



## Lavana Jo (Fulton) Merritt

September 18, 1933 - July 14, 2024

Lavana Jo (Fulton) Merritt was born September 18, 1933, in Oregon County, Missouri to Thomas Daniel and Edna Jewel (Pender) Fulton. She was united in marriage to Ferman Dean Merritt, June 9, 1950, and to this union blessed with one daughter, Pam.

Lavana was a devoted wife, dedicated homemaker, and caring mother. Throughout the years she owned and operated a small neighborhood store along side her husband, as well as a car lot in the St. Louis, Missouri area. She was a hard worker and took great pride in helping provide for her family.

Lavana enjoyed spending time making memories with her grandchildren, especially at the Current River. She truly enjoyed putting her feet in and wading the river. Her love for growing flowers filled her home with beauty.

Lavana had a great love for God and His Word, and she sought to serve the Lord daily. She was a member at Salem Faith Assembly Church where she faithfully attended for over forty years. She also served on the board for a time. Lavana was generous, loving, and supporting.

Lavana departed this life July 14, 2024, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of ninety years. Those left behind to cherish her memory include her loving daughter: Pamela Roofe and husband Tom of Salem Missouri; brother: James

Fulton; grandson: Michael Roofe and wife Shelly; great-grandchildren: Derek Roofe and wife Wendy, Chandler Gray and wife Lexy, Lindsay Roofe, Makalynn Roofe, Parker Roberts and wife Kyrstin, and Noah Roberts; great-great-grandchildren: Tyler Roofe and Beau Roberts; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband: Dean Merritt; parents: Thomas and Jewel Fulton; brother: Paul Fulton; sister: Ernestine Walker; Sister in-law: Charlene Fulton; and granddaughter: Lisa Roofe.

Lavana was a joy to be around. She touched the lives of many and brought true happiness to those around her. She will be deeply missed by those who loved her most.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Lavana Merritt and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
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## Memorial Service

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**Wilson Mortuary** - July 20, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Jojo has she was lovingly known by all of us Here at The Salem Center  
She Brought The Joy Of Jesus. Through Her songs of praise to Jesus who she truly loved and adored with all that was in her. Now she stands in His presence forever more whole and free. For just momentarily we will be there to. Never more to part My prayers go out to Pam and Her Husband and extended family. I ask He wraps you up in His Arms of Love And Peace that Passes all understanding. And carries you through you this journey of grief & Sorry  
Just rest In His Arms and let Him Hold you and love on you and comfort you and heal you and replace all the pain hurt and sorry replaces with Great joy in His time. In Jesus Christ Mighty Name Amen

Your Sister In Christ Jesus Jo Sneed & The Residence of Salem Center



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**Jo Kenner** - July 19, 2024 at 01:40 PM



*Jojo Brought to us all the joy of Jesus through songs of praise and love and adoration that she carried For the Lord. She now she stands in His presence forever more whole and free. I'm very glad that God gave us all the Honor of Blessing us with creating Her and putting her with in our lives. It is something to be truly grateful to Him for. For our lives were created to touch others for Him*

*In which she did just that. So she foefilled her destiny in God. And momentarily we will all see Her Once More With Christ Our Lord. We're we will never be separated again. What a truly Glorious Day That WILL be for all of us*

*My prayers our With Pam And Her Husband And Extended Family And Friends. That You allow God To Hold You And Love On You And Minster to you has only He can. In Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen*

Jo Kenner - July 19, 2024 at 02:04 PM



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“ Michael, Shelly, and Lisa Roofe purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lavana Jo (Fulton) Merritt.



Michael, Shelly, and Lisa Roofe - July 16, 2024 at 03:06 PM