



LaWanda M. Caldwell

January 9, 1933 - May 31, 2022

LaWanda was strong, independent, and tireless, always trying to instill those traits in her children and grandchildren. She lived her life to the fullest making so many friends along the way. You were blessed to have her in your life, and you had a friend forever. She took the time to listen and learn, eager to gain knowledge. LaWanda was a social butterfly and could hold her own to the end of any conversation no matter the topic. She knew a little bit about everything, from football to current event, this is probably why LaWanda was amazing at crossword puzzles. Bingo was her game, and she loved the time she had with family and friends playing it.

In 1949 LaWanda met the love of her life and her forever dance partner, Edward Lee Caldwell (Bud), they soon married and started a family. While living in Dallas they welcomed their son Buddy Lee. After moving to Coffeyville, Kansas they welcomed two daughters, Gail and Diane.

LaWanda was a classy woman, always dressed to the nines with a new pair of shoes (and of course a purse to match) but never did you let her looks fool you, she was witty and extremely sharp. Diligently behind the scenes calling in the “big guns”.

She was private about her faith yet whole heartedly dedicated to her Lord. On Tuesday, May 31st 2022 at 10:42pm she asked her Lord to take her hand and

lead her home.

Left to celebrate her memory are her children, Buddy Lee (Linda), Gail (Mike), Diane (Larry). Her grandchildren Alesia, Kerrie, Heather, Chris, her great grandchildren, KayDee, Emily, Riley, Sophia, Taylor, AJ, Liam, and Sky Lee. LaWanda was blessed to be a great great grandmother to Meeiah, Given, Jude, and Charli Rose. Her siblings, Sister Gerlene, and brother Jimmy Ted. Also, her little Dorthey dog, and the many others who knew and loved her.

She is proceeded in death by her husband, Buddy, grandson Larry Joe, parents Vernia Mae and Auther, brother Auther Dee and sister Dorthey.

To know LaWanda M. Caldwell was to love her, and she will be greatly missed by all.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ Happy Mothers Day! 🌹 🌻 🌻 🌻

Gail Caldwell - May 08 at 01:42 PM

GC

“ 4 years...long time to be without you. Love you, miss ya! Think of you daily.
Gail

Gail Caldwell - May 08 at 01:41 PM

GA

“ Mom, Thinking of you and missing you. Miss laughing with you and when things get tough hearing you tell me, This too shall pass. Say hi to everyone and I love you all. Gail

Gail - August 29, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DI

“ Today is the first time I don't have you with me to tell you Happy Mothers Day. So I send my hugs and kisses to you in heaven. I miss you so and love you the most. Diane

Diane - May 14, 2023 at 10:02 PM

LA

“ Larry lit a candle in memory of LaWanda M. Caldwell



Larry - June 17, 2022 at 08:52 AM

LA

“ I met Lawanda in 1974. We did not have the opportunity to know each other straight away because she was off to Bakersfield, California. We reconnected ten years later when I retrieved her and two small dogs from Lewistown, Montana. In the interceding years we were regaled with her stories at family gatherings that included meeting John Wayne, having her neighbor call her and tell her her backyard was on fire and, of course, the liquid fire experience if we were having tacos for dinner. While the exact substance of the story never wavered the punchline was the important part. She wanted to put a smile on people's face. And she did. I learned of her brothers and sisters and her parents and grandparents. I felt like I had met each of them and parted on good terms. She complained seldom and little. She went to the casino occasionally but never risked the things that really mattered to her in life. She enjoyed Bingo as well. She was gifted with a keen mathematical ability. That was obvious to most.

Is it possible to sum up in a few short paragraphs the life of a person who lived 89 years on Earth? I don't believe so. But It is possible to reflect on that life, smile and hope the souls that greet her on the other side understand that she worked hard at tending to those that she cared about, kept her counsel and lived her beliefs. Those were all good things that we all can learn from. I have. Rest easy Lawanda. You will not be forgotten and we will miss you until we meet again.

Larry - June 17, 2022 at 08:50 AM

BC

“ Mom, You will be missed but always loved!! And we will forever remember you saying This too shall Pass! Love Forever, Buddy , Linda, Chris and Sky

buddy lee caldwell - June 14, 2022 at 01:38 PM

GA

“ I am so proud to be one the daughters of Buddy and LaWanda Caldwell. My mother was an amazing mom. She taught all her kids to show respect, be well behaved, (Bud,Diane and I know the power of a single finger snap from mom), remember your manners and that when things weren't so good that “This too shall pass”. Her faith in the Lord was unshakable and she made sure her kids were given the same gift of that faith. She was also the BEST cook in the world. My measure of good cooking is that if it doesn't taste like moms... you didn't make it right. I will miss you every day mom and I love you. Thank you for everything, for making us feel safe and loved for being our protector and defender. We'll meet again in a better place Mom. Until then I will carry you in my heart.

Gail - June 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM

DI

“ Diane lit a candle in memory of LaWanda M. Caldwell



diane - June 09, 2022 at 02:56 PM

DI

To the world you are a Mother but to your family you are the world. Mom you brought so much joy into my life and that joy will be forever in my memory. You were there when I cried and laughed always with open arms and unconditional love. You are my Mom and my best friend forever. I will miss you so.

I love you the most. I will forever miss your reply " oh no I love you more".

diane - June 09, 2022 at 03:02 PM

DS

“ *from sister in law, Shirley Smith and family*



Deb Schorzman - June 03, 2022 at 06:33 PM

GA

“ *Gail lit a candle in memory of LaWanda M. Caldwell*



Gail - June 03, 2022 at 03:14 PM