating. Musical selections were The Old Rugged Cross, Amazing Grace and What A Friend We Have In Jesus. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, MO. Under the direction of Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO. Honorary Casketbearers were, Loyd Hall, Larry Martin, Bill Brown, Jack Scott, Charles Floyd and Charles Stanek. Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com .

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