



Lesta Ann Bigbie

April 19, 1934 - November 25, 2015

Lesta Ann Olmstead Bigbie, 81, died Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. Ann was born April 19, 1934 in Marshall, Oklahoma to Leston Dalford Olmstead and Juanita Marie Hopson Olmstead. She met the love of her life, Leonard Bigbie, as a young teenager and they were married in 1954. She graduated from London High School in New London, Texas in 1952 and then attended Tyler Business College. She was the first secretary for Howard Industries in Laurel in the 1960's. In 1970, Ann and Leonard started Big "B" Valve Repair & Service, Inc, servicing the oil industry in the southeast region of the United States. They operated Big "B" until their retirement in 1999. Ann is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Leonard Zelby Bigbie of Laurel, her sister Janet Olmstead Cotten Bizzell of Austin, Texas; her brother Robert Olmstead and his wife Katie, of Franklin, Texas; her daughter Debra Bigbie Hinton and her husband Ray; her son Joseph Wayne Bigbie and his wife, Ellen, all of Laurel. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren: Jennifer Pridgen Craft and her husband, Kevin of Hattiesburg; Jonathan Bigbie of Moselle; Angela Pridgen Myers and her husband, Tommy of Laurel; Krysta Bigbie McRae and her husband, Chris, of Soso; Bethany Bigbie Byrd and her husband, Austin, of Laurel; Joshua Pridgen and his wife, Jennifer, of Ellisville; Robert Pridgen and his fiancée' Dayna Hamm both of Ellisville; and Michael Bigbie and his wife, Genny of Brandon. Additionally she is survived by 12 great-grandchildren: Ariana Marie Craft of Hattiesburg, Aidan Donavan Bigbie of Moselle, Melody Grace Gilbert

of Laurel, Shawn Thomas Myers of Laurel, Lillianna Drummer of Ellisville, Christopher Joseph McRae of Soso, Eden Rose Gilbert of Laurel, Emma Rose Pridgen of Ellisville, Krystina Rose McRae of Soso, Abigail Elizabeth Myers of Laurel, Krystie Marie McRae of Soso and Michael James Bigbie of Brandon. Visitation will be at 1 pm on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Heritage Heights Baptist Church, 4140 Hwy 15 North, Laurel with services following at 2:30 pm. Burial will be at Union Line Cemetery in Jones County. Brother Ken Regan will officiate the services. Pallbearers will be Jonathan Bigbie, Joshua Pridgen, Bob Pridgen, Michael Bigbie, Aidan Bigbie and Kevin Craft.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Donna Graham - November 30, 2015 at 03:11 PM

LP

“ *Deepest Sympathy Extended to Family of Ann Bigbie. I am praying for your comfort and peace.
Sincerely, Linda Patterson*

Linda Patterson - November 28, 2015 at 04:51 PM

DW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for the entire Bigbe family. Ms Ann was a special lady and will be missed by so many.*

David and Jan White - November 28, 2015 at 09:31 AM

JF

“ *Debbie and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. You are in my thoughts.
Sincerely, Jodee*

Jodee Flynt-Davies - November 27, 2015 at 05:48 PM

RE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss . she was such a sweet person . I work in the deli at Kroger's . loved seeing her everyday .*

Rebecca evans - November 27, 2015 at 03:19 PM

RA

“ *Rest in peace sweet lady will miss seeing you come in krogers!
Praying for the family! ??*

Randi - November 27, 2015 at 03:02 PM

DD

“ *Leonard and family, We are so sorry to hear about Ann. She was a
great friend and person, she will be missed by everyone who knew
her. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Danny and Linda Donald - November 27, 2015 at 10:47 AM