



Lavera Tharp

October 22, 1941 - June 4, 2026

Lavera Tharp, 84, of Winters passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026 in Seminole.

She was born October 22, 1941 in Winters to D.W. and Oneta Williams. She was raised on the farm in the Drasco community and graduated from Winters High School in 1960. She married her high school sweetheart, Paul Tharp, in Winters on November 13, 1960. They moved to Rankin where she was the sole teller at Rankin State Bank for a number of years, before transferring to Seminole in 1973. From Seminole, they moved to Oklahoma, later returning back home to Winters to be closer to their parents.

Lavera was a servant to her community and her church, and was a member of the Winters Methodist Church. She enjoyed card games and was a master of outdoor shuffleboard. Her and Paul spent time as full time RVers, and Lavera was happy to make friends wherever they went. She was a proud charter member of the Winters Square Dance Club.

Lavera was preceded in death by her parents, husband Paul Tharp, and brother Dwayne Williams.

She is survived by her son Blair Tharp and wife Londa of Seminole; sister Judy Parker and husband Donald of Andrews; 2 grandchildren: Haden Tharp and wife Peighton of Lamesa and Kinsey Knelsen and husband Dennis of Seminole; 2 great-grandchildren: Kolter and Truett Tharp; and a great-grandchild, Statler Knelsen, due later this month.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at the

Winters Methodist Church.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Winters Methodist Church in Winters, PO Box 247, Winters, TX 79567.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM.

Winters Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Lavera in the grocery store shortly after moving to Winters. We kept running into each other on each isle. She invited me to Tai Chi. She became a sweet dear friend.

Ella Orum - June 09 at 11:46 AM

DP

“ My husband and I absolutely loved Lavera! She was a true friend and genuine lady. This truly hurts my heart. Prayers for her son and family.

Denita Patton - June 05 at 12:03 PM

MG

“ She was one of my closest friend. We enjoyed trips with her and Paul. She would do anything for you. We could talk and tell each things and know it wouldn't go any further. I will miss you so much .

Melvena Gerhart - June 05 at 11:25 AM