



Olleva Rose Coleman

August 21, 2019

Olleva Rose Coleman, age 77, of Knoxville formerly of Pikeville, KY passed away on Wednesday August 21, 2019. She was born on February 17, 1942 to Elmer and Edith Layne. She moved to Knoxville in 1970 and worked in nursing and later pursued a Masters in Education at UT-Knoxville. She worked in the Union County School System for nearly thirty years, working with homebound special needs and gifted children and made a difference in so many lives. She was a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church. She was a faithful devout Christian who loved Christ, her church and family. She never met a stranger and loved everyone immensely, and anyone that met her loved her just as much. Words cannot describe how much she will be missed. Preceded in death by father, Elmer Layne; mother, Edith (Ethel) Reed Layne; and stepmother, Mary Lou Gormican Layne. She is survived by sons, Joey Coleman, and David (Deanna Shiftlet) Coleman; daughter, Sandy (Scott) Hennessy of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Devan Coleman Carney, Demi Coleman, Ave Layne Hennessy, and Addy Hennessy; brother and sister-in-law, Elmer Bradley Layne and Linda Ireland Layne; many other close family members including, Christy Epley Watson, Kathy White, Susan Phillips, John Blair, and James Stanley. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Friday August 23, 2019, at ROSE MORTUARY BROADWAY CHAPEL. A funeral mass will be held at 11:30 am Saturday at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Lynnhurst. Online obituary may be viewed and condolences extended at www.rosemortuary.com .

Cemetery

Lynnhurst Cemetery

2300 West Adair Drive
Knoxville, TN,

Events

AUG 23 **Receiving of Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Rose Mortuary Broadway Chapel
1421 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN, US

AUG 24 **Funeral Mass** 11:30AM

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
1041 N. Central St., Knoxville, TN, US

AUG 24 **Interment to follow**

Lynnhurst Cemetery
2300 West Adair Drive, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - August 23, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ Joey, David, and Sandy,
We are so sorry to hear of Livvy's passing. Mom always spoke fondly of her; she told us how smart she was and I think she lived with Mammie Easterling a couple of summers and went to summer school. I always enjoyed talking with her at the family reunions in Coeburn. I know how well your lives have all been changed. Losing your mother is losing your best friend. She loved you before she even saw you. Prayers for all of you.

Margi Garrett Travis - August 25, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 24, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ Me Coleman was my gifted teacher for a number of years in Elementary School. She was a kind and caring soul who always listened and looked for ways to help us become our best. I remember one time that she brought me some clothes from her daughter and I wore them all the time. I appreciated that gesture so much! What a beautiful legacy she has left!

m forbes - August 23, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - August 23, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ LauraChristy Gina Sara Marja Heather Norah Melanie purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



LauraChristy Gina Sara Marja Heather Norah Melanie - August 23, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 23, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Ms. Coleman was one of the most amazing teachers I could have ever had in Talented and Gifted program. She inspired my love of the arts and I am always eternally grateful for her as a mentor/teacher. Most of my most fond memories of my school years involved her.

Paula Varner Applewhite - August 23, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Dear David and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Liv is a fine lady and will be greatly missed. She is in good hands now in Heaven. May God Bless you and your family.

Deepest Sympathies,

Miss J, Jerry, Eric, Kevin and Jason Julian

Pat Julian - August 23, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 22, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ I don't think I have ever known a kinder, gentler, more loving person in my life. Her light shines through her eyes. Rest in Peace and Love, Ms Libby.

Dawn Patelke - August 22, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ I first met Libby at her home, David invited some of from UT to her home for a study group to meet his mom. She welcomed us and was the sweetest soul I've ever met. Little did I know God put her in mine and my children's path where she would help me in more ways than I could count. David your mother was a gift from God to me and my kids . My mother died and never met my kids but Ms Libby advised me like a mom and watched after my kids in their studies whether she taught them or not .Always with a kind word of encouragement. David she will always have a special place in our hearts 😊.

Susan Booker - August 22, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ Miss Libby would always welcome me to work with a hug. She loved talking about her family. She had the biggest heart and such a sweet lady. I am blessed to have known her.

Bridget Calfee - August 22, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ Libby was a sweet lady and a wonderful example of God's love! We will miss her hugs, smiles, kisses and her telling us how much she loved us. There is a hole in our hearts but the consolation is that she is in Heaven praying for all those she loved so much. She would always talk about her children and how much she loved them. Libby we will miss you...pray for us until we meet again.

Deacon Gordy & Fran Lowery - August 22, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



August 22, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olleva Rose Coleman.



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“ Mrs. Libby,
You had the kindest heart for the kids and everyone you met. Always ready to give a hug. You gave your heart to the kids. May you rest in peace sweet lady.

Lisa West - August 22, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Libby,

One of the first teachers and friends I met at Maynardville Elementary. You were such an important part of my first few years. I love you and you will forever be in my heart.

Cindy - August 22, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ Ms. Libby.
She was an amazing woman who loved. She loved everyone. She taught me many valuable lessons and we shared some fun and amazing times. Most of all, I'm so grateful she allowed me to be a part of her precious life. She loved her family fiercely. She is undoubtedly flying with the angels.

Lisa Carter - August 22, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ Libby

I will miss you so much, you always had a smile and a hug for everyone. You were the most caring person I have ever known. You will be a great loss to everyone. I will never forget you. I'm so happy to see that Father Dowling is going to do the Mass, I know that is what you would have wanted.

Diane Carlson

Diane Carlson - August 22, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Coleman. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Mayor Gary D. Chandler(City of Plainview)

Mayor Gary D. Chandler(City of Plainview - August 22, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Libby's death on earth. I knew her through the Holy Ghost Catholic Church. She was always interested in speaking with me and we attended many Bible studies through the church. She was always ready with a good hug and smile. We had plans to go to Greece but she travelled much further by making her Heavenly journey. She was deeply spiritual. I pray for her eternal peace and that her family is comforted knowing she had a prepared death.

Letha Lehman - August 22, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ I loved Ms. Libby and always will. What a sweet precious soul she was! Always had a hug, a smile and the patience of Job. I will never forget all of our long talks. She loved her students and they loved her. She will be missed! Thank you Sandy for bringing her to see her Union County friends a while back. Praying for you all.

Susan Oaks - August 22, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Libby was a unique lady! Her welcomed hugs were a real inspiration even on my worst days! Her presence will be missed at many of the church functions. Libby's memory will live on as a dear friend until we meet again. Rest in peace, Libby.

Carol Pettit

Carol Pettit - August 22, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ We have been blessed to have our lives touched by this amazing and loving woman. Each Wednesday night we enjoyed her company as we attended Father Dowling's Bible Studies. Libby always greeted us with a smile and hug. We were looking forward to her company on our trip to Greece. Condolences and prayers for her family and friends. Love, Larry & Donna Martin

Larry & Donna Martin - August 22, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ I loved Libby. I attended bible studies with Fr John Dowling . She always made me feel welcome and loved. She had a warm greeting for everyone. Her heart was huge. I will miss her presence at The Mass and bible studies. Her light shined brightly.

Theresa Eilerman - August 22, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Libby was a beautiful, loving and genuinely caring person who I will never forget. She has left an indelible and lasting impression on my heart, and in my soul. I will miss you dearly Libby, but will always carry you with me!

Carrie Fernandez - August 22, 2019 at 04:44 PM