



Gracie Leach Pendleton

September 5, 1949 - January 3, 2019

Gracie Leach Pendleton, 69 of Fayetteville, Ark., passed away from this life to meet her Savior surrounded by her dear family and friends on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 at Washington Regional Medical Center with complications from Breast Cancer.

She was born September 5, 1949 in Fayetteville to Frank Sewell and Martha Doris Shipley Leach. Gracie is preceded in death by her parents, her brother known to many as “Bubba”, Frank Sewell Leach Jr., and her infant sister Doris Lucile Leach.

If you knew Gracie you knew a strong, southern, God fearing woman who had a mean whistle that could get your attention from miles away. She loved the Lord with all of her heart and loved telling many about His Love, Peace and Grace. On Sundays she was the official ‘Candy Greeter’ at FBC Fayetteville.

In the spring of 2015 Gracie took on a new adventure and became the housemother to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. She was spunky, fun, and whipped them all in to shape when need be. She even went ‘viral’ with a video receiving over 100K views from Row Week. Affectionately known to her PIKE Guys as “Mamma G” she loved each and every one of them like they were her own. She often went above and beyond opening her home on Thanksgiving to those who were unable to travel home or sending Christmas cards to their home address for their families—always adding that personal touch.

Gracie had many talents, from her early days in Rodeo, being a PE Teacher at Root Elementary, working in sales and marketing for radio and television stations in the NWA Area, to her recent transition as the Pi Kappa Alpha Housemother, Gracie did it all and will be dearly missed by her family, her friends and her “PIKE Guys”.

She is survived by her precious daughters, Betsy Martin (Greg) of Fayetteville and Lucy Claypool (Lance) of Springdale. Five grandchildren, Landon Martin, Anna Claire Martin, Manning Martin, Crawford Claypool and Coleman Claypool who were the apple of her eye.

Visitation will be on Monday, January 7th at Moore's Funeral Chapel from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and the Funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at First Baptist Church in Fayetteville at 11 a.m. with burial immediately following at Fairview Memorial Gardens under the direction of Moore's Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery

Events

Fairview Memorial Gardens
1728 East Mission
Fayetteville, AR, 72703

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Moore's Chapel

206 West Center St., Fayetteville, AR, US, 72701

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

First Baptist Church

20 E. Dickson Street, Fayetteville, AR, US, 72701

Comments



“ Last summer, we had the good fortune to work with Ms Gracie and are saddened to hear of her passing. She was tremendously proud to represent the Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter and was a gracious host to us during Recruitment. We send our deepest sympathy, The Women of Delta Gamma

Andrea Jacobsen - January 11 at 12:34 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Gracie. We meet her about 5 years ago during Bikes, Blues, and BBQ. She instantly became like family to us, we loved her as tho we have know her for years. She will forever be missed in our family. We are praying for you and your family.

Shane & Stephanie Copes - January 10 at 11:45 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Gracie's passing. She was a part of our family for so many years. Betsy, you and Lucy are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you and your families comfort and healing. We love you. Alan Powell and Kimberly Powell Vela



Kimberly Powell Vela - January 09 at 01:33 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Gracie's passing. I have known her for most of her life and we had more connections than just rodeo and horses. I hadn't seen Gracie often in the last few years, but we always had a lot to talk about and shared a lot of laughs. She was a wonderful person and I know we will all be together again someday!
Charlene Daugherty

Charlene Daugherty - January 08 at 05:14 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memorial Video



Sharon Thompson - January 08 at 12:45 PM



“ It was my pleasure to work with her in my role as the president of the Pike Monticello Housing Corp. when we opened the new house. It's not something you do everyday and she was up to the task. Getting through that first year was a challenge, but we managed and things turned out for the best. Gracie was a blessing to the men of Pi Kappa Alpha. Heath Ward, '86

HEATH A WARD - January 08 at 09:34 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss . Gracie was very sweet lady and would do anything for anyone .God bless all the family and rejoice in knowing that she's with Jesus Christ'. Rocky and Teri Slavens

teri slavens - January 07 at 09:24 PM



“ Love, Arkansas Phi Mu purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Gracie Leach Pendleton.



Love, Arkansas Phi Mu - January 07 at 03:10 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Baskets was purchased for the family of Gracie Leach Pendleton.



January 07 at 12:20 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Gracie (Leach) Pendleton. I remember as a child growing up visits from the Leach family. Frank Sr. worked with my mother at Shipley Baking company many years. May you treasure the special memories you have of your mother as I have of the Leach family. May the Lord give you peace. Brenda McCullah Elkins



Brenda K Elkins - January 07 at 11:35 AM



“ I agree with what my sister said. The Leach family was very special to our family. My wife and I offer our condolences to Gracie's family and will remember her family in prayer.

Gary McCullah - January 07 at 07:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Moores Chapel - January 07 at 10:17 AM



“ Gracie was loved and will be missed by many. We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis and Linda Kearbey



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Gracie Leach Pendleton.



January 06 at 03:06 PM



“ I did not know Mrs. Pendleton personally but what an amazing woman and a beautiful tribute. Lucy, you share many of her attributes. My sincerest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort for all the family.

Loretta Williams - January 06 at 02:49 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gracie Leach Pendleton.



January 06 at 11:11 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Gracie Leach Pendleton.



January 05 at 02:44 PM



“ I'll never forget seeing Gracie dance with the other house moms for Greek Sing. She was such fun, with a wonderful sense of humor and a way of cutting to the heart of the matter. I'll miss her so much.

Brenda Rea - January 04 at 11:13 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your mother with my son and all the other Pike boys. She influenced them and kept them in line and I know she put up with a lot from those boys. Bless her and prayers to your family! She made a difference

Renee Campbell - January 06 at 08:42 PM