



Verna Rae Hansen Blocker

September 25, 1924 - October 28, 2020

Our Grandma Snicklefritz, Verna Rae Hansen Blocker, passed away peacefully October 28, 2020 in Orem, Utah at the age of 96.

Born in Provo, Utah to Franklin Earl and Elva Hansen, she was the oldest of ten children. She attended Brigham Young High School at a time when all the boys were gone to war.

She married Jacob David Blocker in July of 1949 and headed down to the deep south of Savannah, Georgia where she raised four sons and a daughter. While living in Savannah she worked at Anderson's Grocery Store and Jim's convenience store where she loved to take the grandkids to fulfill her oath as a Grandma to fill them with treats. She was well known and loved in the communities served by these stores.

After Jake's death in 1996, Verna headed back to Utah where she would become known to hundreds of children as Grandma Blocker. She volunteered 16 years in the Foster Grandparent program at Scera Park Elementary helping kids learn to read and most importantly, making them feel special. She was honored at the age of 93 for her years of service and decided it was time to retire.

Caring for others was Grandma's calling in life; whether it was caring for her

ailing family members, tending grandkids, making hand drawn cards for all the kids every Christmas and birthday or the ever-reliable pat on the cheek letting you know she loved ya.

Grandma loved people, even the occasional “Old Heifer”. She loved telling her stories and learning someone else’s. She could always find a cousin and she would forever introduce them as such.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and worked as an ordinance worker for 11 years in the Mount Timpanogos Temple. She was adored and will be remembered by so many for the laughs she gave, the stories she told and always for the way she made them feel. But Grandma, the time came for you to close your little peepers and head on home and when they asked how it went, you probably answered with the only fitting answer, “ It was just the ticket and gooder n’ snuff!”

Verna is survived by her children: Jacob David Blocker, Jr. (Debbie), Steven Kim (Brenda), Anne Hagewood (Gary), Gary Franklin (Carol), Teddy Leon (Kathy), 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, David Hansen, and a sister, Gail Vernon.

A viewing for Verna will be held on Friday, November 6, 10:00 am, at the LDS Chapel at 1075 West 1100 North, Orem. Followed by a funeral service that will be live-streamed at 11:30am on ZOOM (To view this funeral service paste the following link in your web browser and click 'ENTER'

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87837838223?pwd=RVFiaVFfEK215dkxXWHR2THhqU090QT09>

She will be buried alongside her parents in the American Fork City Cemetery following the service.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the staff and management of Summerfield Retirement and the Envision Hospice staff, especially hospice nurse, Nate Mansanarez, for their kind care of Verna.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com.

Cemetery Details

American Fork Cemetery

26 West 600 North
American Fork, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Timpview 4th Ward

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Timpview 4th Ward

Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Rae Hansen Blocker*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Whoever wrote the obituary for Verna captured her spirit perfectly. Her welcoming arms stretched around anyone she met. She could have been THE national ambassador for love and civility. She fit in everywhere. She deserves to be acknowledged as a Grand Belle of the South as well as the world class example of compassionate service that uplifted all. The Sharon Third ward was poorer with her departure as was SCERA Park Elementary with her retirement. We are so sorrowed to have not known about the viewing and streamed funeral service, but send our love and respect to her and all of you. I suspect she immediately enriched her loved ones on the other side of the veil. All the best to all of you. With gratitude for Verna's ongoing influence, Karen & Terry Olson*

Terry Olson - November 15, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *I knew Verna as Grandma Blocker. She read with all of my children at Scera Park Elementary through the years. I got to know her better during her last year at Scera Park. I worked in the office and she would come in to chat a bit when she was done reading with the kids. She was a funny, no nonsense kind of lady. Truly a delight to be around. ❤️*

Kerri Stoddard - November 09, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ I just loved Verna - she was such an inspiration to me. I have really missed her sweet smile, her kind words, and her valiant spirit. Her Southern drawl was truly charming. We have prayed for her every day since she left our ward, and we're so grateful she has now completed her mortal journey and can be with the family she so loved on the other side of the veil. Love, Lois Cottle

Lois Cottle - November 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ Verna lived in our Sharon Third Ward for many years. She was an absolutely lovely lady, a true Southern Belle in the best sense of the phrase. For years Verna was the one who called and invited us to give the opening or closing prayers for our Sacrament Meetings. Whenever she called, she handled it with such grace and charm that it felt like a personal call from Heavenly Father. Her voice, her quiet but strong manner, and her loving acceptance of others were so heart warming. She and her sister Venice Rogers made a lovely pair in our ward and were remarkable examples. I suspect they are now happily reunited with their loving parents who obviously raised them both so well. Love, Katie Farmer

Katherine Farmer - November 06, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ Verna was called to be my visiting teacher when she moved back to Utah. We've been friends ever since. She was always so sweet to me. My mom became a Reading Gma at Scera Park for six years. She and Verna became good friends. I think by now Verna and mother have been able to catch up on the "good ol' times at Scera Park beyond the veil. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were all as sweet as Verna. Love and blessings to all the family. Jennilyn Mauerman

Jenny Mauerman - November 04, 2020 at 04:34 PM

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I agree! The world could use a lot more of the kind of women that Verna was!

Kerri Stoddard - November 09, 2020 at 11:40 AM