



Evelyn Lucile Butts

December 31, 1924 - July 4, 2021

Evelyn Lucile Butts was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She relocated peacefully from her home in West Siloam Springs, OK on July 4, 2021 at the age of 96 to her eternal home in heaven.

Evelyn was born on December 31, 1924, in Curtis, Oklahoma to Reverend Walter and Grace Gore. Living in a pastoral family with five brothers and two sisters made life always eventful and centered around the church, family, and work. Evelyn found time to study, play sports and stay involved in church activities, including singing with her siblings. After graduation from Moreland High School, she worked until she met a young man named John Butts, who had recently gotten saved in one of her dad's services. They fell in love, got engaged, and then married on April 3, 1950. Together they farmed, and often Evelyn would be out plowing the fields on the John Deere, raised cattle, and soon started a family.

To this union were born four children, Larry Wayne, James Paul, John William III, and Carol Lucile. Early in their marriage, Evelyn and John sensed the call to ministry. Together they constructed the Leedey Assembly of God Church. Now, their focus was pastoring as well as farming. A little later, John felt that God was calling him into partial missionary service, so Evelyn took the responsibilities of raising the children when John was on the evangelistic and missionary field in Africa. In many of the revivals, John and Evelyn would sing

melodious gospel songs.

In 1970, the family moved to eastern Oklahoma. John and Evelyn pastored and ministered in various churches until 1976, when they started the West Siloam Assembly of God Church. John, his three sons, and numerous members built the facility and Evelyn was always there ready to lend a hand.

Evelyn was an amazing lady, and the significant feature of the week was the Sunday dinners she prepared, where all the family and guests gathered to eat a feast that she started cooking on Saturday evening. Evelyn was well known for her excellent cooking, friendliness, and hospitality to the many guests, missionaries, and evangelists who stayed at her house. In addition, she enjoyed family reunions, outings, and watching her children and grandchildren play basketball. One of her biggest joys was taking care of and spending time with her grandchildren. Furthermore, a favorite event she looked forward to was attending the Gore Family Reunion on July 4, every other year. Interestingly enough, the Lord took Evelyn home on July 4th to her eternal home in heaven.

After almost 63 years of marriage, John passed on to glory on March 19, 2013. After his death, Evelyn carried on faithfully, never missing church, continuously supporting the family, and still the faithful homemaker.

Besides her husband John, her parents Walter and Grace Gore, two brothers, Warren and Paul Gore, and one sister, Leota Meyer preceded her in death.

She is survived by her three sons and daughter-in-laws, Larry and Carolyn of San Diego, California, James and Beth of Noel, Missouri, and John III and Belinda Butts of West Siloam Springs, OK and one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and David Schmidt of Cameroon, Central Africa. Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: Derek Butts of Converse, Texas, and children

Hunter and Kinsleigh; Lindsey Steel of Boise, Idaho and children Covey and Eilee; Ryan and Jenny Schmidt and son, Jack; Melanie and Ben Jameson; Nathan Schmidt; and Aaron Butts all of San Diego, California; Kristin and Bronson Stanley and children, Kiersten, Jackie, and Courtney; and Jenna Butts all of West Siloam Springs. One sister, Lelah Gore of Las Cruces, New Mexico, three brothers, Walter Gore of Deming, New Mexico, Raymond and Charlotte Gore of San Antonio, Texas; Earl and Rita Gore of Concord, California and brother-in-law, Rev. Dennis Meyer of Miller, Missouri. And many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Red Star Cemetery

Leedey, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Service

JUL **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

West Siloam Springs Assembly of God
5524 Cedar Dr.
West Siloam Springs, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *SUE THOMPSON lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Lucile Butts* ”



SUE THOMPSON - September 03, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Wasson Funeral Home - July 15, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lucile Butts.* ”



July 15, 2021 at 01:25 AM

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“ Back in the early 70's Bro. and Sis. Butts pastored our church in Gravette, Ar. We loved hearing of all his adventures in his Missionary work. I don't remember how long they pastored in Gravette but we loved and appreciated their work. I got a chance several years ago to visit their church. I walked up to your mom and dad and said " do you know who I am"? They said I looked familiar, and when I told them who I was they couldn't believe it. I remember their daughter Carol, who was probably about ten at the time. She had a girlfriend that came to church with her a lot. And they had a friend that came sometimes, I think her name was Carolyn. I didn't remember if that was the little girl's mom or not.

We are very sorry for your loss. She just beat us home. May God Bless you in this time of GREAT sorrow. Our sympathy to you and your family.....Andy & Diane Bennett (formerly of Gravette) Rogers, Ar.

Andy & Diane Bennett - July 14, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ We loved your sweet singing voice, prayers and smile that will forever be in our hearts. The joy of the Lord was your strength! Thanks for sharing the love of Jesus with everyone you met! Love, Ryan, Jenny & Jack Schmidt



Jenny Schmidt - July 13, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lucile Butts.*



July 13, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *James, John & family...we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again.*



Larry & Lana Hurt - July 13, 2021 at 07:59 AM



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July 13, 2021 at 01:57 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lucile Butts.*



July 12, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lucile Butts.* ”



July 12, 2021 at 04:17 PM