



## Lavada Marie Smoot

June 18, 1935 - November 24, 2023

LaVada Marie Smoot, a long time Resident of Rural Wilson County departed this life Friday, November 24th, 2023, in Augusta, Kansas at the age of 88. Lavada was born June 18th, 1935, in Longton, Kansas to her Father Carl Kimzey and Mother Rosalie (Marquardt) Kimzey.

She Graduated from Longton High School in Longton, Kansas in 1952. She Married Carl Craig Smoot August 30, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parsons, Kansas. Carl and Lavada lived in Wichita, Kansas for 23 years with their 2 sons Danny, Timmy. During this time, Lavada was employed seasonally by H&R Block as a tax accountant. She was also employed with B.W. Jones School Bus Company where she earned an Instructor's Certification in Defensive Driving, Safety and Driver's training, which enabled her to instruct classes for school bus personnel. In 1975, she participated and won district, state and national awards in school bus rodeos. Lavada with her family, attended the Ark Valley Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas, where she was baptized into Christ on February 1, 1973.

The family moved to Windsor, Colorado in 1976, where her husband, Carl, was employed at Kodak. Lavada drove a school bus for the Windsor Public Schools. She was a member of the Centennial Christian Church at Loveland, Colorado where she was an organist for eight years. In 1987, they moved back to Wichita, Kansas for three years. Lavada, once again, was employed

by School Services and Leasing, where she retired as a Safety Director. Lavada and Carl moved to Fredonia, Kansas in 1990 so she could be closer to her mother who lived in Buffalo, Kansas. She attended the Church of Christ during her years in Fredonia. Lavada was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold. Her family, friends and church were the center of her life. In her spare time, she enjoyed decorating the church for Holidays, and Special Occasions. She also enjoyed beautifying her yard, walking, spending time with family and always lending a helping hand to those in need. Lavada's honesty, sense of humor, generosity and caregiving nature was well known. She will be sorely missed and will live in our hearts forever.

Lavada is Survived By:

Sons:

Danny Smoot and his wife Dr. Michelle Smoot

Tim and Dena Smoot

Grand Children: Timothy Smoot, Lesa Bidwell, Zachary Smoot, and Jamey Smoot

Sister:

Evelyn Catron

Sister-in-laws:

Melba Kimzey and Marilyn Kimzey

Seven Great Grand Children

Several Nieces and Nephews

A host of friends and loved ones.

Lavada is preceded in death by her husband Carl, her parents Carl and Rosalie Kimzey, brother-in-law Bob Catron, and brothers Carl Leroy Kimzey, Jerry E. Kimzey and Jamey Smoot.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the Countryside Funeral home at 1:00 PM. Burial will follow at Longton Cemetery following the funeral. Memorials are suggested to donations may be made to

the Church of Christ of Fredonia and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Cemetery Details

## Longton Cemetery

Longton, KS 67352

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 2. 1:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

## Burial

DEC 2 (CT)

Longton Cemetery  
Longton, KS 67352

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Laveda was a very wonderful lady who had the rare quality of making everyone she came in contact with feel special. She loved Dan and Tim so very much and always beamed when she talked about them, which was a a lot. She will be missed by many.

Linda Smith - December 02, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JS

“ Carl and Lavada were backyard neighbors to my parents. Lavada was the most generous, kind and helpful person I know. She was always ready with a bouquet or homemade goodie. Her sweet spirit was always uplifting and welcome.

June Da Silva - December 01, 2023 at 10:28 PM

OB

Yes, LaVada was one of the sweetest, most caring woman I knew! So sad that the world has lost an angel on earth. ❤️❤️

O'Leen Bennett - December 18, 2023 at 11:10 PM

SR

“ I got to renew with Lavada when I was in the second grade in kck. Then we found each other many year later her mother lived across the street from Jerry and I(Sue) Robinson in Buffalo. They was so nice to us .She will be missed. God Bless the remaining families.



Sue Robinson - December 01, 2023 at 03:45 PM

MA

“ Dan and Tim, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a sweet lady. Marcia Ohmie Ashton

Marcia Ashton - November 30, 2023 at 09:52 PM

KL

“ Lavada had the kindest sole, she was so sweet & loved her family dearly. She was a part of my life through my sister Marilyn Kimzey, who was Lavada's sister in law. I have heard so many stories of their trips together, Carl, Lavada, Pete & Marilyn were traveling buddies & kept some of their stories just between them. RIP sweet lady.

Kristy Lee - November 29, 2023 at 06:38 PM

SS

“ Aunt Lavada was one of the sweetest lady I ever met. I can remember as a little girl, dreaming that I would grow up to be a beautiful as Aunt Lavada. Well it didn't happen, I don't think anyone could have as kind of heart as she did. She was truly a beautiful soul.

Sherry Smith - November 29, 2023 at 03:56 PM

CS

Lavada was a sweet lady. Many wonderful memories, lots of laughter  
❤️

Chris Slaughter - December 02, 2023 at 08:40 PM