



## Janet Collier Bowers

July 31, 1946 - January 21, 2024

Janet Collier Bowers, of Heber, Arizona advanced from this mortal existence on January 21, 2024, in the arms of her beloved husband, peacefully in her sleep.

Janet was born on July 31, 1946, to Noble C. Collier and Fern Lee in Gilmer, Texas. Fern raised Janet and her brothers in Gilmer, Texas. She graduated from Gilmer High School in 1964.

Janet was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It was there, in 1966, at a church dance that Janet met the love of her life, Melville Bowers. Janet and Mel continued to date even while she attended East Texas State University to study Home Economics.

After graduating, Janet married her best friend Melville Smith Bowers on June 4, 1968, in the Mesa Arizona temple. Janet and Mel went on to have six children, Samantha, Angela, Cheryl, Cyrena, Adam and Kyle. Janet and Mel relocated to Heber, Arizona in 1992, where Janet worked as an aide and pre-k teacher with Heber-Overgaard school district. After retiring in 2004, Janet served a service mission with her youngest son, Kyle. Janet worked in the Snowflake, Arizona temple with her husband Mel for many years.

Janet used her Home Economics degree to teach her children and many others to cook and sew. She was known for her brownies and her Lemon Pound Cake. She was skilled in canning and food storage. Janet instilled a love of reading in her children and grandchildren. She read aloud to all her children even on road trips and then her grandchildren. Janet was a faithful

member of her church and served in numerous callings throughout her life including Relief Society President, Sunday School Teacher, Young Women leader and, her favorite, Primary Chorister. In fact, on her last night on this earth, she sang Primary Songs with her children.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bobby Osborne of Gilmer, Texas, son, Kyle Benjamin Bowers, and two grandchildren. Janet is survived by her beloved husband Melville Bowers, daughters: Samantha (Chris) Comeaux, Angela (Kenny) Bigler, Cheryl Crowder (Daniel Fletcher), Cyrena (Matthew) Sexton, Adam (Michele) Bowers, brother Kenneth (Ann) Collier of Gilmer Texas, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services will be held at the Heber Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Friday, January 26, 2024, with a viewing at 1:00 pm and a memorial service at 2:00 pm. A graveside service will be held at the Gilmer City Cemetery in Gilmer, Texas on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 11:00 am, under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

**Gilmer City Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Deepest Sympathy & Prayers for the Family ,  
Cynthia and Ron Hall*



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**Cynthia Hall** - January 27, 2024 at 12:37 AM

RD

“ *Ruby Denton lit a candle in memory of Janet  
Collier Bowers*



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**Ruby Denton** - January 26, 2024 at 06:08 PM

WB

“ *Wesley and Kathleen Bishop planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Janet Collier Bowers.*

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**Wesley and Kathleen Bishop** - January 26, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Janet Collier Bowers.*



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January 26, 2024 at 04:46 PM

AJ

“ Allen Christian Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Collier Bowers.

Allen Christian Jr - January 24, 2024 at 09:44 PM

AJ

“ Allen Christian Jr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet Collier Bowers.



Allen Christian Jr - January 24, 2024 at 09:44 PM

SB

“ Sending love and prayers to Mel and family. Janet was one of my best childhood and teenaged friends. I have lots of good memories of her .She was a very sweet and compassionate person. She will be greatly missed. Sheila Arrington Beck

Sheila Arrington Beck - January 24, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BG

“ My love, Prayers, & condolences goes out to Mel, all family, friends, & love ones. I've known Janet & most of her family for any years until the moved from Gilmer. Janet was such a sweet & Caring lady , & I know that she will be missed by many, & that she will be reunited my many family, friends, & love ones. (Bobby Gray)

Bobby Gray - January 24, 2024 at 01:46 AM

SC

*Thank you for the loving thoughts and prayers. Gratitude from the whole family.  
Samantha Comeaux*

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**Samantha Bowers Comeaux** - January 30, 2024 at 10:26 PM

EC

*“ Janet was a very sweet lady to me in high school. We shared a lot of fun together, mainly school activities and dates. I send her family my condolences. I know you will miss her as well as her class mates. May God bless you all.*

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**Eddy Coleman** - January 23, 2024 at 03:03 PM