



Lee D. Sofer

January 24, 1930 - March 21, 2020

The wonderful and genteel Mrs. Lee D. Lyons Sofer added to the brightness of Heaven on March 21, 2020. She was born the oldest daughter of Robert and Ruth Lyons on January 24, 1930, in Georgia. She got her beginnings as a nurturer with each of her siblings: Mary Eunice Lyons Coopwood, James Lyons, and Odell Lyons. Her brothers preceded her in death in addition to her dear husband, Suffragan Bishop Edward R. Sofer.

Mrs. Sofer and her husband were servants of God who espoused Christian education within the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) religious organization while living in Cincinnati, Ohio. While her husband taught adults, she was the choice teacher of toddlers whom she delighted for decades. In 1979, they moved to Fairhope, Alabama where he pastored and she helped to nurture and encourage members of Good Samaritan Sanctuary for 24 years. Additionally, for a nine year period during that time she faithfully and lovingly served as his sole care partner after he had a stroke in 1995. They relocated to Tallahassee, Florida in 2004.

Her son, Gregory Lee Sofer of Cincinnati, Ohio, preceded her in death in 2013. Sherrie A. May (Donald), of Peoria, Arizona, Dr. Regina E. Sofer, Tallahassee, Florida, and Valli L. Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio, along with many others in PAW churches across the nation have treasured and endearing memories of her. In addition to her daughters, she leaves her sister and a brother-in-law, John W. Sofer, and her dear friend, Mrs. Lottie Ruth Bouie of Bainbridge, GA to cherish her memory, along with the bevy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she much loved as well as nieces, nephews, and "adopted" children.

She was an unparalleled wife, mother, homemaker, care partner and pastor's wife. Faithful, diligent, caring, and quick to comfort others, Mrs. Sofer will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and cheerful laughter. She already is missed.

Mrs. Sofer's family and friends wish to express their deep appreciation to those special members of her care team who showed immense compassion and tenderness towards her.

Details for a Homegoing Celebration will be forthcoming after gatherings are permitted. Donations to Tallahassee Area Threshold Singers and Big Bend Hospice are invited in lieu of flowers.

Comments



“ I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with Mom Sofer when I served as a caregiver for her. She enjoyed sitting outside in the garden and listening to music. I remember how much grace she displayed even as she required more and more assistance. She taught me a lot about living in the moment and being joyful. Which says a lot about her strength of spirit because she didn't talk much anymore. But she had a way of taking you by the hand and just smiling. She would also occasionally crack a joke and laugh. Her laugh was infectious and is the thing I miss the most. She finished her race and she did run well.

Nicole McLaughlin - May 13 at 07:58 PM



“ Mom Sofer was the epitome of a Proverbs 31 woman in both word and deed—“for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health”. I frequently reflect on Mom and Dad's 50th Wedding Anniversary. As many may recall Dad was dealing with health challenges during this time where he needed the grace, compassionate care, patience, love and understanding of his helpmate. As Mom—accompanied by Regina, her maid of honor—proceeded up the aisle, Dad was quite debonair as he awaited his bride. I can only imagined the 50 years of reflections that might have flashed through each of their minds as she walked ever so gracefully toward her groom. Not knowing what tomorrow would hold, or how their faith and love would be tested, 50 years earlier the young couple vowed to be always love, honor and care for each other. With 50 years of togetherness as a backdrop, Mom once again made vows that were equivalent to “no matter what, I'll do it again”. And she gracefully honored and cared for him until he transitioned this life in 2008.

Her husband praises her: “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!” No matter what

Theresa Bailey - April 23 at 03:02 AM



“ Cathy & Charles Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



Cathy & Charles Jefferson - April 12 at 01:40 PM



“ Thank you

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 04:28 PM



“ In Memory Of Mrs. Lee Sofer lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



In Memory of Mrs. Lee Sofer - April 12 at 09:22 AM



“ Praying for the comfort of God during your time of bereavement. Love, Minister Eva Taylor, DC, DE & Maryland Council

Eva Taylor - April 11 at 05:05 PM



“ The ICEA Region II Staff and Board would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of this great woman of God Lady Sofer. If her husband, Dr. Sofer was Mr. Sunday School then she was definitely Mrs. Sunday School. We appreciate the rich legacy and indelible mark they've left with Christian Education. They will forever be in our hearts... Minister Cheryl Dansby



Cheryl Dansby - April 10 at 01:56 PM



“ Minister Dansby, thank you for your condolences. I think my mom would have gave her slight nod, her gracious smile and chuckled in her spirit to have been acknowledged as Mrs Sunday School. A fitting title for her commitment to God and my parents dedication to the development of the Christian Education Ministry in The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. May God richly bless you as you continue to work in His vineyard, Sherrie Sofer May

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 04:05 PM



“ I never saw Sister Lee Sofer without a smile. I first met her around 1980 when I became a member of the Christian education community of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. I had heard about a man who was the epitome of integrity, grace, humility and leadership. That was Elder Edward R. Sofer and in meeting him, I was blessed to meet his wife, Lee. Her smile is as vivid to me today as it was then. Over the years it was clear that her support of her husband and his ministry was strong. She spoke few words, but you always saw them quietly slipping their hands into each others as they walked to the next meeting or the next place. She let his light shine brilliantly and the two were together, hand in hand, always. Even when she later pushed his wheelchair, the bond between them was obvious as she rested her hand on his shoulder or he held her hand as they stopped to talk with people along the way.

You knew in any conversation with her that she was the wife and the mother that all young women should emulate. In delving into the organization's history, I learned how his brilliance shaped the Christian Education ministry and legacy of the denomination, but I also saw her sacrifice shining through at each turn - from the inaugural printing of the Sunday School materials, to the teaching at conventions and the leadership as he took the helm of president more than once. Lee was always there. She was always supportive, but more importantly she and her children were quiet workers in the trenches with him and Lee made sure they all gave everything they had to each project and office, from pastoring, to presiding at national meetings, to his work with the Bishop's Board.

Lee Sofer was not showy or brash. She was neither pushy nor obviously protective of her husband and yet she was his cheerleader and his rear guard. She let his light shine and she supported him quietly and with great grace. Her smile encouraged you and showed gratitude for your love for her husband and her. Her smile warmed you and even calmed you when circumstances seemed difficult.

I am grateful for Lee's children who stood by her and especially for Regina who allowed me to be in her life and her mom's. My prayers are with the family and my memory of Lee Sofer will always include her smile.

Rev. Rosa M. Sailes, EdD

Rosa Sailes - April 10 at 12:06 PM



“ Thank you Dr Sailes. You have eloquently captured my mom; her commitment to her children, my dad and their commitment to their Lord and Savior. My prayers are with you as you continue with an aspect of their legacy to Pentecostal Assemblies of the Word, Apostolic Light Sunday School literature. God bless you richly to whatsoever you put your hand to, Sherrie Sofer May.

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 03:25 PM



“ I would like to thank the memory of her and the wonderful things she is done with her husband I miss them both and love them for their wisdom may the Lord continue then get some rest in peace

Elder Michael Shaw - May 09 at 05:14 PM



“ David Jones lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



David Jones - April 09 at 04:07 PM



“ Cynthia Bouie lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



Cynthia Bouie - April 08 at 05:28 PM



“ Theresa L Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



Theresa L Bailey - April 07 at 08:57 PM



“ Mom Sofer will always have a dear place in my heart. She is the model of a Proverbs 31 woman. A perfect example of how to live your life. Her legacy is deeply rooted by her faithfulness as a wife, mother, and pioneer in God's work. Truly grateful. She always had a warm smile with a comforting word, followed by a small chuckle of

laughter that would make you feel as if you were the most important person in the room.

David Jones - April 06 at 03:30 PM



“ David, mom definitely had a way of letting you know how amazing you are. Thank you for you kind and thoughtful acknowledgment, Sherrie Sofer May

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 03:30 PM



“ Dr. Nina D. Frazier lit a candle in memory of Lee D. Sofer



Dr. Nina D. Frazier - April 06 at 02:26 AM



“ Mom Sofer, a virtuous woman. Oh my a devoted wife, caring mother, doting grandmother, and even accepted me as an adopted daughter. Though quiet in nature, she was spunky and independent. She joined 3 of us to exercise on a weekly basis. Her tailored look was classic with a unique hat. Her olive skin was smooth and flawless. She would pull you close to share a laugh. I remember when laughed so hard tears erupted because we couldn't figure out how to turn off the water in a brand new tub with water sprayers. You always knew you were genuinely welcomed. Mom Lee you are missed and will always be remembered. RIH 🥰🦋

Dr. Nina D. Frazier - April 06 at 10:55 AM



“ Thank you Nina, I can hear mom's laughter and see her flushed face as wiped the tears from her eyes. My mom loved to laugh. Blessings, Sherrie

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 03:36 PM



“ Grandma Sofer spread happiness. She was a walking model of a woman with the peace of God guarding her heart. We are grateful to have known her, and to have had her exhibit inspiring perseverance, fortitude, and love for us all. Her legacy is one of faith, hope, and determination that will live on through us and all she touched. May her memory be cherished, her wisdom live on through each person her life touched, and the truth of God continue to guide our hearts just His truth guided her heart.

T.L. Andrews - April 05 at 06:20 PM



“ I honor the life and memory of Mrs. Lee Sofer, an humble and tireless Christian soldier, with a faithful and gentle servants heart. I am, moreover, overjoyed to know she is near to the heart of God.

Dr. Judith R. James

Dr. Judith R. James - April 01 at 08:25 PM



“ I have great memories of Sis. Sofer. She was beautiful inside and out. I can see her smile, hear her laughter and her kind inspiring words. In addition to the most important things, she also had everything else together, as far as style is concerned. She was well dressed. It was an honor to know her and I thank God for her life. Condolences go out to the family.

Ruby L. Harvey - April 06 at 12:05 PM



“ A beautiful, quiet, spirit filled woman of God. Heaven has truly gained a true soldier, RIP mom Sofer.

Sandra Floyd-Turner

Sandra Floyd-Turner - March 31 at 06:22 PM



“ Mother Sofer, a beautiful woman with a loving spirit.
My best times with Sister Lee was as a child and young lady. Thank God for all the love she showed each day. I sincerely have the best memories of laughter, cooking times in the kitchen at 3232 Wold, plus her gentle direct correction, and any and all the care needed to "make better" injuries from playing outside. Our time together will never be forgotten. Love always to the family. H. Marie Lewis

H. Marie Lewis Congo - April 02 at 07:20 PM



“ Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to the family of Mother Sofer. She will always be remembered as a caring and loving woman of God whose smile would brighten your day.

The Bouie Family - April 05 at 09:15 PM



“ Blessings to Sherrie, Regina and Valli in the transition of their dear Mom! So many wonderful memories I have as we grew up as girls at First Pentecost Apostolic Church both locations. My prayers are with you!

Joyce E(Thompson) Tate

Joyce E. Tate - April 07 at 06:51 AM



“ Thank you Ms Floyd Turner.

Marie, oh so many good memories growing up together. Yes, the laughter, the prayers, the singing of hymns, hearing God's Word in the midst of cooking, playing outside, taught to be ladies and so much more. You know my mom, like I knew yours. Thank you and love you

always, Sherrie.

Thank you to the Bouie Family so grateful for you for your kindness and generosity to our mom. Blessings Sherrie.

Thank you Joyce. Like you we treasure our memories and legacy of First Pentecostal Church, Carlyle and Mound, Gilbert Ave, The Brick Building. We are blessed. Thank you for your prayers, Sherrie.

Sherrie A May - April 18 at 04:27 PM