



## Lahoma E. Pittman

April 6, 1918 - December 30, 2017

Lahoma E. Pittman, 99, of Othello and former longtime resident of Warden was welcomed into Heaven on December 30, 2017. She was residing at Coventry House. Viewing will be from noon to 5 p.m., Thursday, January 4th at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, January 5, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Warden. A celebration of her life will follow at 2 p.m. at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy Street.

Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Lahoma Elizabeth Cayton was born to Thomas Clark Cayton and Blanche Whetherholt Wall Cayton April 6, 1918, in Griggs, Oklahoma near the western tip of the Oklahoma Panhandle. She was the second of five children, born 10 years after the Panhandle, known as No Man's Land, was combined with the Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to become the state of Oklahoma.

Lahoma's childhood was affected by the Great Depression from 1921 to 1941, but more so by the Dust Bowl from 1934 to 1940. She grew up in Cimmaron county, Oklahoma. The first chapter of the award-winning book, *The Worst Hard Time* calls Cimmaron county ground zero for the dust bowl. Through it all she was determined to get an education and rode her horse 5 miles to school in Plainview graduating high school in 1936. She continued her education at Panhandle A&M in Goodwell, 35 miles east of home. Where she received

three degrees graduating in 1940. She also met her future husband Wamon Pittman while they both worked in the cafeteria. After she graduated they broke up. Wamon transferred to Oklahoma A&M(Oklahoma State) in Stillwater, graduating in 1941 with a degree in agronomy.

Lahoma returned close to home teaching at Plainview. On December 7, 1941 the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred. As all the men went to war Lahoma stayed home and took on the job of high school girls basketball coach. A woman coaching was unheard of, as it was a man's job. But as granny said, when the men went to war the women had to stay home and take care of everything else. Wamon joined the Marines after graduating, served a year stationed in the Samoan Islands as a Marine Corps Captain, before being listed as killed in action, leading the landing on Eniwetok Island. After surviving his injury, Wamon was transferred to San Diego. The summer of 1944 Lahoma told her parents she was going to California to visit her girlfriends, except she was going to marry Wamon on June 22, 1944 in LaJolla, California. As Granny put it, they were meant to be together and nothing was going to keep them apart. After Wamon's discharge in December 1945 they returned to the Perryton/Pampa area of the Texas Panhandle to be close to home and relatives. During this time two sons Howard and Lynn were born.

In 1949 Wamon moved the family to Seligman, Missouri, in the Ozarks near the Oklahoma Arkansas border to farm. Lahoma returned to teaching high school in the Wheaton School District. In 1956 the family was on the move again, to Balko in the Oklahoma panhandle to farm closer to family and friends. Lahoma taught 5th grade for the Balko School District.

In the summer of 1962, the family took a vacation to the Northwest to see the Seattle World's Fair. During that trip, Wamon fell in love with the Columbia Basin irrigated by Grand Coulee Dam, and eventually moved the family to the Warden area to farm in the summer of 1964. Lahoma continued her teaching

career at Garden Heights Elementary School in Moses Lake, eventually transferring to Warden where she taught well into her 70's. Anyone that attended Warden Elementary during that time remembers Mrs. Pittman, with more people than can be counted saying she was their favorite teacher.

After retiring Lahoma took up gardening, volunteering at the Warden senior center helping the old people, most who were younger than her, and judging home economics entries at all the local fairs.

Typing this up reinforces how much Lahoma is dearly missed as she is the one who would do the final review of any typed paper.

Abraham Lincoln said; "It's not the years in a life, it's the life in the years". Lahoma had both the years and the life experiences, covering nearly 100 years.

Lahoma is survived by two sons, Howard (Wilma) Pittman of Warden. Lynn (Norma) Pittman of Moses Lake. Grand children, Stefanie (Mike) Lowry of Moses Lake, Megan (Chris) Jevne of Yakima, Emmet (Nicki) Pittman of Kernersville, NC, Andrew Pittman of Ellensburg and Jonathan Pittman of Warden. Five great grandchildren, Trevin, Lyndsey, Brooklyn Lowry, Abby and Katie Jevne.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE  
Warden, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
9934 Road U S.E.  
Warden, WA

## Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA



# Tribute Wall

AE

“ I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Pittman many times when she subbed and I have fond memories of those times. She was nice and compassionate .

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**Audrey (Gardner) Entzel** - July 26, 2018 at 09:51 PM

SB

“ We had recently moved to the Warden area and knew very few people. One spring day LaHoma and Wamon stopped at our new home and introduced themselves.

*After chatting a bit, LaHoma invited Jon and I to join them to go gleaning. I had never heard of gleaning but accepted her invitation. A couple of days later we joined the two of them and off we went. I don't remember what we gleaned that first day but we had a lot of fun. We joined the Gleaners group and had several outing with them. This led to LaHoma and I sharing our interest in canning and gardening. We had several fun get togethers after that.*

*She was a wonderful woman, had a great sense of humor and so much energy.*

*Our sympathy goes out to all of the many people who cared for her and especially her sons Howard and Lynn and all the grandchildren that she spoke of so lovingly.*

*Sherry and Jon Block*

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**Sherry Block** - January 05, 2018 at 07:42 PM

LS

“ Hands down my favorite teacher! She was such a caring teacher, and just a wonderful person. I feel so blessed to have had her in my life.



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**Lori Selfridge Steinbock** - January 05, 2018 at 03:02 PM

HP

“ Our condolences to the Pittman Family, Lahoma was a lovely lady and an outstanding teacher. Her students knew she cared about them and had high expectations for each one. She was a great example for those of us in education. She was one of our family's favorite teachers.

*The Preston Family*

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**Helen Preston** - January 05, 2018 at 12:41 PM

CK

“ Lynn, Norma and family; I had the privilege of meeting Lahoma, when I worked at the Monroe House, and your Mom's sister lived there. Lahoma was a wonderful lady, who was one of the kindest human beings, and loved by everyone. She was extremely selfless, had patience caring for others, before herself. She showed love, courage, grace, and quiet strength in everything she did. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!! Sincerely, Cathy Kersey

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**Cathy Kersey** - January 03, 2018 at 10:09 PM



Danielle Weitman

“ *Danielle Weitman lit a candle in memory of Lahoma E. Pittman*



Danielle Weitman - January 03, 2018 at 09:18 PM



JL

“ *Mrs Pittman will always be special in my heart. She is part of the great childhood memories I have from growing up in Warden and attending school. She was the epitome of what a teacher should be. Caring and compassion and tough! What a great example for us all. Rest In Peace Mrs Pittman, You have earned your place with our Heavenly Father.*

Juan Manuel Loera - January 03, 2018 at 08:22 PM



ME

*Thank you Juan for your kind words. She was truly one of a kind.*

Megan - January 06, 2018 at 08:16 PM



CO

“ *Our condolences to the Pittman Family. Lahoma will be missed by us all. The staff at the Moses Lake Senior Center.*

Corie - January 03, 2018 at 02:06 PM



CV

“ *Callie & Myrtle Voss lit a candle in memory of Lahoma E. Pittman*



Callie & Myrtle Voss - January 03, 2018 at 10:52 AM

MP

“ I have had many teachers in my life but Mrs. Pittman has and always will be my favorite. She made me feel that I was so very special and I couldn't wait to see her every day. I will never forget the sound of her voice as she read *Where the Red Fern Grows*. I still recall the moment when she was reading that I found myself crying at my desk in that fourth grade classroom and looked up to see the same tears in her eyes. It didn't matter that she read this book year after year to hundreds of students. It still touched her deeply. Her positive influence and gentle spirit stayed with me always. To this day, eight very personal words she wrote on my 4th grade report card still echo in my mind and let me know that I am capable of anything. I'm not sure she knew it then, but I sure hope she knows it now (wherever she may be): she meant the world to me.



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**Michele P.** - January 02, 2018 at 10:42 PM

ME

*Hi Michele. Please know that what you wrote means so much to our family. The pastor shared what you had written because it showed exactly the kind of person my grandma was. Thank you.*

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**Megan** - January 06, 2018 at 08:14 PM

MP

*This makes me so happy. She was incredible. I can only imagine that her influence has forged and shaped an incredible legacy in your family.*

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**Michele P.** - January 07, 2018 at 01:37 PM

SK

“ *Lahoma and I had a wonderful teaching relationship for many years. We had some wonderful times. She was such a sweet lady who was loved by all who met her. I wish I had been able to keep in touch with her over the years. I send my thoughts and prayers to her family. Sandy Kisler*



Sandy Kisler - January 02, 2018 at 09:51 PM

NL

*I was fortunate to teach with Mrs. Pittman in the Warden School District. She was so loved by all.*

Nancy Larsen - January 03, 2018 at 03:40 PM

ME

*Mrs Kisler and Mrs Larsen, she thought highly of both of you and loved you as well.*

Megan - January 06, 2018 at 08:15 PM

 Russ  
Davis

“ *Russ Davis lit a candle in memory of Lahoma E. Pittman*



Russ Davis - January 02, 2018 at 07:32 PM

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Davis

“ As an ex administrator for Warden School District I cannot begin to tell you how much Lahoma met to me! An outstanding teacher who touched the lives of many. After she retire she would sub for me at Warden JR/SR HS. The students loved her, and she always loved them back! I will never forget that she always brought home made oat meal cookies as rewards at the end of class. Heaven has gained an angel! Russ Davis

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**Russ Davis** - January 02, 2018 at 07:32 PM

ME

*Thank you Mr Davis*

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**Megan** - January 06, 2018 at 08:16 PM

BR

“ *Thinking of you and your family, Norma*💕💕

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**Brenda** - January 02, 2018 at 07:20 PM

RD

“ *Between 1976 and 1985 it was my pleasure to work as a colleague with Lahoma. She was a good and loved teacher, and I appreciated her support of myself, the young and harried music teacher! I am saddened to hear of her passing, but I hope she enjoyed her long and giving life.*

*Randy Dary*

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**Randy Dary** - January 02, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PZ

“ *Paula Zanter-Stout lit a candle in memory of  
Lahoma E. Pittman*



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**Paula Zanter-Stout** - January 02, 2018 at 08:43 AM