



Florence Lee Ocker

May 9, 1934 - May 27, 2019

Florence Ocker was greeted by her Lord and Savior as she entered her eternal home on May 27, 2019 joining her late husband, Joe Ray Ocker. Florence was born May 9, 1934 in Whitney, TX to the late Hallie and James Crawford Latham. Longtime residents of Rusk, Florence and Joe Ray, her husband of 59 years, were owners of Ocker's Affiliated Food Store, formerly known as Buckhorn Grocery and Market.

Florence never met a stranger and was never at a loss for words. She loved treating kids to their favorite picks on the infamous "candy aisle" in their grocery store. Employees of their grocery business lovingly referred to her as "Boss Lady".

In the early 90's Florence went to work for Rusk Independent School District where she served in the Food Service department. There she was able to continue her love for children and was affectionately called "Mamaw" by many.

Florence was a long time member of the Laureate Gamma Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She loved quilting, crosswords, word search and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a member of the Sacred Catholic Church of Rusk where she loved cooking and helping the ladies with the annual Christmas bazaar.

Mrs. Ocker was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe Ray; brothers, Nelson, J.D., Jack, Charles and Tom Latham; and sisters Ruby Brown, Mary Ellis, Sue Rodriguez, Frances (Sissie) Aubuchon, Becky McCain and Norma McConathy. She is survived by children, Jerry and Anita Ocker, Cindy and David Fulton, Lori and Ricky Hassell and Lindy and Kenny Finley. Her grandchildren Luke and Melissa Ocker, Jake and Jessica Ocker, Kimberly and Chad Linder, Trent and Jordan Fulton, K'anna Fulton, Jody and Calah Moake, Hallie and Brent Dickson, Hayley and Jared Kendrick, Kala and Josh Moore, and Kasey Finley. Her great grandchildren, Owen Ocker, Jasper and JoJo Ocker, Nolan and Max Linder, Tucker and Hayden Fulton, Makinlee, Madalynn and Roman Moake, Cole Dickson, Kaitlyn and Case Kendrick, and Jace Moore. The family would like to say a special thanks to Jessie Hackett of Rusk for the loving care she provided both of their parents. Jessie's devotion was evident in the care she gave each and every day.

Visitation for Mrs. Ocker will be at First Baptist Church, Rusk on Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Friday morning at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Rusk followed by Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Rusk. Interment following at Salem Cemetery in Rusk.

Tribute Wall



“ *Florence Lee Ocker*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Florence Lee Ocker.*



May 30, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Florence Lee Ocker.*



May 29, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *What a gracious, lovely lady was Ms. Ocker. Will always remember her smile, the warmth of her personality, and her kind and loving spirit. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

John Williams - May 28, 2019 at 06:59 PM



Was a wonderful lady always so sweet to me i went to school with her daughters Lori was in my grade praying for ur family in this time my friends

DOLORES Cox - May 28, 2019 at 09:44 PM



Our love and sympathy to you. Your mother and grandmother was a dear lady. Wish we could be there for her service. Lynn and Lois Taggart, Brenham, Texas

Lois Taggart - May 30, 2019 at 09:52 PM