



Leola Fern Tuttle

October 19, 1928 - January 16, 2015

Leola Fern Tuttle, age 86, of Tipton, formerly of Cotton, passed away Friday evening, January 16, 2015, at the Moniteau Care Center in California, Missouri surrounded by her loved ones. She was born in Cooper County on October 19, 1928, at the farm of her grandparents, Henry and Sadie (Scott) Williams. Leola lived in the Cotton community the majority of her life. She was the daughter of the late Porter Lee and Lydia Lou (Williams) Long.

On March 22, 1951, she was united in marriage to Warren “Gene” Tuttle, in Aiken, South Carolina while he was serving in the army during the Korean War. In their 49 years of marriage they were blessed with 9 children. Gene preceded her in death on July 15, 2000.

Leola attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg and Lincoln University in Jefferson City, where she earned her degree in education. During her teaching tenure of 36 years, she taught at many elementary schools in both Cooper and Moniteau counties including Gill School which was a one room school. Her love of teaching was passed on to many of her grandchildren as they have also chosen various teaching professions. Leola also continued the legacy of her great aunt, Lottie B. Hunt by continuing to write the “Cotton Items” for many years in the California Democrat and the Tipton Times newspapers.

Leola was a member of the Oakland Baptist Church in Clarksburg, where she was an active member of WMU and also a member of the Cotton Community Club. She enjoyed gardening, but most of all, she loved her family.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Tuttle and wife Patty, David Tuttle and wife Debbie, Richard Tuttle and wife Sherry and Mike Tuttle and wife Jeannie, all of Cotton, Missouri; her daughters, Judy Oppermann and husband Steve of Tipton, Missouri, Bonnie Allee and husband Larry of California, Missouri, Rhonda Miller and husband John of Syracuse, Missouri and Rita Pace and husband David of Fortuna, Missouri; her daughter-in-law, Margaret Tuttle of Tipton, Missouri; thirty-nine grandchildren and forty-three great-grandchildren. She was awaiting the arrival of three great-grandchildren due to be born in the months of March and April 2015. She is also survived by her sisters, Peggy Borghardt of Jamestown, Missouri and Frances Evans of Oak Grove, Missouri; her sisters-in-law, Katherine Long, Sally Vogel (Bill), Donna Ferguson and Joyce Crook (Charles); and her brother-in-law, John Tuttle and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Dean Tuttle and brother, Henry Lee Long.

Quote by Leola Tuttle: "Life has been close to the way I wanted, I don't think of old times as hard times, I think of them as happy times."

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21st, at the First Baptist Church in Tipton with Brother Andrew Kuttenkuler and Brother Steven Strauch officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Tipton Masonic Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Oakland Baptist Church Building Fund or the Price James Library in Tipton, MO.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Tipton Masonic Cemetery

West Adams Street
Tipton, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Tipton
303 S. Gravois Ave.
Tipton, MO 65081

Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *She did a great job raising a bunch of good kids! Prayers & thoughts are with all of yal!!*
Ruth Crocker Bechel



Ruth Crocker Bechel - January 20, 2015 at 05:25 PM

SS

“ *Sarah Stewart lit a candle in memory of Leola Fern Tuttle*



Sarah Stewart - January 20, 2015 at 08:12 AM

MR

“ *Michelle Roberts lit a candle in memory of Leola Fern Tuttle*



Michelle Roberts - January 20, 2015 at 08:07 AM



Matthew
Capestro

“ *Ms. Tuttle was my kindergarten teacher...she helped me learn how to tie my shoes. Prayers for the family.*

Matthew Capestro - January 19, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *She was my weekend mom when I would go out and spend the weekend at Cotton...kid #10. Sweet lady who will be greatly missed.*



Bobbi Meyer - January 19, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *Luv u grandma*



Denise Roush - January 19, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ *Norma Milligan lit a candle in memory of Leola Fern Tuttle*



Norma Milligan - January 19, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ *When my children first started school at Tipton, I met Mrs. Tuttle. Then when I started substitute teaching she was there to help and guide me. She was so friendly, helpful and welcoming to someone who was not born and raised here. It was wonderful. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She left a legacy of love.*

Leslie Bagwill - January 19, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *She was an amazing woman to say the least! Prayers for her family and friends!*

Tabitha Belt - January 19, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *My family is blessed to have known her and to have her in our lives. She will always remind me to be graceful and patient, to love everyone unconditionally, to smile in bad times, and to always greet everyone with a smile. A legend she will be in my heart because heroes are remembered but legends never die....*

Anna Diggs - January 19, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *WHAT A WONDERFUL LADY SHE NEVER MET A STRANGER. WOULD LOVE TO SEE HER THEN WOULD VISIT AND CATCH UP ON THINGS. GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY.*

Harold and micki Meyer - January 19, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sending sincerest sympathy to each of you!
What an awesome family and fun to grow up with by the Cotton Bluff! God bless you all!
Love ya, Deb M.*



Deb McDaniel - January 19, 2015 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ *Tricia Boehlen lit a candle in memory of Leola Fern Tuttle*



Tricia Boehlen - January 19, 2015 at 09:44 AM

 Susan Hodges

“ *We have all been better to have known her. She was a blessing to us all. While I am sad of her passing. She is in a better place. James 1:12.*

Susan Hodges - January 19, 2015 at 08:55 AM