



Joretta Faye Buckles

October 13, 1940 - February 19, 2017

Graveside services for Joretta Buckles will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at Short Springs Cemetery with Rev. Max Ridgway officiating. Interment will be in Short Springs Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Joretta Faye, daughter of Erma B. (Vincent) and Luverne G. (Red) Shelite, was born October 13, 1940 in Alva, Oklahoma. She passed away at Beadles Nursing Home in Alva on the February 19, 2017, at the age of 76 years, 4 months and 6 days.

She attended Dacoma public schools and Northwestern Oklahoma State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Master's degrees in Special Education. She also earned a Reading Specialist and Learning Disabilities certificate from NWOSU.

Joretta married James O. (Jim) Buckles; to their marriage two daughters, Brenda and Kimberly were born. She was an elementary school teacher in Cherokee and Dacoma schools for 7 years before coming to Alva where she taught elementary and special education at Longfellow Elementary for 21 years. Joretta was selected as the Longfellow Teacher of the Year in 1989. It was her goal to make her students feel good about themselves. She made positive impacts in the lives of hundreds of children.

Joretta was a member of Alva First United Methodist Church, Oklahoma and National Education Associations, Oklahoma and National Associations for Children with Learning Disabilities, Council for Exceptional Children, NWOSU Alumni Association, and Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Buckles and by her parents, Erma and Red Shelite. Joretta is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Brenda and Mike Ridgway, of Stillwater, and Kimberly and David Crawshaw, of Owasso; six grandchildren, Josh Ridgway and Molly (Casey) Cleary; Megan, Mason, Madden, and Mackenzie Crawshaw; cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home in her memory to Beadles Nursing Home or to the Alva First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Short Springs Cemetery

Alfalfa County, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Joretta Faye Buckles*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Brenda and Kim, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was my cousin and I always enjoyed going to Dacoma and visiting with your mom and dad. Your mom was so kind to my sister and I, and she always saw the good in people. She was such a wonderful woman.*

Michelle (Dowling) Elizondo - February 22, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ *Mrs. Buckles was always such a sweet sweet teacher at Longfellow School. Many thoughts and prayers for your family.*
Tammie Gaddy

Tammie Gaddy - February 22, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Jo always had a smile and so friendly! We know she's well, now and resting in peace. We pray for each of you to find comfort with loving memories, of this special Morher/Grandmother, filling your hearts.*

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - February 22, 2017 at 02:07 PM

JG

“ I have such wonderful childhood memories of Jo, Irma, and Red. I spent many a night, and days in their home. We played with our dolls and "dress up" by the hour. I was always a bit envious of her short blond curly hair. My stringy dishwater blond hair was braided at best.

I can still hear her giggle. May she Rest In Peace.

Joy

joy glass - February 22, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DP

“ Brenda and Kim - I was so surprised to read in the Newsgram this morning of Joretta's passing. Brenda - my sweet friend since 2nd grade at Longfellow; and across the street neighbors when we moved to Maple street in our 6th grade year..so many many precious memories I have of your Mom and Dad thru all the years. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers... I know how the loss of both parents can be overwhelming at times. May you find comfort and peace in knowing they are together once again.

Love you! Diane Penner

Diane Penner - February 22, 2017 at 08:34 AM

AL

“ Condolences to family and friends of Joretta Buckles. Anne Langley.



Anne Langley - February 22, 2017 at 04:40 AM

SL

“ *Joretta was a special lady. Always a joy to visit with. Such a caring heart! She is at peace. Blessings to her family. Sheila Lehr*

Sheila Lehr - February 21, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joretta Faye Buckles.*



February 21, 2017 at 02:52 PM

KC

“ *1 file added to the album Mom & Dad*



Kim Crawshaw - February 21, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DS

Great pic of a wonderful, perfectly matched couple!

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - February 22, 2017 at 05:55 PM