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Leta B. Torrey, age 89, of Unionville, Missouri, passed away Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Putnam County Care Center, in Unionville, Missouri.

Leta was born on June 17, 1935, in rural Putnam County, the youngest daughter of Simpson and Clara (Korns) Potter. She graduated from Unionville High School with the class of 1953. Leta was united in marriage to Fred H. Torrey on December 18, 1964.

To this union, twins were born, Melody and Melissa and Fred gained two bonus children, Paul and Melinda. They were married for 56 years prior to his passing on January 26, 2021. Leta enjoyed baking and taking her crafts and sewing pieces to the local farmer's market, where she had been selling since 1984.

She also served as the market manager. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years. Leta was also a member of The American Legion, and the Granddaughters of American Revolution, serving as their national president for 18 months starting in 1996.

She traveled to Iowa, Florida, New York, Minnesota, Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, and Indiana to conventions, which she really enjoyed. She was also the Lincoln Township clerk for 16 years and worked at the election for over 30 years. She loved reading her Bible and Christian novels. She also enjoyed quilting by hand, she had made a quilt for all of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many other baby quilts for family and friends.

She was very good at making people happy, especially with a nice homecooked meal. Left to honor the memory of Leta are her children: Melissa (Steve) Nemmers, Melody Torrey, Paul Burkland, and Melinda (David) Kottman; her grandchildren: Jeremy (Brooke) Kottman, Courtney Kottman, Brenda Nemmers, and Stephanie (J.D.) Moore; great grandchildren Charlee, Peyton, Carson, Lillian, Tucker John (T.J.), and Aiden; sisters-in-law: Alvera (Jim) Gibson, Colleen Torrey,



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and Rogene Torrey; an aunt, Virginia Torrey; a person who was like another daughter, Theresa Hunsaker, along with numerous other nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded into death by her parents: Simpson and Clara Potter, in-laws: John and Marge Torrey, her husbands: Donald Burkland and Fred Torrey, sisters: Pauline Potter, Ruby (Vernon) Johnson, Edna (Vern) Stottlemire, brother: Clell Potter, two brothers-in-law: Bert Torrey and Alva Torrey, and one niece and two nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM Saturday July 27, 2024 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Walter Griffin officiating. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Visitation will take place Saturday July 27, 2024 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 12:00-1:00PM.

Memorials may be made to the Unionville Cemetery, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Torrey Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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Keri Galloway posted:

I met Leta several years ago when I took my dad to Farmers Market at the park. Dad was getting his tomatoes from Fred, and he asked me to go pick up his pie from Leta, and he pointed her out. As I was walking down she light up! When I got to her, she said, just tell me your name. Because you are your mother!" She had know way of knowing that was the best compliment anyone could give me. Dad had me take him every Saturday to farmers market. Leta and I soon beame fast friends!! saw her often, even while in the Care Center. She will be missed but I have know doubt her and Fred are dancing in Heaven. As the rest of us are left to mourn her passing.My deepest sympathy to Melody, and her other children. Keri GallowayCork Galoway

July 25 at 7:00 PM



Curtis And Mary Kottman posted:

In celebration of Letas life and legacy.

July 22 at 7:00 PM



Your Amcor Corporate Engineering Team posted:

May you find peace and comfort. Our thoughts go out to you and your family.

July 21 at 7:00 PM



A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Leta B Torrey posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

July 21 at 7:00 PM



Kelsey Zimmerlee lit a candle in honor of Leta.

Sorry for your loss Melisa prayers for you and you family Kelsey zo

July 21 at 7:00 PM





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CJ

Catherine Johnson posted:

She was a neighbor to my parents and i would go over and play with her children. She was always very nice to me anytime i would see her. The last time i talk to her was at farmers market on the square. I will miss see her at the market.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

MC

Mary Clapham posted:

She was a wonderful lady. Leta was very special in my daughters life when my daughter was little. Leta loved the Lord and I know she is celebrating the fact that she is with her Savior.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

CT

Clarissia Henshaw Thomas posted:

Sorry

July 21 at 7:00 PM

MC

Michelle Guffey Cairns posted:

So sorry for your loss Melody. Prayers for you and your Family.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

RB

Rona Sue Barger posted:

So sorry for your family's loss.

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CK

Cheryl Kaster posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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DB

Donna Lee Belloma posted:

Sorry for your loss melody an family

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MS

Marla Cox Smith posted:

So sorry for your loss Melody 😞

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MD

Mary Beth Decook posted:

Such a sweet lady I will miss her

July 21 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

So sorry for your loss.Sending prayers to the families.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

LC

Lisa Cunningham posted:

So sorry to hear this, my heart goes out to Melissa, Melody, Paul and Melinda. Prayers with you all. Leta was the nicest person you'd ever want to meet, an this lady could cook! There wasn't a mean or unpleasant thing about her. She'd give you the shirt off her back if she thought you needed it. Love you my dear friend RIP sweet lady, give Fred a hug from Sweet Pea as he Always called me.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

LB

Lona Bratz posted:

So sorry, thinking of you all! 🙏

July 21 at 7:00 PM



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LR

Linsey Symmonds Rouse posted:

So sorry Melody. Thinking of you and your sister.

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JD

Jonette (Jo) Dixon posted:

A wonderful woman, hard worker, and such a generous soul. Thinking of you all.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

SK

Sheila Kirby posted:

Sending prayers for comfort and peace.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

PH

Patricia Huebner posted:

So sorry for your loss prayers to the family

July 21 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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