



Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza

December 6, 1930 - November 26, 2020

Funeral services for Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza, 89, of Longview, formerly of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, 2020 at First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in Restland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 1-2:00 p.m. prior to services Sunday at First Baptist Church.

Mrs. LaVern Adelaide Harbeck Krutza was born December 6, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to the marriage of Herman and Mildred Harbeck. She passed this life November 26, 2020 in Longview, Texas. The oldest girl of eleven children, LaVern was raised and schooled on the south side of Chicago, Illinois. She met her soulmate Jim Krutza, at a church Halloween blind date. They married, raised five children, and 70 years later remained devoted to one another.

LaVern was a loving homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She and Jim were owner/operators of the Kountry Fresh Pizza for 23 years, working until she was 82. LaVern was a longtime member of First Baptist Church where she taught the high school girls Sunday School Class and sang in the choir. After moving to Longview, the Krutzas joined Mobberly Baptist Church where they enjoyed fellowshiping with their Sunday School class. She loved quilting, sewing, cooking, baking, traveling and spending time with grandkids, family, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Floyd, Richard, Donald, Edward, Raymond, and Wayne Harbeck;

sisters, Marlene Harbeck and Carol Hooker; infant son, Mark Krutza; granddaughter, Lauren Krutza; grandson, Josh Krutza and son-in-law, David Kuykendall.

Mrs. Krutza is survived by her devoted husband, Jim Krutza of Longview, children, Jim Krutza and wife Linda of Bowling Green, KY, Becky Britt and husband Steve of Shreveport, LA, Paul Krutza and wife Marti of Bullard, Cheryl Kuykendall of Longview, and Yvonne Krutza of Carthage; brothers, Warren and Louis Harbeck; grandchildren, Drew and Amanda Krutza of Bowling Green, KY, Katie and Dan Dillingham of Bowling Green, KY, Daniel Britt of Shreveport, LA, Michelle Krutza of Fayetteville, AR, Rachel Kuykendall of College Station, and Emily Kuykendall of Lubbock; great grandchildren, Calvin, Silas, and Charlotte Krutza, and Liza and Lawson Dillingham; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Daniel Britt, Dan Dillingham, Scott Harbeck, Larry Hooker, Brian Harbeck, Jason Shoffner, and Mike Shoffner. Honorary pallbearers will be, Drew Krutza, Steve Britt, Warren Harbeck, and Louis Harbeck. Memorials may be made to The Children's Park of Tyler or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

An online guestbook can be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park Cemetery

2107 State Hwy 149
Carthage, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage
256 S Market St.
Carthage, TX

Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage
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Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a LaVern Krutza Service in memory of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza



Hawthorn Funeral Home - December 06, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza



Hawthorn Funeral Home - December 05, 2020 at 04:07 PM



Rest in peace. We love you

Diana Neely - December 06, 2020 at 02:53 PM

FP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mrs. Krutza was such a sweet lady and her smile was contagious. She was the real deal in showing love to everyone. Cherish the beautiful memories. May God’s peace surround each of you in your loss.

*In His Love
Fred & Vicki Peters*

Fred and Vicki Peters - December 08, 2020 at 01:26 PM

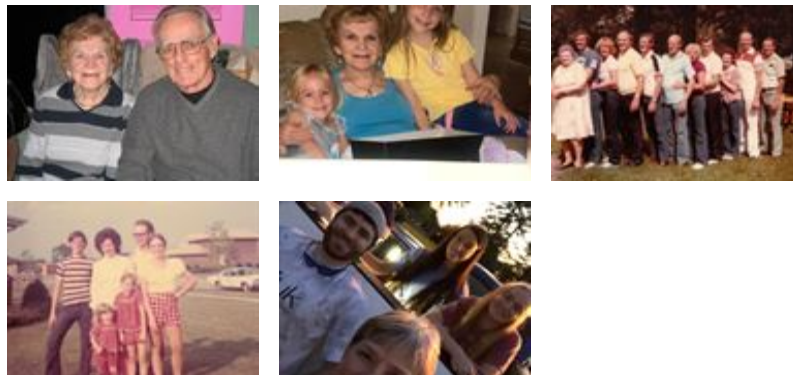
SW

“ Our prayers are with the Krzysztof family. She was a precious and fantastic lady. Ever time I saw here she always had a smile and gave me a big hug. she will be missed!! Love Stephen and Leta White.

Stephen White - December 06, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - December 05, 2020 at 03:46 PM

JR

“ *Laverne Krutza was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. I always loved seeing her because she made me feel so special, and I know she did this for everyone. She had such a passionate love for her husband, her children, and her grandchildren. Her faith in Christ shone through her. I could only hope to be half the woman she was. My life was so blessed from having known her. God bless all of her precious family as you mourn her passing and celebrate her life.*

*Love,
Jerrilyne and Steve Roberson*

Jerrilyne Roberson - December 05, 2020 at 04:05 AM

MS

I can't imagine anyone having a more wonderful life or spreading positivity more than Mrs. Krutza. Prayers for comfort for you all. My heart breaks for you. 🙏❤️❤️

Marty Stewart - December 06, 2020 at 11:02 AM

JD

“ *Our love and prayers. Cherish all the good times you had and keep those in your hearts. LaVern was such a loving person with the sweetest personality. She will be missed. With our love,
Jerry Don and Pat (Edens) Dorman
Isaiah 40:31*



Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman - December 04, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *"The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



December 04, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



December 04, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *John Worley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza*



John Worley - December 04, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



December 04, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



December 04, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *The Harbeck's purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



The Harbeck's - December 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



December 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *I could always be guaranteed a huge smile from LaVern no matter what day of the week it was, she was real with that huge heart of hers. She was dear to me and to our family. The loss is big. We are praying for you, Mr. Jim, and the entire family, and friends left to adjust without her. Her life taught us well...God received an angel.*

Becky and Clayton Eubank - December 02, 2020 at 06:22 PM

HW

“ Lavern was a sweet, lovable, caring Christian lady and her friendship was very special and dear to me. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends with her whole heart. I count it a great blessing to have been her friend. Even though her passing saddens me, and I will miss her greatly, I take comfort in knowing that she is suffering no more and resting in the arms of her Lord and Savior. Helen Wooldridge

Helen Wooldridge - December 02, 2020 at 02:31 PM

BR

“ Prayers of Peace and happy memories to Jim and the Krutza family. Miss LaVern (and Jim) ha! have always been so very nice to the Ridings family. Find Peace in knowing... in the blink of an eye we will all be together again. †

Bruce - December 01, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JH

“ I have just learned of Mrs. Lavern's passing. She was such a sweet and generous lady! Always wearing that sweet smile and soft voice. I know she will be missed by you all. Love and prayers for each of you. Praying strength for your Daddy!

Jane Hoffpauir - December 01, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TF

“ The Randolph M. Smith Family purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.



The Randolph M. Smith Family - December 01, 2020 at 11:53 AM

PW

“ Pam Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza



Pam Westbrook - November 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

SB

“ Such a sweet and loving lady; she was always smiling and was so kind and generous. She loved to send us off with a pizza from Country Fresh Pizza - she was a wonderful mother to her children and Jim's forever love. She will be missed by so many, but we know that she is in Heaven surrounded by family and friends as well as our Heavenly Father. Heaven just keeps getting better every day. AND I'm sure her smile is even bigger today. Love to her family.

Steve and Deena Brand - November 30, 2020 at 07:04 PM

RN

“ Such a sweet, precious lady. No doubt she is singing with the angels. Even though it is a difficult time, we can rest assured that her faith has been made sight and she was greeted with "Well done thy good and faithful servant." Hold tight to the precious memories. Love to you all. Renee Spurgeon Nolen

Renee Spurgeon Nolen - November 30, 2020 at 05:44 PM

RS

“ Jim, Linda, Drew, Katie and the rest of the Krutza family:

I am so sorry to hear of La Vern's passing. She was always such a joyful person to be around. I was not around her very often . . . a family wedding, graduation or when Linda bought a piece of furniture in Little Rock and needed La Vern and Jim to swing by and haul it to Kentucky. However, whenever our paths crossed ,she was always warm, friendly and outgoing. She never seemed to meet a stranger. She always remembered the details from our last visit and showed an interest in what was going on in my life.

I know she will be missed but leaves behind many happy memories and cookie recipes for everyone to share with a laugh or smile when thinking of her.

*Robyn Smith
Little Rock*

Robyn Smith - November 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DW

“ *Mrs Krutza was an amazing and loving lady. I never saw her without her beautiful smile. Beside making a pizza just right, she made you feel as though you were part of her family. She will be missed. Heaven had truly gained an angel. I know my beloved CJ has welcomed her and asked if he can have anchovies on his pizza! Dear God keep Your arms around the precious Krutza family.*

Debra Wilson - November 30, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVern A. Krutza.*



November 30, 2020 at 01:10 PM