



## Retha Livaudais

October 19, 1937 - August 18, 2014

Funeral services for Retha Livaudais, 76, of Timpson, will be at 10:00 a.m., Wed., August 20, 2014 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Rick Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Visitation will be from 6-8, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014 at the funeral home.

God touched her with his finger and she slept. Retha Livaudais went to meet her Heavenly Father on August 18, 2014 at the age of 76. She was born Retha Mae Arnold on October 19, 1937 in Henderson and spent most her youth in the Jumbo Community of Rusk County Texas. She graduated from Minden High School and very shortly thereafter made her home in Longview Texas, where she lived for over 40 years. Retha raised two sons. She enjoyed watching them as they grew into adults and was very proud of the men they became. Employed in the oil and gas industry, Retha retired as an administrative assistant after 24 years of tenure. After retirement she returned to Rusk County, making her home in the Caledonia Community just west of Timpson Texas.

Retha Mae was full of life and possessed a great spirit. She had a laugh that was as big as the sky. She never met a stranger and was cordial to the people of her community, inviting them to her front porch for a delicious cup of coffee

that only she could make, and had lively conversations that always left you smiling. A great cook, her grandchildren will miss “Okie Dokie’s” chocolate pies. She made every one of them with love. Retha spent most of her time working with her hands. Her yard was a testament to her green thumb and her home was her castle. She was a woman with the heart of a lion. The legacy she leaves will be her character and charm. She will be missed by family and friends but she will never be forgotten. Retha is preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Bertha Arnold and three brothers, Pete, Gene and C.W. Arnold. She leaves behind two sons, Steve Bradham of Aledo, Texas and Mitch Bradham of Gary, Texas. Three grandsons, Connor, Parker and Preston Bradham of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Retha will be carried to her final resting place with honor and respect by Steve Bradham, Mitch Bradham, Connor Bradham, Parker Bradham, Preston Bradham and Randy Swisher.

Condolences may be made online at [www.crawforacrim.com](http://www.crawforacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh Cemetery

Hwy 315  
Mt. Enterprise, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Mitch, Steve, Celeste, Conner, Parkie and Preston...There are so many memories I made with Retha that there isn't enough room here to write them all down. She was my confidante, my rock and so much more than a friend. I am honored to have known her, to have laughed with her and to have called her my family. The life wisdom she shared with me will be valued and used throughout my lifetime. I will miss her today, tomorrow and until the day that I see her again. God bless Retha Mae Livaudais, "okie dokie, no more jokey."

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**Darla Marx** - August 22, 2014 at 10:21 AM

JA

“ This tribute to Aunt Retha could not be any more true. She was absolutely the kindest, sweetest and funniest woman I know! I never remember her without a smile on her face and a story to tell. Her laugh was such a joyous sound and it makes my heart smile to hear that Steve and Mitch have that exact laugh. Aunt Retha and I have a special bond and I will forever hold her close to my heart. I love you to the moon and back, Aunt Retha! Fly high with the Angels sweet lady, fly high.....

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**Jennifer Arnold** - August 21, 2014 at 08:32 PM

BW

“I knew Retha from going with my mother to their bowlin league back in the 60's. She was one of the most pleasant and funniest lady I have ever known. Bless her, I happened to start work at Axelson in the early 80's, so, I was double-blessed by her friendship!”



Betty Weaver  
Henderson, TX

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**Betty Weaver** - August 20, 2014 at 11:41 PM

CH

“Dear Mitch, Billy and I are heartbroken over the loss of your Mother. Even though we never met her, we have heard from friends what a wonderful Mom and Grandmother she was and how special she was to you. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now. We look forward to seeing you at the lake. With love, Cathy and Billy Huddleston

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**Cathy and Billy Huddleston** - August 20, 2014 at 07:22 PM

AT

“I met Retha many years ago, even before Steve and Mitch were born. I loved this lady dearly. Even though we hadn't been in touch for many years, it is a sad loss for me. i have never a more beautiful lady inside and outside as she was. I know you children and grand children are going to miss her. Love Alta Tevebaugh

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**Alta Tevebalugh** - August 20, 2014 at 04:56 PM

CH

“ I knew Retha from the time we both worked at Axelson. She consistently had the most pleasant personality imaginable, and I never heard an unkind word spoken about her. All my memories of Retha are wonderful. My sympathies to her sons and all her family and friends. She was truly one-of-a-kind.  
Curtis Harvey

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**Curtis Harvey** - August 20, 2014 at 03:00 PM

EB

“ I am at a loss for words after reading the obituary in the Longview paper. So well written and true. Steve and Mitch, I know you will miss her immensely. She was a real friend to me for many years!  
Eleanor Brumley

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**Eleanor Brumley** - August 20, 2014 at 09:41 AM

SE

“ I knew Retha from when I worked at State Farm Insurance. She was always such a delight to talk to on the phone. We would talk about everything and laugh, then laugh some more. She was such a beautiful person who I had the honor of knowing. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and know that Ms. Retha will be missed. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sonja Everett

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**Sonja Everett** - August 20, 2014 at 07:30 AM

SW

“ What can I say bout aunt retha mae that hasn't already been said....although she isn't really my aunt by blood but when my mother married her brother she then became a great aunt to me....I loved her laugh and her witty ways.....Aunt Retha I will miss you so much...give pops hugs for me and grandma to....love you to the moon and back

Sharon Wildt - August 19, 2014 at 09:44 PM

TD

“ I met Aunt Retha a few years ago and each and every time we were together was a time of laughter and good times. These times will always be a great memory for me. She was a grand lady and will be missed by all who knew her. I am thankful that I had a chance to spend time with her and Gene Arnold I know there is a lot of laughter in Heaven right now.

Tammy Dent

Tammy Dent - August 19, 2014 at 09:09 PM

LR

“ Steve and Mitch, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that it will be hard. I loved your mom like my own mother. We had so many good times together and I will always remember and cherish those times I got to spend with her.

She was always good for a laugh and always provided one when I needed it the most. She will truly be missed not only by me but many others. My thoughts are with you and your families.



Leigh Ann Richmond - August 19, 2014 at 06:23 PM

BL

“ Retha and I worked together at Axelson for many years--19 to be exact. She and I had many adventures together!! (some good and some bad);however, we always had fun. I have missed her since she moved away. We went about the business of living our lives. I will miss Retha severly; however, I know that she is in heaven with Bill, and they are laughing up a storm!!! Boys take comfort in knowing that your Mom was loved by many, and you will see her again. My deepest prayers to you. Brenda T. Leigh

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**BRENDA T. LEIGH** - August 19, 2014 at 08:14 AM

PC

“ Retha was beautiful on the inside and the outside; she treasured her sons and grandsons. She had a sparkling personality, and she was loved by many people. Steve and Mitch, you have our deepest sympathy.

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**Pat Crawford** - August 19, 2014 at 05:40 AM

MM

“ Mike and I loved Retha so much! She was an awesome lady! We both have very fond memories. Our prayers are with her family.

*Mike and Debbie Matte*

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**mike and Debbie Matte** - August 18, 2014 at 08:50 PM