



## Oneta Poole

October 1, 1926 - October 15, 2020

Graveside services for Oneta Poole, 94, of Tyler, will be 11:30 a.m., Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Salem Cemetery, Rusk, Texas under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Don Copeland officiating. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., October, 26, 2020 at the funeral home.

Oneta, as she was fondly known, was born to Marvin Samuel Gilbert and Ina Inez Gilbert in Rusk, Texas. Oneta was married on October 3, 1943, to James Edward Poole of Velasco, Texas.

Mrs. Poole was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her granddaughter, Shaina Grogan Fraind Gafford of Vidor, Texas, her sister, Ramona Gilbert West of Rusk, daughter, Jimmie Inez Poole Bongio, son-in-law, Louis Bongio of Houston, son-in-law, Charles King of Katy and grandson, Kacy Aaron Gafford of Katy.

Oneta was a long-time Registered Nurse specializing in psychiatric nursing for the State of Texas where she held several Unit Nurse and Director of Nursing positions at Rusk State Hospital, Texas State Penitentiary, Rusk Memorial Hospital as well as various nursing homes throughout the United States as a Nurse Consultant. Mrs. Poole and her husband, James, traveled with a medical mission team for several years into Mexico to provide for the under

privileged giving them medical treatment while also sharing the love and life of Jesus Christ.

Oneta thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with all of her family as she truly embraced family gatherings and is so fondly remembered for her delicious recipes and cooking for her family, sewing, knitting and crocheting for others in her earlier years. Over the years, she attended community events as well as supported school functions, faithfully tithing to her church and giving to various charities and organizations.

Her children and all her grandchildren remarked that “Grandmommie” never forgot a birthday! She always sent a card, taping a few coins or sending a couple of loose dollar bills inside the card as a special small “fun” gift from her! She was a blessing for all to know! She will be dearly missed. Mrs. Poole was a member of the First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas and a member of The Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by family members, including son and wife; Clayton & Pat Poole of Bryan/College Station, Texas, son & wife; Jerry & Sharon Poole of Nacogdoches, Texas, and daughter; Nancy Poole King of Katy, Texas. Grandchildren include; Cassi Noel Grogan Gilkeson & husband David Gilkeson of Santa Barbara, California, Kori Melay Grogan Spikes & husband Clifton Spikes of Tyler, Texas, Martin Russell Poole & wife Marlo Poole of Huntersville, North Carolina, Melissa Poole Johnson & husband, Matt Johnson of Lufkin, Stacie Poole Cearley of Bryan/College Station, Texas, Jason Poole of Bryan/College Station, Texas, Clinton James Poole & wife Kelly Poole of Nacogdoches, Texas. Fourteen great-grandchildren include: Chris Wood, Patrick Wood, Daniel Fraind, Jada Spikes, Leah Spikes, Camden Poole, Carsyn Poole, Mattie Johnson, Macie Johnson, Loren Cearley, Sidney Cearley, Gabriella Poole, Hunter Poole and Hadleigh Poole, along with Brother-in-Law, Dan West and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers are Marty Poole, Clint Poole, Jason Poole, Daniel Fraind, Cliff Spikes, and Matt Johnson. The Honorary Pallbearer is Hunter Poole.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th Street  
Rusk, TX 75785  
(903) 683-2222

## Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Salem Cemetery  
Rusk, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oneta Poole*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Oneta Poole.*



October 22, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Oneta Poole.*



October 18, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *One of the sweetest ladies in my life, despite being many years since seeing her and a few years since having phone conversations Sympathy for her family. Eletha Nolley McIntyre.*

**Eletha McIntyre** - October 17, 2020 at 11:36 AM

LM

“ I remember Oneta so well. She and my Mother, Doris Hassell, were long time friends. Oneta and Mother are now busy catching up on the years apart. May God's peace be with each of you during the coming days.

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**Loeta Martin** - October 17, 2020 at 02:30 AM

DJ

We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless each one of you with a special memory to remind you of your loved one.

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**Donna Johnson** - October 17, 2020 at 11:27 AM

GB

Oneta was a member of our Sunday School class. During these last years I have enjoyed visiting with her by phone. I am praying for the family. Gerald Bellis

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**Gerald Bellis** - October 19, 2020 at 01:30 PM