



## LaVerne Brown Wood

October 20, 1935 - June 23, 2018

LaVerne Brown Wood went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 23, 2018. She will be terribly missed by her family and friends but we are confident that we will be reunited with her in Heaven. LaVerne was born on October 20, 1935 in Lindale, Texas to Edwin and Beatrice “Sweetie” Brown. One of nine children, she grew up surrounded by love and companionship. She graduated from Lindale High School in 1954 and went on to the University of North Texas. It was there that she met her husband, Doug Wood, a dashing and fun-loving senior. LaVerne was beautiful inside and out. She was crowned Miss Tyler in 1954 and competed that year for the Miss Texas title, but it was the beauty of her spirit that was so very special. She never spoke an unkind word about anyone, choosing instead to see the good in everyone. Laverne was the wife of an Air Force pilot, traveling the world with her growing family. They were stationed in Japan and Okinawa as well as several bases in the United States. Uprooting was hard but she held her family close and made every new location special with her outgoing personality and sweetness. She made wonderful friends that she kept her entire life. LaVerne possessed many talents. She was a beautiful seamstress, played bridge and mahjong, was a wonderful cook and a Master Gardner. And she lovingly referred to Doug as her under gardener. Whatever she envisioned, he brought to life. She was never idle. She took cake decorating classes, learned to quilt, joined a garden club and had a special group of Tyler women that she lovingly referred to as “my sorority”. In 1981, with the birth of her first grandchild, LaVerne would

forever become “Lolli”. She was a very special grandmother and just couldn’t believe how blessed she was to have such “beautiful and talented” grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lolli is survived by her husband of 63 years, Colonel Doug Wood and four children and their spouses, Doug, Jr. and Kathy Wood, Cheri and Jim Francis, Mark and Traci Wood, and Marla and John Pittman; 12 grandchildren and spouses, Jeff and Morgan Wood, Grant and Jessica Wood, Jake and Sarita Francis, Becca and Rob Pritchard, Jordan and Jordan Rymer, Josh Francis, Coty Wood, Heather and Shawn Maynor, Alex Wood , Johnny Pittman, Anna Kate Pittman and Gray Pittman; and 13 great grandchildren, BrookeLynn, Dalton, Colton, Gus, Winn, Vaughn, Knox, Sita, Nelson, James, Liza, Freya and Ruby. Other survivors are her brothers Joe (Nancy), Steve (Diane), and sisters Edwina (Jim) Granberry and Mary Alice (Fred) Wilkerson and all their children whom she adored. And of course, her best friend since they were young girls, Fayrene Ellet. Her friendship and love was beyond comparison. She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother and father in law, Floyd and Virgie Wood, brothers Tom, Frank, John and Robert, granddaughter Rachel Wood and great grandson Olin Wood. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Hopewell Cemetery Association. Lolli loved and was greatly loved and that love will continue through her family. Saturday, July 14th the family will be holding a private burial at Hopewell Cemetery. We invite all friends to her Celebration of Life service at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale at 11:00 am Saturday, July 14, 2018. In remembrance of Lolli, we encourage all ladies to wear white pants. Brightly colored shirts are welcome!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
206 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771  
(903) 882-3141  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerne Brown Wood*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *LaVerne Brown Wood*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ My husband and I, together with two sons the ages of two of Doug and LaVerne's sons, lived in Abilene, Texas, while both men served as Air Force pilots at Dyess Air Force Base. It was the longest time we ever lived anywhere, and when my husband was reassigned to Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, it was a very sad departure from all the wonderful friends in Abilene. Following the assignment in Frankfurt, we were assigned to four other places outside the United States. I think our adventures and travels all over the world led me to a career in the travel business, as it was my desire to help as many people as possible to see and enjoy all the many wonderful places I was privileged to experience. My husband is now deceased, one year before LaVerne, and my business is a great comfort to me now. One of the greatest trips was when I took a group of people to Alaska, and Doug and LaVerne, along with another of their Air Force couple friends, were in the group. It was great to see Doug and LaVerne again, and my oldest (and only grandchild) was in the group with our oldest son. She is now a lawyer. I'm often asked when I will quit working, and my answer is "when I die".

My husband and I played golf a lot in Abilene. Doug would play and LaVerne would be in the golf cart with him. More than once Doug would say "she may not play, but she's so much fun to have with us". We totally agreed with that assessment. They visited us one time in Brandon, Mississippi and that was as much fun as being on the golf course with them. I loved all the family pictures we got in their Christmas cards. We joined them at Sherri's house in Dallas for a big birthday celebration for Doug. I marveled at all the grandchildren running all over the house, and in one game of Hide and Seek, we were astounded to learn that one had been hiding under a table with a floor length cloth on it in the very room where several of us had been visiting! We loved that trip with the Woods!

Doug called me the day after LaVerne died. When I saw his name

*on my phone, I was so excited, thinking I'd be hearing about all the family. I answered, and any excitement soon turned to sadness. I tried to comfort him, as best I could, having had the same experience just a year earlier when my husband died.*

*So now, I send continued love to Doug and the rest of the family. Please know that you are in my constant thoughts and prayers.  
Special love to all,  
Jo Anne Caven*

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**Jo Anne Caven** - July 15, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LaVerne Brown Wood.*



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July 12, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *LaVerne came as a friend at Lockbourne AFB at a time i needed a good friend. She was always there for me, as this was her true nature. She was a beautiful woman with a big heart. I'll cherish her friendship forever as our friendship lasted as long as she lasted. She was kind, she was talented, and she could laugh with her whole body. It was a treasure to have known her, she was a gift. My heart is sad that she has gone to a better place, but she will always be in my heart. Not goodbye, but see you at the next base. That's what Air Force wives were like. Sandy Patterson. Peachtree City, Georgia.*

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**Sandy Patterson** - July 12, 2018 at 12:19 PM

CM

“ Was in class eight of the Master Gardeners of Smith County with LaVerne and developed a wonderful friendship that lasted all these years. Lost touch for a time and was pleasantly suprized to run into her and her best friend at the Olympic Center at Hide a Way. Back in the time we spent in Master Gardeners I had the pleasure to serve as a docent to show her beautiful yard to the public and meet her husband Doug that she called the hole diggerfor her garden. Wil miss visiting with her at the gym.

Sympathy to the family,  
Charles Minatrea

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Charles Minatrea - July 12, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of LaVerne Brown Wood.



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July 12, 2018 at 08:59 AM

DG

“ Donna Null Greacen lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Brown Wood



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Donna Null Greacen - July 12, 2018 at 08:40 AM

LW

“ Will always remember LaVerne as being a beautiful person, both inside and out. Have many memories of her and Doug over the years. She will be missed.

Lydia Whitwell - July 11, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of LaVerne Brown Wood.



July 11, 2018 at 12:03 PM

DG

“ Donna Null Greach lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Brown Wood



Donna Null Greach - July 11, 2018 at 10:28 AM



Rhonda Carmody

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Rhonda Carmody - July 10, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Lajuanda Morrow lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Brown Wood*



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**Lajuanda Morrow** - July 10, 2018 at 08:26 PM

FB

*So sorry for your loss Doug. She will be missed.*

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**Frank Baker** - July 12, 2018 at 01:49 PM

JH

“ *Praying for you all during this time - God Bless you and give you peace and strength - in His Holy and precious name, John & Bette Hope*

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**John Hope** - July 10, 2018 at 07:06 PM