



Zelma Boen

December 7, 1937 - November 16, 2025

Zelma Boen, 87 of Ozark, Arkansas passed away, Sunday, November 16, 2025 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was born December 7, 1937 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Frankie Martin and Nettie Reed Martin. Zelma was of the Assembly of God faith and a member of the Mountain Top Assembly of God in Ozark. She was a housekeeper and loved taking care of children. She enjoyed every extra moment she could with her grandchildren. Zelma adored her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years, Leon Boen; one daughter, Pam Boen Troxel; three sisters, Velma Mason, Rosie Hobbs, and Lucille Willis; three brothers, Dale Martin, Cecil Martin, and Joel Martin; three brothers-in-law, Clyde Mason, Anthony Morse, and Amous Hobbs; one sister-in-law, MelVinna Martin; one son-in-law, Sam Troxel; and two grandsons, Plynn Troxel and Jonathon Troxel.

Zelma is survived by one son, Jeffery Boen of Ozark; one granddaughter that was more like a daughter, Bobbie Boen and significant other Michael Nichols of Ozark; one sister, Betty Morse of Russellville, Arkansas; one brother, Dorsie Martin and wife Janice; two sisters-in-law, Helen Martin and Wilma Martin two granddaughters-in-law, Brittany Troxel and Kaitlyn Alston both of Ozark; five great granddaughters, Brooklyn Ellis and husband Robert of Fort Smith, Elisabeth Smith and husband Eli of Van Buren, Arkansas, Trinity

Troxel, Tinslee Troxel all of Ozark, and Bella Troxel Zeholla of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one great grandson, Tatum Troxel of Ozark; two great-great grandchildren, Jackson Smith and Harper Smith of Van Buren.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, November 20, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside service will be 2:00 P.M., Friday, November 21, 2025 at Belt Cemetery, Low Gap in Ozark, with Brother George Willis and Dorsie Martin officiating, with burial at Belt Cemetery in Ozark.

Serving as honorary pallbearers Michael Nichols, Thomas Miller, Timothy Miller, Paul Martin, and Edwin Kiefer.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Belt Cemetery

Low Gap Road
Ozark, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Graveside Service

NOV **21.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Belt Cemetery
Low Gap Road
Ozark, AR 72949

Burial

NOV **21** (CT)

Belt Cemetery
Low Gap Road
Ozark, AR

Tribute Wall

SP

“ I remember when grandma and grandpa would go visit with her and Leon and I also remember running through Leon's fence one day after doing a 360 Leon ask me if I had ran his fence down and of course I said it wasn't me so he ask why one of his fence post was still stuck under the back bumper of grandpa's truck I just didnt know how that got there but I think Jeff ended up having to fix it so he wasn't to happy with me but I sure loved them 2 an Pam I thought she was the prettiest rodeo queen I had ever seen prayers to the family I think we are all a better person for knowing them



Shanna Munger phillips - November 30, 2025 at 08:53 AM

BV

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Byron Lasater V - November 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM

LC

“ Linda Carter lit a candle in memory of Zelma Boen



Linda Carter - November 25, 2025 at 04:32 PM

TR

“ she was my nanny she was so sweet I loved her so much she was so sweet all the time and I loved her so much but she always wanted me over there this loss was very hard one me she was so sweet I loved here with all my heart but now she gets to be up there with my daddy and will have a good life with him and her husband and she will not be hurting and she will still be loved she was such a great nanny I miss here so much and she was always so nice she would play with us and we would watch movies and like yea this loss was very hard on me I new her since I was a baby so 11 about to be 12 in a month I loved her she was sweet and kind to everyone this is going to be hard not having her but I knew she loved me so much and she knew I loved her and my siblings loved her to she would never get mad she was so sweet would not hurt a fly and I now she is not hurting no more but I still loved her so much.

trinity - November 22, 2025 at 11:32 AM

OC

“ Oakland Full Gospel Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Zelma Boen.



Oakland Full Gospel Church - November 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Zelma Boen.



November 20, 2025 at 09:53 AM

SB

“ Sarah and Rocky Stockdale & boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zelma Boen.

Sarah and Rocky Stockdale & boys - November 20, 2025 at 09:53 AM

PF

“ Zelda was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. She always was smiles & hugs! Just loved to see her out and about! The last time I saw her was at church & of course she had two grands with her. She had locked her keys in her car & it didn't bother her too much. She was just happy go lucky and happy to be at church.

Paula Franklin - November 19, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JV

“ Zelma was a very sweet and kind lady. her husband Leon was my cousin. i remember being in their home and she always wanted to fix a meal for us. may god wrap his arms of love and comfort around her family in the days ahead. josie venneberg

Josie venneberg - November 19, 2025 at 01:47 PM