



Alvetta Jean Lea

February 12, 1939 - January 7, 2019

Alvetta Jean Lea, one of the nicest women in town that made everyone feel welcome in her home, died January 7, 2019. Alvetta, 79, was born at home in Bellevue, Michigan on February 12, 1939 to Lyle and Ferne (Kinsey) Smith. April 15, 1955 she married her sweetheart, Ronald Walter Lea, and together they raised five children that filled their home with laughter and adventures. Strong in many ways, Alvetta was a survivor, overcoming Polio and Rheumatic Fever in her younger years, then cancer and many surgeries later in life. In addition to raising a family, Alvetta also worked at Gambles Dime Store, and at Fruin Pharmacy in Bellevue as a clerk. Always thoughtful of others, Alvetta crafted over 500 hats, dolls, and scrubbies for many different charities, both through her church and privately. Her positive attitude, even through her illnesses over the years, and her kindness to everyone around her will always be remembered.

Alvetta is survived by her husband, Ronald Lea; children, Ron (Rosa) Lea, Terrie (David) Martens, Tammie Gibson, Carl (Diana) Lea, and Tina (Jeff) Scott; 16 grandchildren; 14 bonus grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and brother, Rick Smith. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert, Bruce, and Carroll; and sister, Myrna Lynn Avery.

Friends are encouraged to support Alvetta's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Wednesday, January 9, 11:00 AM at Bellevue

First Baptist Church, with Pastor Donald Francis officiating. Visitation is prior to the service on Wednesday, 9-11:00 AM at the Bellevue First Baptist Church. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Pray Funeral Home to help with final expenses. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Alvetta on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery - Bellevue

201 Main St
Bellevue, MI 49021

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bellevue First Baptist Church
122 S. Main St.
Bellevue, MI 49021

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Alvetta was thee nicest lady I have ever known. She worked at my mom and dad’s store the whole time they owned it. She influenced me and helped me grow to be the kind person I have become. I will never forget her smile, soft spoken disposition and the way she never complained. She is forever in my heart. My love and prayers go to Ron, Terri, Tammy, Tina, Carl & Sandy and all the family and friends who are missing her so. I’m so glad I got to see her for lunch at the Riverside this summer. Lots of love from Sharron, Maureen and Marilee - the Dodges.* 🙌❤️😇😭🙏

Marilee - January 18, 2019 at 08:13 AM

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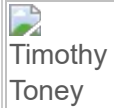
“ *Ron & children; Ron (Sandy), Terrie, Tammy, Carl & Tina: Alvetta was a beautiful person, especially inside. First met her through her family (my in-laws) & was in contact throughout the years. We became neighbors, seeing our children through school. My Teri & her Terrie became best friends. We participated in neighborhood hay rides & bonfires & general get-togethers during their growing up. Alvetta reminds me of my "later in life" best friend (now deceased) - always their for everyone else and downplaying her own needs. Although she will be missed , you have many fine memories that will never die. I am grateful for having known her. Ron, please accept my condolences to you, the kids & their families*
Shirley (Link) Weers

Shirley Link Weers - January 09, 2019 at 02:21 PM

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P.S. Cannot attend services as I am in Florida, but my thoughts will be with all of you. Shirley

Shirley Link Weers - January 09, 2019 at 02:26 PM



Timothy Toney

“ Timothy Toney lit a candle in memory of Alvetta Jean Lea



Timothy Toney - January 09, 2019 at 12:59 PM



MI

“ To Ron and the Lea Family; Alvetta was such a great loving lady. She was someone who everyone that knew her looked up to, and trusted. Sorry Ron, but she was the leader of the entire family. She was such a graceful lady, and I will truly miss her. Love you all, Michael Graham

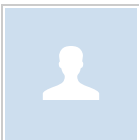
Michael - January 09, 2019 at 05:59 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Alvetta Jean Lea.



January 08, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alvetta Jean Lea.



January 07, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JN

“ *Such fond memories of Mrs. Lea when having sleepovers with Terrie! Watching her churn butter, throwing strawberries at each other when picking with her. She made chores seem like fun to me. Wonderful fun-filled spirit. My condolences to her family.*
- Joanne (Mathias) Nanninga

Joanne Nanninga - January 07, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alvetta Jean Lea.*



January 07, 2019 at 06:48 PM

 Drew
Scott

“ *Thank you Grandma for being so welcoming and caring and having such a wonderful family that follows your amazing example and everyone feels welcome. Love and hugs to the entire Lea family*

Drew Scott - January 07, 2019 at 06:39 PM