



Lalia L Jolly

November 25, 1939 - January 13, 2022

Lalia L. Jolly was born November 25, 1939, and passed from this life on January 13, 2022, after a brief illness. Born to Floyd and Bonnie Carter, Lalia lived her entire life in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Wynnewood and a devout Christian wife and mother. Her family rejoices in knowing she loved the Lord and has begun her eternity in Heaven.

Lalia married Ray Jolly on April 12, 1958, and from this union came three children: Steven, Hal, and Lezlee.

Lalia will long be remembered for her passions of nursing and cooking. She was a registered nurse and spent many years working at Pauls Valley General Hospital, where she finished her career as Director of Nurses. She loved caring for others and took pride in her crisply pressed white uniform, complete with a nurse's hat, polished shoes, and her name tag and pins. Many times, when a family member was introduced as a Jolly around Garvin County, the response would be, "Is your mom a nurse?" It was almost always followed with "She was one of the best nurses I ever had, and she took such good care of me or my family member." Her second calling was cooking and baking for others. She spent most of her days in the kitchen – either at home or fixing funeral dinners at the church. She touched the lives of so many through her

desire to connect by providing and serving others with her specially prepared dishes – especially bread and hot rolls.

In recent years, Lalia's favorite pastime and obsession was professional golf. She could be found in front of the television Thursday through Sunday cheering on her favorite player, Phil Mickelson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ray, and her brother Floyd Leslie Carter.

She is survived by her three children: Daughter Lezlee Vickers and husband Steve of Sapulpa, OK; son Hal Jolly of Pauls Valley, OK and son Steven Jolly and wife Robin of Sulphur, OK. She was "Gran" to grandchildren Tiffani Thomas and husband Aaron, Lance Jolly and wife Donna, Chelsea Quzma and husband Tony, Tawni Vickers, Jantzen Miller and husband Shawn, McLane Jolly and wife Jess, and Hope Jolly. Great-grandchildren include Kadenze and Kallie Quzma, Dylan Kate and Axl Thomas, Landon Jolly, and soon to arrive Shepherd Miller.

A memorial service will be held on January 27, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Wynnewood Oklahoma at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the kitchen ministry at First Baptist Church, 1515 E. Robert S Kerr Blvd, Wynnewood, OK 73098.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
1515 E Kerr Blvd
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4954

Tribute Wall



“ *Lalia L Jolly*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Steven, Hal and Lesley, I am so sorry for your deep loss as well as anyone who was ever lucky enough to know your mom. She had a heart of gold and she gave it so generously in her home, community, church and hospital.*

Your mom and I worked on opposite ends of the hospital but that didn't stop us from becoming fast friends. Lalia was the epitome of the professional nurse to include her perfect posture and caring heart.

Happy were the days where hospital staff could meet in the break room for batches of her homemade peach ice cream, rolls, bread or fried corn. Nobody could hold a candle to her baking/cooking and she loved sharing with everyone!

Even after moving to CO, she would send dozens of homemade roll via my parents for our Thanksgivings.

I cherish the times we shared in each other's kitchens. There may not have been many but they definitely were memorable. The last time was here in CO with our friend, Elaine Delafield, shortly after I moved here. What a glorious week we had!

My favorite baking memory was in my tiny Pauls Valley kitchen when we decided to make croissants. It took ALL day. We both agreed to never fuss about the price for one of those jewels in any given bakery ever again.

Lalia's faith and her family were always #1. So devoted. What a beautiful soul and teacher has left us to receive her crown in Heaven. I loved her dearly.

Keeping you and yours in my prayers.

Lynn Sisney

lynn sisney - January 25, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



DeArman Funeral Home - January 24, 2022 at 03:02 PM

TK

“ *I got to know Lalia when we started nursing school. I worked at PVGH for a little bit with her. She was a special lady. My thoughts & prayers are with her family.*

Tammy Klingman(Selfridge) - January 18, 2022 at 10:16 PM

SC

My mother Leora warren work with her.mother said she was nicest lady ever.went to her home .many years ago.sorry for your lose.

Sue craig - January 24, 2022 at 07:11 PM

RR

“ So many memories with this amazing lady. I've always said if you look up Nurse in the dictionary her picture would be the example. Her presence alone was calming to me. The impact she made on new nurses and old left a mark. They say nurses eat the young. Not true with Lalia. She was a teacher and a bright light to us all. Her cooking was beyond good! Bread was great but those pies! She would make me pies and be sure to send some home for little brother because he found out that was a Lalia pie I had in the fridge. Adults not really wanting to share. She worked with my mom at the hospital and when she helped at Wynnewood nh. Mom loved Lalia. Both had strong work ethic, pt. Advocates and just a love for people that needed someone to care for them when sick. My last child was born in pvgh. First thing she said was why was I not called?! Well it was 4am Lalia and I didn't want to wake you. Shortly after we hung up her and mom show up in the room so she could hold little Lanie. She was an amazing nurse and a wonderful friend to so many. I loved her for her kindness and respected her work ethic. You hear people say God gained an angel when folks pass. Sometimes you think was that person 100% what people think. Absolutely true in Lalias case. God truly called one of the best home! Prayers to the family and love sent to heaven for Lalia. You are missed my friend.

Rachel Robertson - January 18, 2022 at 06:44 AM

AS

“ I worked under Lalia at PVGH and enjoyed every moment. She was a mentor and will always be my friend. Her smile and caring personality will be greatly missed.

Allison Smith - January 17, 2022 at 08:54 PM

DH

“ *Laila was the most compassionate nurse and leader. She always there for her nurses (including ME as a devoted nurse). I will never forget her as DON. Laila will always hold special place in my heart*

Darla Higgins - January 17, 2022 at 05:50 PM

CT

“ *Lalia was a wonderful person and outstanding nurse! She was exceptional and one reason I would always have chosen local hospitalization in lieu of a big city hospital. Patients thrived under her care and friends under her love and nurture! I am so thankful I knew her. I was blessed by her service at PV General Hospital. I am sure that she made a positive difference and helped bring about recovery to me and to my loved ones during times we were hospitalized at PV General Hospital. Please accept my sincere sympathy for this regrettable loss. I will always hold her with the utmost respect and admiration. She was a loving, caring professional with great expertise and ethics. May God bless her family and friends with His comfort, love and peace.*

Carolyn Thompson - January 17, 2022 at 05:46 PM

PP

“ *Every holiday while we pastored at WWFBC she would catch me off to the side a few weeks prior to the Holidays and say now I'm making all your fresh baked bread and desserts for the holidays and would not take no for a answer and here she would come with bread, carrot cake, and cinnamon rolls!! And She always made sure when Levi was home from college that when he went back he was loaded up with baked goods!! Oh and she gave the best hugs!! I'm going to miss you my friend!! RIP ms lalia 🥺*

patty phillips - January 17, 2022 at 04:35 PM

RA

She was a dear friend

Ruby Adams - January 18, 2022 at 09:17 AM

JH

Lalia was a lifelong friend to my wife Jean, and when I married Jean, Lalia and Ray became my good friends. Everytime Jean and I visited them, Lalia would fix a meal fit for a King and Queen. When Jean became ill several years ago, Lalia would often come and spend a week with us to help us out. Her Christian love and service will be a legacy that leaves all of us who knew and loved her many memories. I know there is much joy in Heaven now that Lalia and Ray and other loved ones are reunited.

Jean and Jim Hammons

Jean and Jim Hammons - January 18, 2022 at 09:34 PM

SC

There are not enough words can express what Lalia meant to me. She was always there for me. Most of the time I didn't have to say a word she just knew. I'll miss her until I see her again. Lalia I love you.

Sharon Chamberlain - January 21, 2022 at 04:05 PM

KH

I worked with this special lady the first 6 years of my RN career. She was the best teacher and leader you could ask for. In 28 years everytime I have gotten a compliment from a patient or family member about my nursing skills I would tell them I learned from the best. She will always hold a special place in my heart .

Katrina Hannah - January 23, 2022 at 06:39 PM