



## Lahoma Bechtel

March 28, 1933 - January 17, 2010

Lahoma Pearl Bechtel was born on March 28, 1933 in Foster, Oklahoma to William Earl and Mary Louisa (McConnell) Driskill and passed from this life on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at the age of 76 years surrounded by her loving family. Lahoma spent her childhood days around Pauls Valley, Rosedale and Whitebead areas and graduated from Rosedale High School in 1951. After graduation, Lahoma was employed as a telephone operator in Pauls Valley. On July 11, 1953 she married Kenneth Bechtel in Ada, Oklahoma. Kenneth was an engineer for Magcobar Company, and the couple raised their children in various locations as they moved with his job to Ada, Enid, and Olney, Illinois before returning to Pauls Valley in 1982. Lahoma was a homemaker and worked as a secretary from 1978 to 1982 in Olney. While living in Olney, she served as a Red Cross volunteer, a school board member, and was Woman of the Year in that community in 1977. Folks in Garvin County will remember Lahoma best in her role as the delivery person for the Pauls Valley Daily Democrat. Lahoma loved becoming acquainted with others and her paper route afforded her this opportunity. She had also worked at Ben's Country Kitchen in Pauls Valley in the 1980's. Lahoma possessed a fun-loving, caring and encouraging spirit. When dropping off her children at school, she always told them "see you later alligator, afterwhile crocodile". Lahoma saw her cup as always half full rather than half empty. She taught her children to obey the first time. The shake of her finger or the look in her eyes was enough to tell them what to do. Lahoma was a faithful member of the Valley Christian

Church. It was important to her to stay at the church until it was clean after a meal, leaving it neat and tidy.

Lahoma is preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Mary Driskill; son, Kenneth Bechtel; sisters, Lavinia Wynn, Lois Brooks; and brothers, Julius and Loyd Driskill.

Survivors include:

3 Daughters and their husbands – Denise and Jay Mewes of Chickasha, OK; Deborah and David Siebenaler of Elizabethton, Tennessee; and Dionne Manning of Pauls Valley

1 Brother – Dwayne Driskill of Friendswood, Texas

1 Sister-in-Law – Joyce Driskill of Pauls Valley

8 Grandchildren – Stephanie Madden, Tabitha Winn, Jennifer Wood, Jesika Wilkerson, Katherine Siebenaler, Deena Manning, Rebecca Siebenaler, Kenneth Manning

1 Great-Grandchild – Cloey Wilkerson

Funeral services for Lahoma Pearl Bechtel are scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel in Pauls Valley with Rev. Larry Cornforth officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lahoma Bechtel*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Deepest Sympathies on behalf of the Billington family: Osie, Dorothy, Pam, Brad and Kim.##imported-begin##Pam Billington##imported-end##*

January 25, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ *Denise and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's death. Mom told me only last week that she was ill. It is never easy to let a parent go. Keep your faith up front and let time heal the hurt. Love and hugs.##imported-begin##Alice Mullinax##imported-end##*

January 24, 2010 at 02:05 PM



“ *We want to send our deepest, heartfelt, love and sympathy to the entire family. We will never forget Lahoma, she was a ray of light every moment near her, we will miss her smiling face. You are all in our daily prayers. Love, Becky Luther and family##imported-begin##Becky Luther##imported-end##*

January 23, 2010 at 12:27 AM



“ To Denise, Debbie, and Dionne,

*Thinking of you.*

*We are sorry to hear of your mother's passing and want to extend our sympathy to you and your families. We have fond memories of your family being our next door neighbor in Olney for several years.##imported-begin##Norman and Leona Gher##imported-end##*

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January 22, 2010 at 04:38 PM



“ *I liked Lahoma and enjoyed the few times I saw her in person, whether it be at "Mimi's" or elsewhere. When I needed a hug she gave me one and I always felt much better afterwards. This is so sad for me and unexpected as I just learned about it seconds ago when I opened up my home page for searching. So my condolences and sympathies go out to Lahoma's survivors. She shall be missed. I feel like I should write more, but I don't know what to write, as words fail me at this point. Godspeed, Lahoma.##imported-begin##Jimmie Ray Giboney##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2010 at 03:42 PM



“ *I am so sorry and I shall miss Lahoma. She was such a dear person and the BEST of all paper ladies. She started putting my paper right on my step when the school kids started coming through and throwing it on the roof. What a sweet gesture. Jeanne Dark##imported-begin##Jeanne Dark##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2010 at 03:28 PM



“ *She was more than our paper lady. For as long as we can remember, she was always ready for a pleasant visit.##imported-begin##Paul & Lorna Keeling##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2010 at 02:48 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy. Glad we got to know her and spend time with her at Elm Street Christian Church in Olney.##imported-begin##Jim & Lena Roth##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2010 at 05:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Lahoma. I cherish the memories of her, especially working in the kitchen at Elm Street. She had such a wonderful smile and laugh. It was always a joy to be around her.*

*May God bless you and comfort you! Wish we could be there in person....so sending e-mail hugs to everyone!*

*In Christian Love,  
Bonnie Cox##imported-begin##Bonnie Cox##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2010 at 05:46 PM



“ We were so sorry to read about Lahoma's passing. Until we moved away from PV a couple of years ago, she was our newspaper lady, & the best carrier we ever had. W.O. had asked her, teasingly, to honk when she left the paper in our box so he'd know when the paper was there without having to make extra trips going out to look to see if it was there yet, & she always did! We liked to be out when she came by, because she always took time to stop & visit. She was a very nice lady.##imported-begin##W.O. & Gloria Clark##imported-end##

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January 19, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ I only met your mother a few times, but she treated me like she had known me all my life! She was a very sweet lady and will be missed by all.

Love and Pryaers from,  
The Stowells, Lora and Jeff and Tyler Burnett##imported-begin##Lora Stowell##imported-end##

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January 19, 2010 at 02:22 AM



“ Lahoma was a wonderful christian lady who lived what she believed. She was a good friend and will be missed by all. It is a comfort to know she is with the Lord.  
We so enjoyed visiting with her and having her in our home. We cooked many a meal together at church and enjoyed sharing the work to be done.  
She loved her Lord and her family.  
May God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Bonita Balding##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 11:29 PM



“ Knowing that Aunt Lahoma is in a better place doesn't ease the pain of her passing, but it gives comfort for the future. The Thomas Halsell family sends their love and prayers for the entire family. We love you.##imported-begin##Thomas Halsell##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 09:31 PM



“ I would like to say to the family my thoughts and prayers are with you I allways thaught of Lahoma like a grandma she hade a kind spirt and a kind heart and she will be missed by all##imported-begin##Susan Polczynski##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 03:43 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a sweet lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her.##imported-begin##Phyllis Myers##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 10:49 AM