



## Erna Johansen Simonsen

March 31, 1953 - February 20, 2022

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Erna Johansen Simonsen slipped away peacefully on February 20th, 2022 after a long battle with Breast Cancer.

She was born and raised in Norway as a Viking Princess but fled her royal responsibilities to live life as a flower child throughout Europe with a brief stint in the United States. Having found Christianity in her late teen years and defying the Norse Gods, she returned to her homeland to serve God for a time.

During her mission to spread the good news, she met her husband who was also serving in the land of his Viking forefathers. After their forbidden courtship, she sailed to America where they were sealed together upon his return. Three little “glunks” quickly filled their lives with joy. But it was cut short as her husband was called to leave this life for Valhalla.

For a time she wandered alone in this strange land, returning several times to the fjords of her youth. Years later, an English Knight, smitten by her beauty, won her love and hand in marriage. Another child was born of this union to

complete the family she had always wanted.

Throughout her life, she found beauty in the sounds and melody of music. She wrote and performed many songs for groups large and small. Her singsong Norwegian accent floated gracefully on the wind, charming many, including small woodland creatures.

She will be missed by those that have survived Her in this mortal life. Including her four children, twelve grandchildren, extended family, many friends, and those she strived to serve, help, and bless. We love you!

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Cranberry Farms 1st Ward Chapel  
3155 Garden Dr.  
Lehi, UT 84043

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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3155 Garden Dr.  
Lehi, UT 84043

## Graveside Service

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Lakeview Memorial Cemetery  
1640 E. Lakeview Dr.  
Bountiful, UT 84010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Erna Johansen Simonsen*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I served as a missionary in Norway while Erna was serving there. She was a great missionary and always was such a pleasant person to be around. There were times when she got some missionaries homesick as she sang John Denver songs with her guitar and her beautiful voice!*

*God bless you Erna, for a life well lived, and for all the lives you have touched through the years.*

*Paul Johnson*



**Paul** - March 01, 2022 at 08:56 PM

BJ

“ I remember when Erna was born. My Dad and I took a taxi to Sogndal where my mom had delivered her at the birthing center there. I can't remember that Thor came along. I think my dad had someone tend him while went there. We were really happy to have a sister. We lived in Hermansverk a quaint little town on the shores of Sognefjorden. Dad worked for the county engineering department and we lived there until 1959 when we moved to Asker. I think Erna was around 5-6 years old when we moved. Shortly after Erna was born we went on vacation to North Norway. My dad had bought a VW beetle black in color and Erna slept in a small little compartment behind the back seat. Little did she know that she was traveling 2000 miles to see her grandma and grandpa Johansen in Børselv, Finnmark, Norway. We were a close family and we did many things together. It was in Asker where Erna learned to play the guitar. Both Erna and and Thor excelled playing and singing. We used to entertain guests when they came to our house. I wasn't very good at playing the guitar but I had a decent voice so I chimed in. Erna had a beautiful voice and she was a great guitar player. Erna will be sorely missed. She and I attended BYU together. I remember one Christmas at BYU that everyone had gone home for Christmas and we were alone in our apartments that we were invited to come and spend Christmas Eve with Mary Mckonkie and her husband. Christmas Day we spent time together and we were happy that we had one another or that Christmas would have been very lonely with everyone gone. Erna has always been a loving and supportive sister. We were so sad when she was diagnosed with cancer but we hoped and prayed that she would pull through. I will miss her merry laugh and amazing hugs. I love you Erna. I had the privilege of giving her several blessings in which the Lord's love was manifest. Very tender moments in both of our lives.

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**Bjørn Johansen** - February 26, 2022 at 09:33 PM

PS

“Erna was such a positive person. She had the ability to make you feel that Christ is a close friend. Her home renovations were so beautiful. She made beauty wherever she went. Prayers of peace for her loved ones, and of gratitude for being a part of her life. Velsigne deg.

**Patty Sutton** - February 24, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SJ

“I'm so sorry to learn of Erna's passing. I worked with her at Tender Care Hospice. I trained her when she started. I learned much more from her than I think I was able to teach her. I loved talking to her. She was always so interesting and in gaged in our conversations. I feel very blessed to have known her. Even though we only talked 2-3 times a year I cherished those conversations. I will miss her! I considered her one of my dear friends, someone I had known from before this life. My heart and prayers will be with her family who I know she loved very much. I will look forward to when I can see sweet Erna again.

**Susan Jenkins** - February 23, 2022 at 10:16 PM



Thank you so much for sharing this ❤️

**Jenny Clark** - February 24, 2022 at 03:27 PM

BB

“I met Erna as a missionary in Norway back in 1971 and was fortunate to teach her the gospel. I was very impressed with her then and remained so for rest of her life. So sorry she had to depart us now! But , she is at peace and without pain.

**Bob Burton** - February 23, 2022 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Geir Johan Gylseth lit a candle in memory of Erna Johansen Simonsen*



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**Geir Johan Gylseth** - February 23, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *I've known Erna since I was born, literally, she lived about 3 houses away and her kids were my buds growing up. I was always touched by her kind heart. She just radiated kindness and talent, such talent. I remember her sewing cottage in the back of her house, it was amazing and her talent for sewing was amazing. Her music was absolutely beautiful also. She and her family have been such blessings in my life and brought so so so many smiles through the years. I had some unplanned and very welcome chances to see Erna again the last year or two and was reminded of the beauty and strength inside of this amazing woman. I am grateful to have had those reminders and now my heart is sad to know the world has lost a beautiful person, but so grateful heaven has gained one, and that she and her husband, whom she missed so much over the years, are now reunited forever. That brings a smile and I am truly happy for her, sad for us, but happy for her. Thanks Erna for your example and friendship over the years! Thanks to all of Erna's family for the same!*

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**Christina King** - February 23, 2022 at 12:10 PM

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“ Takk for vennskap helt tilbake fra da vi gikk på ungdomsskolen. Til vi ses igjen, kjære Erna. 🎵❤️🌸



Gurlie Yvonne Linge - February 23, 2022 at 05:31 AM

ES

Jeg fant nettopp ut at Erna er borte, hjemme hos vår Fader. Jeg husker henne som en positiv venn i 1970 årene. Hennes synging var nydelig. Rest i fred, Erna.

Eva Ronning Solberg - March 08, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ I remember coming to visit my family in Utah and being there in the summer to spend time. On my last day there we drove up to jordanelle lake to do some wave running with my dad Thor and hang out by the lake, when Erna decided she wanted to see me before I went back to Florida. She drove up about an hour from where she lives and came to the lake where it was rocky everywhere to sit down with me just to talk and see how I was doing. She always made me feel important and to let me know that our relationship mattered to her. Thank you tante Erna for your love and friendship. I will miss you so much. ❤️

Elizabeth Martinez - February 22, 2022 at 11:59 PM