



## Alice "Lavona" Thorpe

April 21, 1949 - April 28, 2018

Services for Alice "Lavona" Thorpe, 69, of Whitehouse, will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Doug Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitehouse Cemetery in Whitehouse under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thorpe passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018 in Tyler after a long-fought battle with breast cancer. Lavona was born April 21, 1949 in Lamesa, Texas to Mamie and Val Sturgeon. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She married her best friend, Gary W. Thorpe, on October 16, 1971 in Abilene, Texas and they had 46 incredible years together. Lavona was a stay-at-home mom to her two children, Melissa and Bobby. She loved taking pictures of her grandchildren and flowers and doing many different types of crafts. She was always proud of her brother and all of his musical accomplishments.

Lavona was a member of Rose Heights Church in Tyler. She served the Lord as long as anyone can remember. She never wavered in her faith and left a legacy that will be long lasting.

Lavona was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Betty Hall, Barbara Martin, and Gloria Jean Sturgeon. She is survived by her loving

family including her husband, Gary Thorpe of Whitehouse; her daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Brandon Parker of Tyler; her son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Dawn Thorpe of Tyler; and her brother and his wife, Lee and Kathie Sturgeon of Krum. She is also survived by three wonderful grandchildren, Dillon Thorpe, Emily Parker, and Callie Parker, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jason Berry, James Daniels, Paul Fitts, Clint Sturgeon, Daniel Sturgeon, and Michael Thorpe. Honorary pallbearers will be David Thorpe and Greg Thorpe.

The family would like to express their heart-felt gratitude to the care provided by the ownership and staff at Prestige Estates Memory Care and the caregivers from Legacy Hospice.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to support those families in the military by donating to the Ministry for the Military in honor of Alice Lavona Thorpe.

Please send donations to:

Ministry for the Military, P.O. Box 5438, Cleveland, TN 37320.

# Cemetery Details

## Whitehouse Cemetery

401 Memory Lane  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

MAY 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Burial

MAY 3 (CT)

Whitehouse Cemetery  
401 Memory Lane  
Whitehouse, TX 75791



# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Alice "Lavona" Thorpe



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 03, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice "Lavona" Thorpe



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 02, 2018 at 03:46 PM

JS

*My sweet cousin. Love you*

Jimacie Beard Sr - May 09, 2018 at 07:35 PM

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“ Gary, children , grandchildren, brother and rest of family. I know that Lavona was welcomed into Heaven with rejoice. I know that your heart is sadden but just keep your wonderful memories close to your heart. My prayers are with you now and the days ahead.



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**Judy Gray Odell** - May 06, 2018 at 02:41 PM

JH

“ Gary (Cowboy) and I met some 48 years ago in South East Asia with the hopes of meeting up again back in the states some time. Time, distance and life took its toll and I guess it took us 44 years to get it done. We finally got to meet his Queen as he liked to call her on two occasions. We saw from the first moment the love they shared. Gracious and charming are words I could use to describe Lavona, but Gary's Queen describes her best.  
Love, hugs and prayers,  
John & Diane Hoke

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**John Hoke** - May 04, 2018 at 06:04 PM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Alice "Lavona" Thorpe

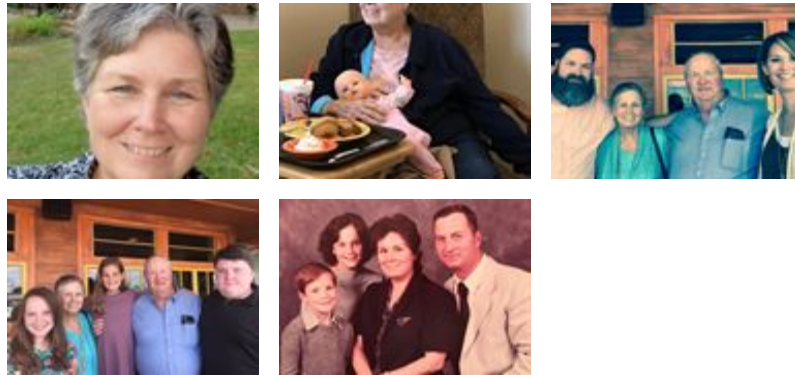


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**Loretta Martinez** - May 04, 2018 at 04:56 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 02, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ I remember the first time we really got to know Lavona. Bobby and Dawn had Thanksgiving dinner at their place in Lindale. She was very pretty, but also quite shy. She seemed to be so sweet, and sure enough over the years as we got to know her better, that became very true. She always had a smile, and she and Gary were a perfect couple who loved each other very much! I know Gary will miss her so much, but will see her again in her glorified body. The way I will always remember her.....sweet.

sharon morgan - May 02, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ Tyler Shiloh Warehouse Team purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Alice "Lavona" Thorpe.



Tyler Shiloh Warehouse Team - April 30, 2018 at 02:35 PM