



Leona Lorraine Caldwell

December 3, 1954 - December 31, 2025

Leona Lorraine Caldwell, daughter of Raymond and Frances (Krueger) Caldwell, born December 3, 1954, in Salem, Missouri, passed away December 31, 2025, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of seventy-one years.

Leona grew up on the creek near Gladden, Missouri. She graduated with the class of 1973 from Salem High School and furthered her education with SMSU obtaining her teaching degree. Leona taught, mainly first grade, at Oak Hill R-1, for many years until her retirement. She was an excellent teacher, loved her students, and left a lasting impact on many lives.

Leona was very lively and outgoing. She was a huge fan of country music and attended numerous concerts alongside her family and friends. She was a member of several Fan Clubs. One of her favorite musicians was Brooks and Dunn. Leona also enjoyed line dancing, traveling out West, and was a St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Fan. Her favorite baseball player was Ozzie Smith.

Leona was a lady of strong faith and member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Her faith, family, and friends were most important to her. She deeply loved her nephews and their families as her own. Spending time making memories with them was one of her favorite things to do.

Leona is survived by her sister: Alta McCall and husband Jimmie of Jadwin,

MO; nephews: Jason McCall and wife Vicky, Aaron McCall and wife Kristie, and Nathan McCall and wife Kandi; great-nieces: Destiny McCall and special friend Cody, and Mikayela Pegram and husband Ryan; great-nephew: Tyler McCall; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were parents: Raymond and Frances (Krueger) Caldwell and her brother: Henry Caldwell.

Leona was beautiful inside and out, happy, loving, supportive, and sweet-natured. She was selfless, her kind spirit will be carried on by all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be forever missed.

Graveside Services for Leona Caldwell were held January 5, 2026, at Gladden Empire Cemetery with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Jason McCall, Aaron McCall, Nathan McCall, Tyler McCall, Randy Watson, and Ryan Watson. Honorary Pallbearer was Dannie Watson. The Family was served by Wilson Mortuary.

Condolences may be left online at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Gladden Empire

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
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Graveside Service

JAN 5. 1:30 PM.

Gladden Empire Cemetery