



LaJean Roper

November 20, 1938 - May 11, 2020

Frances "LaJean" Roper

LaJean was born on Sunday, November 20, 1938 in Levelland, Texas, the daughter of Herman Timmons and Emma (King) Timmons. She passed from this life on Monday, May 11, 2020. She was 81 years of age.

LaJean was the ace daughter of the family, looking after two younger brothers growing up together on a west Texas farm. The family was very poor, but the children were unaware based on the home and life that was created by their parents. She loved to hear her mother sing and would spend time with her father any chance she could get. The family farmed cotton, maize, and sorghum which resulted in LaJean learning to drive a tractor at a young age. She was overjoyed when her father had enough confidence in her to operate the tractor on her own. When she wasn't busy helping with the farm, she would walk in the field, play basketball and baseball, ride her horse "Nell", and play games when it was too cold to be outside. In high school she competed fiercely, splitting her time between barrel racing and taking her basketball team to the state championships. She was always a sweetheart, but never lost her competitiveness. Her grandkids will tell you that she would never let them win at any card games or dominoes. She played to win and expected everyone else to do the same.

Doug and LaJean met during high school in Tulia, Texas where they dated for 3 years (or as Doug describes it, “I chased her for 3 years”) until she finally agreed to marry him in 1958. On the day they got married Doug told LaJean that he’d finally caught her. Soon afterward she became the mother of two children, Rodney and Cari. Then, in 1971, the family left Texas and moved to Oklahoma City for three years and then to Broken Arrow in 1974 where they have been ever since. LaJean was dedicated to Doug and their marriage, and she loved her family dearly. She wanted her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and all her greats to know that she loved and respected them. She was so proud of her family. LaJean was not shy with her love and made others feel like they were her own. Regardless of family ties, she acted as a sister, mother, and grandmother to many.

LaJean was a go-getter. She described herself as “hyper” as a child and that energy seemed to stay with her throughout her life. She was confident and independent. After she worked as a tax preparer for Fred Sanders, she began her career in real estate with Jim Kelley for a few years before branching on her own and later became an independent broker. At one point, LaJean and her daughter Cari joined forces to create Oklahoma’s greatest real estate duo. They were unstoppable. LaJean also managed several rental properties where one renter described her as the best landlord they’d ever had. She was smart, bold, and caring which brought her much success over her lifetime.

Doug and LaJean were a team. In every aspect of their lives, they worked together and deeply respected each other. After 62 years of marriage, their biggest argument was over the placement of a towel rack in their bathroom. Doug and LaJean enjoyed dominoes, traveling, and playing golf with several other couples from Arrow Heights Baptist Church, where they have been faithful members for over 40 years. God was the core of LaJean’s life and through him she gained complete happiness. She wanted to be just like her grandmother who exemplified the characteristics of a Christian by being

patient, kind, and gentle.

LaJean lived to serve others. She was the church pianist for two different churches for more than 20 years and sang in the Arrow Heights Church Choir. She served as the Senior Adult Sunday School Department Director where she was loved dearly. Doug says her life motto could be summed up as “it’s not about me, it’s about others.”

LaJean had advice for just about everything. For marriage, her advice was that sometimes you have to be more committed to the marriage than the person. For personal growth, she would say that a person’s personality gets stronger with age, so it was important to address personal development issues early on. For financial success, she believed that people should live below their means, find contentment, not worship material things and to take time off to rest and spend time with family. These lessons, along with her commitment and love for others have defined what it means to be a member of her family, and her memory will live on for eternity.

LaJean is survived by,

Husband, Doug, of Broken Arrow

Son, Rodney, of Broken Arrow

Grandchildren, Hunter Roper and Lauren of Oklahoma City

Hayley Brooks and Jeffrey of Denver, Colorado

Great-Grandchildren, Emma “Reese” Roper and Wylie Roper of Oklahoma City

Brother, Howard Timmons of Brownfield, Texas

Michael Timmons of Brownfield, Texas

Son-in-Law, Steve McLarty of Broken Arrow

LaJean was preceded in death by:

Her parents, Herman and Emma (King) Timmons and one daughter, Cari McLarty

Memorial services will be streamed live 10 am, May 15, 2020 at <https://vimeo.com/418047555>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *LaJean Roper*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *What a true friend I'll treasure our last lunch together on Feb 12 .
You will always hold a special place in my heart your legacy will live
on through your beautiful family You left us to soon but Gods plan is
perfect . THS CLASSMATE Betty Watts Caraway*

Betty Caraway - May 15, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 15, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JD

*LaJean was just easy to love. She had a great sense of humor, was
easy & fun to be around, and offered the best Faith-based advice. My
deepest sympathy to her family. She will be greatly missed.*

Jackie Downie - May 15, 2020 at 04:13 PM

TS

*Still miss her as much today. A wonderful woman whose life greatly
inspired me.*

Tamara Smallwood - April 22, 2025 at 06:24 AM

LA

“ I can't find the first message I wrote, so I'm going to try again. I met LaJean when I played on the Arrow Heights women's softball team. We were new members and since I had always been athletic, I thought it would be a good way to meet people. About the third practice I was going for a fly ball, when I missed it with the glove, but caught it in my right temple. I'm ashamed to say the first word out of my mouth was not very Christian. LaJean was the first one to rush to my side, where I quickly proclaimed, " I'm so sorry I said that!" Being the never judgmental person that she was, LaJean replied, "Oh sweetie, don't you worry about that." A few months later, brother Bob ask church members to purchase dinners, to be prepared by other members as a way of getting to know each other. By this time I knew that the Roper family was well-loved by Arrow Heights. We were so honored and surprised when they purchased our meal. So down-to-earth and genuine. I recently saw LaJean at Sara Slankard's funeral, as beautiful and friendly as always. I was happy to call her a friend. My heart is helped by knowing that LaJean is with her sweet girl, Cari, right now.



Linda Anderson - May 15, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ LaJean has always been a very special lady to me. She invested so much time into my spiritual development, especially as a youth. Always so gracious and caring. I will greatly miss LaJean, but I take comfort in knowing that she lived her life for the moment she would meet her Heavenly Father. I am praying for Doug, Rodney and the rest of the family.

Chris Reynolds - May 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ *Lajeane, was such a very nice lady and meant a lot to my family. She was so very helpful in the passing of my parents-she will be missed greatly-I am lifting the family up in prayers*

Jim Wiley - May 15, 2020 at 10:29 AM

AT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. While we mourn our loss, heaven is rejoicing the homecoming of a good and faithful servant.*

Areta Treece - May 15, 2020 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ *My love & deepest sympathy to family. As a classmate (Class of 57) from Tulia, I recall when she first moved to Tulia, what a special friend she was, her great basketball skill, and that all-around sweet smile for everyone. Rest High on that Mountain, looking down to enjoy the legacy of love you created. Gone too soon. Marie Hoggins Mayfield*

Marie Hoggins Mayfield - May 15, 2020 at 07:47 AM

PE

“ *Such a nice lady; always a pleasure to chat with her at AHBC. Truly an example of how we all should live and conduct ourselves! Our sincerest condolences to Doug and Rodney and the rest of the family. The Elkins, Paige & Bill*

Paige & Bill Elkins - May 14, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 14, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *She never met a stranger. Even as a young child, meeting her for the first time, I knew she loved me. And after 14 years of complete distance and ZERO communication, she welcomed me back with loving arms, as one of her own.. like we never missed a beat! She had a way of making you want to be a better person. A CHRIST-LIKE person. Not to mention her smile.. even in the darkest moments, her smile and her voice.. I GUARANTEE, you would feel better.*



Mrs. LaJean Roper,

Thank you for bringing light with you everywhere you went. Thank you for being the example of how we all should live. Thank you for serving our creator and being a God fearing woman. Thank you for showing me that no matter where you “came from”, you’re still a child of God, and you’re just as worthy and important as the others.

Your presence will most certainly be missed here on earth, but your memory will last forever. I love you Grandma Roper. Rest in Peace

Megan - May 14, 2020 at 03:32 AM

LA

LaJean...one of the kindest people I've ever known. You're with sweet Carrie, now, surrounded by love, and that in itself makes my heart happy .

Linda Anderson - May 14, 2020 at 05:37 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 14, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ *Ina Morris lit a candle in memory of LaJean Roper*



Ina Morris - May 13, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 08:02 PM

KW

“*LaJean was a fine Christian woman with a kind, loving heart. She was a dear friend....always willing to listen and offer encouraging words. I was blessed to attend church with her at Arrow Heights Baptist and work with her at Century 21 Jim Kelly. We lost touch after I moved back to Texas in 1985. Fast forward 30 years....I moved back to Broken Arrow in 2015 and LaJean was the first person I saw when I walked into Arrow Heights Baptist one Sunday morning. She had not changed at all. Our friendship rekindled like no time had passed. We enjoyed many heart to heart talks over breakfast at Egg It On Cafe. That’s where LaJean always wanted to go. I again moved back to Texas but this time we kept in touch. I still have all of our texts in my phone. I will treasure the last one I received from her....the last sentence was “Love you.” I love you too LaJean. You will be missed, but I know you are happy in Heaven. Sending thoughts, prayers, and much love to Doug, Rodney, and all of the family. 🙏❤️*

Kathy White

Kathy White - May 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM

WM

“*LaJean was a dear friend who can not be replaced and will never be forgotten. We were able to spend many happy years traveling and sight seeing, playing many beautiful courses, and spending time in our homes laughing and sharing together. She was an inspiration to all who were privileged to know her and will be greatly missed.*

Wilbur & Barbara Maxwell

Wilbur J Maxwell - May 13, 2020 at 05:21 PM

WJ

“ Wilbur J. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of LaJean Roper.



Wilbur J. - May 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM

HE

“ Howard and Georgie - Peggy - Garner and Esther purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of LaJean Roper.



Howard and Georgie - Peggy - Garner and Esther - May 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.



May 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM

KF

“ I worked with LaJean several years when she was with Century 21 Jim Kelly. She always wore a smile and had time to ask about my kids. Her kindness and Christian faith will live on with all of those she met. I also remember her beautiful singing voice. Prayers are sent for her family and may sweet memories be yours forever.
Kandie Fairchild

Kandie Fairchild - May 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM

HG

“ *LaJean will be greatly missed by so many.*

Howard and Georgie Timmons



Howard and Georgie - May 13, 2020 at 01:00 PM

GC

Thank you.

Gaye Call - May 13, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JG

“ *Jan Gordon lit a candle in memory of LaJean Roper*



Jan Gordon - May 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 13, 2020 at 12:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 12, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *LaJean was my mom's (Gaye Call) best friend. Reminiscing recently, I recall a time LaJean came over (I was about 5 yo.) She paid me \$1 to clean my room. Mom impressed, they learned I put my clothes and junk in the recliner. LaJean yelled "Run Jen Run," knowing mom was NOT impressed. LaJean was so kind and loving..and might've saved my life a few times. I will miss her, but I know she's in a blessed place with Jesus and her precious Daughter (and dog "Tissue," as I called her.) This world lost a wonderful soul, heaven gained an amazing Angel.*

Jennifer Martin - May 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.*



May 12, 2020 at 07:26 PM

AL

“ I have so many fond memories of growing up with LaJean. Through her many talks and actions, she Encouraged me to be unapologetically strong, confident and myself. The world shines a little dimmer now she is gone—and heaven a little brighter.

Alesha - May 12, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of LaJean Roper.



May 12, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GC

“ LaJean visited me after I first visited AHBC in 1977. She kept coming over to visit me. I finally realized we were going to become friends. We went thro a zillion experiences together over 43 years of close friendship. I always told her she was made of pure gold as was Doug. What a treasure to me. I'll forever have a huge hole in my heart missing her. ❤️ U LaJ

Gaye Call - May 12, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *LaJean Roper was one of my closest friends and a spiritual mentor since around 1975. We sang duets together, she played for me when I did some special music occasionally, prayed together, and we wrote a song together. She was a joy and always had a smile and an uplifting word. She was always supportive and loving! Great loss for all of us left, but a beautiful example of Christ's love for us to remember and follow. Love you, MaJean! Tim, Dona and MaScott Huggard*

Dona Huggard - May 12, 2020 at 04:16 PM

BT

“ *Such faith, grace and love from such a very special lady. So eternally grateful to have had her in my life. I love her and I will miss her.*

Barbara Thompson - May 12, 2020 at 10:57 AM

TS

“ *Unreplaceable. She showed me great love and was an impactfully positive influence in my life.*



Tamara Smallwood - May 12, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LP

“ *Latricia Page lit a candle in memory of LaJean Roper*



Latricia Page - May 12, 2020 at 08:50 AM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Roper family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Francis.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 11, 2020 at 05:55 PM

LP

I love you Aunt LaJean. Life won't be the same on earth without you!

Latricia Page - May 12, 2020 at 08:45 AM

PA

LaJean will be greatly missed. Such an inspiration to each of us and always an encouraging word. I remember a trip she took quite a few years ago to Calimesa, California. It was wonderful spending time with her at this time.

Paul - May 14, 2020 at 08:53 PM

JW

Doug, so sorry for your loss. Sixty plus years is a long time to love someone and I know she will be miss terribly.
June Payne Wurst

June Payne Wurst - May 15, 2020 at 07:01 PM