

Joyce Marie Leeper | 1939-2016

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Joyce Marie Leeper, 77, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, in Denton.

Funeral was Sept. 20 at White Family Funeral Home in Bowie with burial at Mallard Cemetery in Forestburg.

Joyce was born Feb. 19, 1939, in South Bend to D.D. and Effie (Taylor) Echols. She graduated from Forestburg High School in 1957. Joyce married Charles Leeper April 17, 1958, in Riverside, Calif. She was a homemaker and lived in Texas most of her life.

Joyce worked for Bell Phone Alarm Co. in the 1970s and for Wal-Mart since the late 1980s before retiring in 1995. She was an avid reader, loved traveling, baking, crafts and picture puzzles. Joyce's favorite pastor was Charles Stanley, and her favorite actor/singers were Dean Martin, Tom Jones and Elvis Presley. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother Jim Echols.

Joyce is survived by her husband; sons Rick Leeper and wife, Patty, of Alvord, Nick Leeper and wife, Lupe, of Irving and Mark Leeper and wife, Paula, of Weatherford; grandchildren Lana Towle and husband, Craig, of Minnesota, Lance Leeper of Minnesota, Amber Leeper of Fort Worth, Crystal Leeper of Fort Worth, Heather Cvitanovich and husband, Matt, of Fort Worth, Sierra Leeper of Austin and Alex Wegman of Walkhill, N.Y.

Other survivors include seven great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Harvey Echols and wife, Pearl, of Washington, Elvin Echols and wife, Elaine, of Wautaga, Hazel Greenwood of Forestburg, Laveta Mills of Burkburnett, Sondra Whaley of Lancaster, Carol Beckner and husband, Bruce, of Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.