



Margaret Lavonne Ward

June 29, 1940 - September 21, 2015

Graveside services for Margaret Lavonne (Collins) Ward, 75, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM, followed by burial at Fairview Cemetery in Pryor, OK, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Rev. Scott Neighbors will officiate.

Ms. Ward passed away peacefully on Monday, September 21, 2015, at the Hamptons Assisted Living Center in Tyler. She was born June 29, 1940 in Pryor, OK, to Clare and Grace Collins.

Lavonne was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Pryor, OK, and later at South Tulsa Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, and a master's degree from the University of New Mexico, as well as her school administrator's certificate for the State of Oklahoma. Ms. Ward was a lifetime educator and held the position of principal at Lincoln Elementary School for over ten years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clare and Grace Collins; her daughter Lisa Ward; her brother Marvin Collins; and her niece Kathy Collins. She is survived by her loving family, including son and daughter-in-law Stan and Mindy Ward; grandchildren Zoe and Anna Ward; sister-in-law Mary Lou Brooks; and beloved nieces and nephews Kenneth Collins, Medrith Collins, Tim and LaDonna Wipf, and Jerry and Patti Bowen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brook Hill School supporters of Fine Arts, 1051 N. Houston St., Bullard, TX 75757.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Pryor, OK 74361

Previous Events

Graveside Serv.

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Pryor, OK 74361

Tribute Wall

MO

“ *Mona, Kathy, Diane, Bonnie, Sandy, Laura purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Lavonne Ward.*



Mona, Kathy, Diane, Bonnie, Sandy, Laura - September 23, 2015
at 11:11 PM

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“ *Tim, LaDonna Wipf and David and Deborah Ike purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Lavonne Ward.*



Tim, LaDonna Wipf and David and Deborah Ike - September
23, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Lavonne Ward.*



September 23, 2015 at 08:12 PM

LW

“Margaret, or as I called her Aunt Lavonne was the person I hold accountable for my strong desire to read. She watched us kids for mom and dad and probably for her own sanity she handed me a book to read. As I recall it was a Literature book and in it was a couple of Edgar Allan Poe's stories. I read the "Pit and the Pendulum" and the "Tale Tell Heart" and was unable to sleep that night. Lavonne came in to check on us and after a brief discussion on the stories I had read she excused herself and returned with flashlight in hand and a Marmaduke comic book to read. She was so thoughtful but the next day I was back in that book looking for more scary stories and to this day enjoy reading Mysteries. I'll miss you Aunt Lavonne but will think of you every time I read a book.

LaDonna Wipf - September 23, 2015 at 08:03 PM

LM

Our friendship began in the fall of 1959 when Lavonne was a very intelligent freshman in college. I had the good fortune to watch her develop into a self-assured, well educated, caring, Christian woman and loving mother. It blessed my life to remain friends with her all the rest of her life.

We had lots of fun times while living in New Mexico and then again when she moved to Pryor, OK Even when we didn't live in the same state, we kept in touch and visited one another. We even spent a couple of weeks on the east coast traveling when her husband was in National Guard Camp and watched on television when the first man walked on the moon...

Her son Stan, and his wife, Mindy, delighted her when they gave her those two beautiful granddaughters. The love she felt for that family and the activities they shared brought her great joy!!!

Lavonne will always occupy a corner of my heart., and I will never forget her...

May Our Lord comfort each of her family members during this difficult time of grief...

LaVonne McMillan - September 24, 2015 at 06:50 PM