



Theo "Lee" Layton

December 26, 1936 - December 3, 2015

Theo L. Layton, 78
Pleasanton resident

Theo "Lee" Layton, 78, of Pleasanton, died Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Kearney Regional Medical Center. Theo will be cremated and her ashes will be taken to Clay, Kentucky with the ashes of her son, Randy Lear. The family suggests memorials to the family for future designation care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 2344, Kearney, NE 68848. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Theo was born December 26, 1936 in Clay, Kentucky to Emmitt and Esther (Johnson) Crowell. At the age of 10, Theo moved to Gibbon, Nebraska. She would later return to Kentucky at the age of 14 to live with her father. Theo married William Lee Lear in 1952. To this union four children were blessed. The couple would later divorce. In 1967, She was united in marriage to Raymond Layton (USN Vet). Theo worked several places including; Kaufmann-Wernert, Hellman's, Baldwin Filters, the Ordinance Plant and Club Continental, as well as, painted houses with her stepfather Oscar Rasmussen. Theo loved to dance and bowl. She also enjoyed visits with family and friends, hugs from her grandchildren and great grandchildren and the company of dog, "Baby."

Left to cherish her memory are her sons Tim Lear of Cheyenne, WY and Don Lear of Hammond, IN; daughters, Becky Lear-Lux and husband Rollie Lux of Pleasanton and Robin Lee Wempen and husband, Jerry Wempen of Shelton; 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and her sister, Betty Gibreal of Kearney.

Theo was preceded in death by her husbands, Raymond Layton and William Lear; son, Randy Lear; mother and stepfather, Esther and Oscar Rasmussen; father and stepmother, Emmitt and Pauline Crowell; sister, Dottie Bigalow and her stepbrother, Rodger Rasmussen.

Tribute Wall



“ Theo "Lee" Layton

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ My gosh, so many memories from childhood. She was a great cook! Before she met and married Ray she took care of four young kids by herself in an era where that was not at all common. I remember how she would call "Becky Ann!" up the stairs when Becky and I were holding up the family breakfast. She gave me hints on how to be a lady as I was coming of age yet wanting to remain a tom boy. She was a second mom to me who gave me my "sister" Becky, and I will forever remember her in the warmest of ways.

Vicki - December 09, 2015 at 06:25 PM



“ I only met you once but it was easy to see what a great woman you were... To the family I am so sorry for your loss

Sandra McClure - December 09, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ We met in 1982 and were "instant best friends." What fun we brought to each others lives. I couldn't wait for Fri. night because you always came over for a Bloody Mary made from the home made juice I canned especially for you. Then you went bowling and soon after we met at the "Fort" for lots of laughing and dancing. What great times. I loved you for 33 years and will forever. You will always be in my thoughts. Carol

Carol Hanson - December 09, 2015 at 11:05 AM

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“ *I have so many we started bowling in the early 80s!!Had A Great Time And with her Son Randy We Had many after bowling partys Memories cant beat them!!I Miss You So Much our Long Phone Chats the Most!!!!*

Sharon Green - December 08, 2015 at 10:39 AM