



## Gloretta Ann Odom

October 5, 1935 - March 5, 2021

Gloretta (Glo) Ann Odom stepped into eternity and into the arms of Jesus on Friday, March 5, 2021. Celebration of her life of 85 years will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at First Baptist Church. The family will host a visitation from 5:00 - 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Sanders Funeral Home.

Glo, a Lubbock native, married her college sweetheart, James D. Odom, on April 8, 1955. They would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary next month. Early in their marriage, she worked as a secretary for the Geophysicist at Stanolind Oil Company, while learning how to be a supportive and encouraging coach's wife. Three years into their marriage, they welcomed their first child, Pam. In 1962, James took his first head coaching job in Petersburg. A few months before making the move, they welcomed their second daughter, Patti. Two years later, Glo and James moved back to Lubbock for James' second and final head coaching job at Monterey High School. Glo's gift for hospitality and generosity helped create close lifelong friendships among the coaching staff families. Years later, Glo also worked as an administrative assistant for Lubbock ISD at both Monterey High School and Mackenzie Junior High.

She used her gifts to selflessly serve others and bring joy to so many. She sewed beautiful clothes for her daughters and created recipes that warmed the soul. Glo loved to serve in her church and community. At both Monterey Baptist and First Baptist Church, Glo and James taught Sunday School to

youth, sponsored youth choir, and organized and hosted social gatherings and game nights for all. Everyone that came left feeling loved and welcome. She felt most comfortable working behind the scenes, not seeking recognition or credit for herself.

Glo served her community in numerous ways as President of the Sherick Advisory Board, Treasurer for the Lubbock Women's Club, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Treasurer and Rush Board Member, Chairwoman for the Women's Division for the Chamber of Commerce, and Covenant Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer.

Glo loved to travel with family and friends to the cabin in Ruidoso and experience new adventures camping in their travel trailer. She lived life to the fullest, loved to laugh, and was present in every moment with friends and her family.

Glo exemplified the character of a Proverbs 31 woman, "'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

Glo is survived by her loving husband, James, and her two daughters: Pam Leftwich and husband, Larry, of Lubbock, Texas, and Patti Mosser and husband, Rickey, of Leander, Texas. She was a devoted "Nana" to two grandchildren of whom she was extremely proud: Jay Leftwich and wife, Megan, of Dallas, Texas, and Jennifer Coddou and husband, Patrick, of Fort Worth, Texas; and 5 great grandchildren: Landry, Jude, and Ty Leftwich, and Madeleine and Georgia Coddou.

A special thank you for the love, compassion, and excellent care shown to Glo and her family during this difficult time to:

- Synergy HomeCare of Lubbock
- Hospice of the South Plains

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Glo may be made to:

Sherick Memorial Home

2502 Utica Avenue

Lubbock, Texas 79407



# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **9**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

MAR **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

City of Lubbock Cemetery  
2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

## Memorial Service

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MAR **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Lubbock  
2201 Broadway  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloretha Ann Odom



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - March 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM

JA

“ Sending belated condolences to the Odom family. Glo was such a special lady. I was blessed to know her through our Kappa Alpha Theta relationships. I loved her daughters Pam & Patti. Coach Odom was my teacher at Monterey in the 60's. What a blessing Glo was to her family and community. Rest in Peace sweet sister.  
Jane Sparks Watt Anderson .

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**Jane Anderson** - August 30, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Glo at Mackenzie Jr. High. She was always a sweet and caring lady. Condolences go out to the family.  
Charlotte and Bob Romero

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**Charlotte and Bob Romero** - March 17, 2021 at 11:56 PM

AE

“ I remember Glo working in the Mackenzie office. She was just awesome in everything she did. The way she handle the hectic office with smile was just incredible. I also remember her husband filling in for the principal quite often. What a great couple! So sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady. Prayers to the whole family that her memories heal your hearts.

Andrea Elliot - March 17, 2021 at 11:28 PM

CA

Sincerest condolences to the family. Ms. Glo kept MacKenzie running smoothly for so many years. She was so classy. I'll never forget her story of being pulled over by police on her way to work. She was so flustered...stopped because her dessert dish was on the car roof!!!

CoCo Aguilar-Riojas - March 18, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloretha Ann Odom.



March 10, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloretha Ann Odom.



March 09, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sanders Funeral Home - March 08, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloretha Ann Odom.



March 07, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ Sumners Family lit a candle in memory of Gloretha Ann Odom



Sumners family - March 07, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MB

“ We all knew if we needed to know who what when or where things at Mackenzie were happening, had happened or were going to happen, go see Glo. She took care of me and all the other teachers in the building as well. Such a kind, friendly, helpful and gracious lady. I was lucky to have had the opportunity to get to know her. Thank you, Glo. Marian Barker

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**Marian Barker** - March 06, 2021 at 08:33 PM

CB

*On behalf of John and Mary Ballard, we send our heartfelt prayers. May the Lord wrap you in his love and comfort you as only He can. Thank you, Lord, for welcoming sweet Glo.*

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**Cindy Ballard** - March 07, 2021 at 06:37 PM