



## Joyce LaVerne (Buls) Otto

October 23, 1928 - July 12, 2021

Joyce LaVerne (Buls) Otto, 92, of Needville, Texas passed away on July 12, 2021 in Richmond, Texas. Born on October 23, 1928 in Houston, Texas to George and Lucille Buls, she graduated from Boling High School and attended Sam Houston State University. She was a long-time member of Needville United Methodist Church where she shared her love of music by playing the organ for Sunday services and various church celebrations.

For over 20 years Joyce taught piano and guitar to many students after school in her home. She provided the music at many weddings and funerals within the community, and at times played accompaniment for students at instrumental competitions including her daughters and grandsons. When her husband started his real estate career, Joyce was by his side handling the administrative duties, answering the phone, and even painting signs.

Joyce was a seamstress. She sewed her daughters' clothes early on and then graduated to a great, creative costume maker for all their dance recitals and high school twirling years. Lots of fun was had while designing, building, and stuffing extravagant Needville Youth Fair parade floats with her special friends. Being a good cook, Joyce was well-known for her pies, in particular apple. Another big hit was her pimento cheese sandwiches which were carried in her daughters' school lunches and often traded for kolaches.

When her daughters left home for college, Joyce and Monroe became season ticket holders of Texas Aggie football games. That became a love they shared with their children and their families for many years. They also were supporters of the Needville Little League when their grandsons played baseball, and of the arts when their granddaughter attended the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Joyce was blessed to know and love all six great grandchildren. And, there were many family vacations near and far enjoyed by all.

Her last few years had joy while enduring Alzheimer's disease. She lived it with grace and strength, and the love of the Lord. The family is so proud of her. This loving mother,

grandmother, great grandmother and friend will truly be missed.

In addition to her parents, Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Monroe Wilson Otto.

Survivors include her daughters, Deborah Ford and Laurie Pollicoff (husband, Jeffrey B. Pollicoff); grandchildren, Russell Charles Ford (wife, Natalie Mason Ford), Michael Scott Ford (wife, Tiffany Stolarsky Ford), and Paige Leigh Pollicoff; great grandchildren, Emily Grace Ford, Logan Douglas Ford, Ryan Scott Ford, Sawyer Charles Ford, Brody Nathaniel Ford and Crew Russell Ford; along with extended family and friends.

The Otto Family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Peggy Sebesta for the dedicated care and loving relationship with Joyce over the years.

A private family service will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

For those wishing in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association to help with research and to one day find a cure. To mail a donation, please send to The National Processing Center – Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington D.C., 20090-6011, earmarked Joyce Otto, or by phone at 1-800-272-3900.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Service

**JUL 26** (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce LaVerne (Buls) Otto*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - July 22, 2021 at 05:32 PM

GP

“ *My heart is heavy as I hear of the passing of this wonderful lady. Mrs. Otto will always hold a special place in my heart. During this time of loss, I choose to remember the good and happy times I experienced with Mrs. Otto.*

*There was a time when I needed respite from my own personal situation at the time. She and Mr. Otto opened their home to me. Not once did I feel that I was intruding as I was there a lot!*

*I remember the time spent with her molding chicken wire into unique shapes and then stuffing thousands of napkins in the holes to create award winning Needville Youth Fair floats.*

*I remember the times when we would get the giggles and could not stop.*

*My fondest memory is that of Christmas Eve. Many friends and family would gather around the piano and sing carols while Mrs. Otto played the piano.*

*My sympathies are extended to Debbie, Laurie and the whole family. May you take comfort in that she meant so much to so many people. Truly a remarkable lady.*

*In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust Joyce L. Otto. In this life you embraced her with your tender love; deliver her now from every evil and bid her eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome her into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

Galen Pyle - July 18, 2021 at 05:38 PM

LP

*Thank you Galen for the beautiful words about mother. We did have some fun times and I do remember us giggling quite a bit! All the card games, Christmas, stuffing thousands and thousands of paper napkins in the chicken wire until our knuckles were raw are just a few of the good memories we all can cherish. The time we spent together was a gift and blessing.  
Thank you for the comforting prayer for mom. I hope you and your family are well.  
Much love, Laurie*

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**Laurie Otto Pollicoff** - July 19, 2021 at 04:44 PM

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“ *My condolences go out to you Debbie, Laurie and the entire family. I will always remember your mom's beautiful smile. Hold on to your sweet memories of that beautiful lady.*



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**Pat Schimara** - July 18, 2021 at 11:35 AM

WM

*I remember her beautiful smile and how she was so nice to my Mom . Sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathy ,I know how it feels to loose your Mom but she's with your Dad. God bless  
Willy Ann Barina McClain*

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**Willy Ann Barina McClain** - July 21, 2021 at 12:37 AM