



## Letha Denene Bowen

July 15, 1960 - July 3, 2023

Letha Denene Bowen passed away peacefully on the 3rd day of July 2023, at the age of 62. Letha was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She was born on July 15, 1960 to Ray Dean and Wilma Sue Miller in Dallas, Texas. She was raised in Sulphur Springs, Texas and she graduated from Sulphur Springs High School. Letha attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration focusing on Marketing from East Texas State University. She then moved to Tyler and met the love of her life, Chris Bowen. Together, they lovingly built a life in Tyler and had one daughter, Claudia.

Her God-given talent was the gift of hospitality, and she loved planning and hosting events. She enjoyed playing 42 and Mah Jongg, lunches with her girlfriends, reading, and putting her decorative touch on spaces and events. Letha was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. She had a successful career as a real estate broker. Letha was a member of the Tyler Garden Club, a sustaining member of the East Texas Symphony League, and of the Tyler Junior League.

Letha is survived by her beloved husband, Chris, to whom she was married for 36 years. Also, her daughter, Claudia and husband, Tim Gaut of Tyler; her mother, Wilma Sue Milligan and husband, R.B. of Sulphur Springs; her sister, Angie Hansen and husband, Fred of Arvada, Colorado; her sister, Amy Gregg

and husband, Brian of Carrollton; nephew, Caleb Miller and wife, Brittany of Longview and their daughters, Brynlee, Aubree, and Emmy; and nephew, Elias Gregg of Carrollton.

Pallbearers will be Fred Hansen, Brian Gregg, Caleb Miller, Tim Gaut, Elias Gregg, Glenn Bishop, Dan Basmagian, Rod Kohl, William Bishop, and Mark Russell.

The visitation will be on Sunday, July 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for 2 pm on Monday, July 10, 2023 at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel, and burial services will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Smith County Children's Advocacy Center, 3015 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.cacsmithcounty.org](http://www.cacsmithcounty.org)) or to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.*



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July 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Letha was a wonderful christian and friend she will be missed by all who knew her at Green acres baptist church. Losing someone isnt easy but we have to let them go prayers for the family as they go through the pain. She is with Jesus our risen savior.*

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**Payton clark** - July 08, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Kathy D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Letha Denene Bowen.*

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**Kathy D.** - July 08, 2023 at 06:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letha Denene Bowen.*

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July 07, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



July 07, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ Doug and Nadine Welch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



**Doug and Nadine Welch** - July 07, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ David & Brenda Ambrosio & Kylie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



**David & Brenda Ambrosio & Kylie** - July 06, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



July 06, 2023 at 08:06 PM

NF

“ Thoughts and prayers from the Norvell Family!!! Our heartfelt condolences!

~The Norvell Family

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**Norvell Family** - July 06, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Letha Denene Bowen.

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July 06, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



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July 06, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JH

“ I was so shocked to hear of the passing of my sweet cousin Letha. Chris, Claudia, Aunt Wilma Sue, Angie, Amy, Caleb...I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my prayers. I love you all!

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**Janita Hurndon** - July 06, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



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July 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Letha Denene Bowen.



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July 06, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ I am so saddened by this sudden loss. The first day I met her she welcomed me to her home. She was so much fun and had impeccable taste. Her homes were all designed beautifully. I loved her laughter and her love of family! I will miss her dearly. You always think you have so much time left to call and say hello. You don't, as this passing has taught me.

I send all my love to Chris and Claudia and her family. I sadly can't be there as I wish I could be. Love you all. Sending hugs.

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Cathy Ferentini - July 06, 2023 at 12:07 PM

TW

“ Chris, Claudia & Tim,  
Our deepest condolences to you & all your family. Letha & I met & became close friends during our Co-chairing of the 2011 Symphony Ball & as members of The Tyler Garden Club. She's an amazing Christian , wife, mother, friend, organizer and very talented in designing & decorating.  
We will sorely miss her.  
Our love,  
❤️❤� Tricia & Steve Wiggs

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**Tricia & Steve Wiggs** - July 06, 2023 at 09:23 AM

JF

“ Letha was a good friend and I have many fond memories of school days and spending weekend nights with each other. She was always a lot of fun and she will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to the family.  
Janet Moseley Fouse

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**Janet Fouse** - July 06, 2023 at 08:44 AM

TS

“ Chris, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your Daughter. Trudy Smith

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**Trudy Smith** - July 05, 2023 at 10:25 PM

PR

“ Chris and Claudia, I was deeply saddened with the news of Letha's passing. She was such a delight to be around with her beautiful smile and contagious laugh. I will always cherish the memory of our bus trip to Shreveport to celebrate your (Chris) birthday, and then there was Keith's addition! I truly love the memories from our Destin trip with our girls! I could not help but hope that Keith and Mark greeted Letha upon her heavenly arrival. Please know you all are in my prayers. As Cindy shared, we know what you're experiencing. I will see you at the visitation. Love to you all (Pam Rossman)

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**Pam Rossman** - July 05, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CH

“ Chris and Claudia, Letha was such a bright light when we used to get together. I know you two will miss her and that wonderful smile. I do know what you are going through and my thoughts will be with you both over the next few days and beyond. May we visit and exchange those wonderful and fun stories of our younger years with her. Cindy Kattner Holton

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**Cindy Holton** - July 05, 2023 at 05:48 PM

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Janet Moseley Fouse

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**Janet Moseley Fouse** - July 06, 2023 at 08:39 AM