



Lavanda Sue Schwertner

August 31, 1942 - January 9, 2017

Lavanda Sue Murray Schwertner, 74, of Brady, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family.

Lavanda was born on August 31, 1942 to Thomas Earl and Genevieve (Minor) Murray in Coleman, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Doole and Melvin. She married Alfred Schwertner in Brady, Texas at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on December 2, 1961. She received her license to be an LVN in 1963 and began working as a LVN at Concho County hospital in 1964. Lavanda went back to nursing school and graduated Angelo State University School of Nursing in 1972 and received her RN License. In 1974 she became the Director of Nursing at the Heart of Texas Memorial Hospital of Brady until 1992. Upon resigning in 1992 as Director of Nursing she continued working as a Charge Nurse at the Heart of Texas Memorial Hospital until 2007.

Afterwards, due to her love of Nursing and Caring for others, she worked part-time at Medway Home Healthcare as Staff Nurse and Brady West on the weekends as an RN supervisor. Lavanda continued working until September 2012 at which time she had to quit nursing due to her own health. She always looked forward to returning to the healthcare field to give to others. She maintained her Registered Nursing License even through her own struggle and journey. In her spare time you could find her in a quilt store or at the sewing machine quilting or sewing formal dresses for many occasions. She even made several wedding dresses for family and friends . Living on the farm at Melvin, she spent many hours gardening and canning.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Alfred of Melvin; 3 sons: Calvin and wife, Amy of Melvin, Timothy and wife, Delaine, of Brady, and Patrick and wife, Kimberly, of Brady; 1 daughter: Pamela Schwertner and Grant Jones, of Brady. Grandchildren: Zack Schwertner and wife, Betty Lou, Whit Schwertner, Krysta Demere and Chase Demere and wife, Abby; Amanda Shelby, husband Jim Bob, Nicole Nickerson, husband Matt, Quinton Schwertner and wife, Kelsey, Blake Friar and Brittne McDonald, Dana Outlaw, Kelly Muniz and husband, Ernest, MaKenzie Schwertner, Landon Schwertner, Hanna Jo Monroe, Jayce McKinney, Rylee McKinney.

Great-grandchildren: Owen, Oliver Shelby and 1 Shelby on the way, Kamrynn and Reagynn McDonald, Kyla Friar, Brantley Outlaw, and Leighton Demere. 1 Sister: Lavada Davis of Melvin, Sister-in-laws: Gloria Murray, Loulene Black and husband, Steve, Janice Carter and husband, Tommy; Brother-in-law: Anthony Schwertner and wife Beth. Numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers: Woodrow Jack Murray and Charles Earl Murray.

The Family would like to express special thanks to Angela and Onnie Gonzales, Mariah Gonzales, Marcus Murray, Kathy Johnstone, Janie Bara, Lisa Kidd, Sherry Hamman, Christie Poe and all others that have given their time and love to our mother throughout her journey.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lavanda was my charge nurse when I first started working at the Brady Hospital. I learned a lot from Lavanda. She taught me how to hold on to peace when all pieces around me were falling. My condolences to the family*

LISA GARCIA - January 18, 2017 at 04:12 PM

KM

“ *may the LORD guide her to heaven. Lavanda helped as many people as anyone I know. our prayers for the family.*

kay&archie morris - January 16, 2017 at 09:38 AM

JC

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. She was such a wonderful and dedicated person. Still remember her and Alfred when they were going together when we were in school together at Melvin. Keeping your family in our prayers. God Bless*

Jim & Dottie Carlson - January 16, 2017 at 08:45 AM

CP

“ *Praying for you and your mom today. L0ve y0u. Connie*

Connie Pease - January 15, 2017 at 01:41 PM

KD

“ *So sorry to hear this. Lavanda was a special lady. Prayers for all of the family for comfort.*

Kelly McMorries Daggs - January 12, 2017 at 10:41 PM

EW

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Lavanda. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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