



Mrs. Ouida Lorene Ritter

February 27, 1939 - June 30, 2015

Funeral services for Mrs. Ouida Ritter, 76, of Leander, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Calvin Hancock officiating. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Mrs. Ritter died June 30, 2015 in Leander, Texas.

Mrs. Ouida Lorene Jackson Ritter was born February 27, 1939 in East Texas. She was the second of four children born to the Jackson Union. She was raised and schooled in Carthage, Texas graduating with the high school class of 1957. She married David Ray Ritter who preceded her in death in 2011. Ouida worked as a para professional for the Raymondville I.S.D. and was a member of the Raymondville First Baptist Church. She loved history and was an avid Elvis Presley fan. Ouida is also preceded in death by her parents, sister, Annette Britton and brother, Kenneth Jackson.

Mrs. Ritter is survived by her devoted son, Dwight Ritter and wife Susan of Austin, brother, Bailey Hall of Houston, brother-in-law, Joe Dean Britton, sister-in-law, Billie Jo Pepper of Gary, and grandsons, Jacob Ritter and Nickolas Martinez both of Austin, other relatives and a host of friends. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

1343 CR 108
Carthage, TX 75633

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Love, Amy and Jay purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Ouida Lorene Ritter.*



Love, Amy and Jay - July 06, 2015 at 06:51 PM

“ After my father Justus L Hall passed away, our Mother worked two or three jobs to take care of the family finances. This left Ouida and Annette to baby sit me as I am 11 years younger. One of the memories I have of this time is going to the movies with them. I still remember *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *Mothra*. I also remember they took me shopping on the Carthage Town Square. They left me in a clothing store. I remember that several nice people comforted me as I was afraid and crying. By the time they came back for me, a police officer had purchased an ice cream cone for me, I had stopped crying and was only concerned with eating the ice cream cone. Another memory is that the only spanking I ever got when I was a little boy was by Ouida and I did deserve it My Mother caught me climbing a tree and told me not to climb it any more. She told Ouida and Annette that I was not to climb the tree and to make sure I didn't. Well of course I climbed the tree. I almost got away with it but my foot got stuck between two limbs and I could not free it. I panicked and starting crying for help. Ouida came to help me. After she freed me from the tree, I received a well deserved lecture and spanking. After Ouida married David Ritter and they started their life together. They moved away from Carthage and we only saw each other at Thanksgiving and Christmas. After I married and left Carthage, we lost contact over the years. Circumstances reunited us in the late 1990s and my new wife, Irma Hall and I would visit Ouida and David in Harlingen Texas each spring. We would go to Nuevo Progreso Mexico, Padre Island, eat sea food, visit the sights in the Rio Grande Valley and go to movies, these are times that Irma and I will always cherish as we all had great fun with lots of laughter enjoying each others company. After Quida moved to Austin, Irma and I would try to visit her once a month. We would take Quida to Walmart, go to a movie and eat out. Again these were great times that Irma and I will always cheris as we relived the memories from our child hood and our visits in Harlingen. Irma and I have a very heavy heart with the loss of our Beloved Sister and Friend. We miss her terribly. Time may ease our pain but we will always have memories of the great times we shared with Quida and David.

To Dwight, Susan, Jacob and Nickolas. No parent could ask for a better son, daughter-in-law and grandsons. The care you gave her was the best. Her final journey was filled with love and patience. Thank you for all you for what you did for Ouida. With Love, Bailey and Irma Hall and Family.

Bailey and Irma - July 04, 2015 at 09:41 PM

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“ *Bailey and Irma Hall and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Ouida Lorene Ritter.*



Bailey and Irma Hall and Family - July 03, 2015 at 10:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ouida Lorene Ritter.*



July 02, 2015 at 04:16 PM

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“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Dwight Ritter - July 01, 2015 at 01:17 PM