



Bonnie Rae Sorensen Larson

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Our precious Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Bonnie Rae Sorensen Larson passed away on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 after a battle with covid/pneumonia. She was surrounded by loved ones as we passed her along into our dad's arms.

Bonnie Rae was Born May 20, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Arthur Henry Sorensen and Gladys Pearl Boam. She married Byron Edmund Larson on August 24, 1962, in the Manti Utah Temple. Together they had 6 children: Craig (Angie), Kevin (Cindy), Cherilyn, Kyle, Julie (Nick), Kirk (Heather).

She graduated from Olympus High School and Seminary in 1957 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She then graduated from Brigham Young University on June 2, 1961, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten at Sego Lily Elementary School in Lehi, Utah. Education was important to her; each of her children received a higher education degree.

Bonnie Rae was a wife and mother first and foremost, and devoted her life to her husband, children, and church. She raised a wonderful family of six children who were a big part of her life, along with her grandchildren. She taught them the gospel of Jesus Christ and to love and serve one another. She was affectionately known as Grandma Great, to the great grandkids, and she lived up to that title. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served in various capacities, often behind the scenes in meaningful quiet ways.

Bonnie Rae will be remembered spending time with children and grandchildren, working in the yard, enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables, cooking for her family, and baking hot rolls and cinnamon rolls for neighbors and friends. She was always interested in whatever her family members were doing. She took her children and grandchildren to plays often and out for dinners. For years she hosted a weekly Sunday dinner where the entire family gathered to eat and make memories. She had a special way of celebrating holidays including themed birthday cakes and



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holiday salutations on the phone. She loved children's books and wanted to instill a love of reading in her children and grandchildren. You could often find her cuddled up reading to them.

The family will always remember going to the drive-in movies, mom reading books aloud at bedtime, Sunday night grilled cheese, homemade hot chocolate, and a Disney movie on TV. Multiple family reunions at the BYU dorms and the California Beach, then later on our annual reunions at Bear Lake. She was at every event for her children, always giving them encouragement to do and finish hard things. Mom taught us the value of a dollar; use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.

She was devoted to the service of others, faithfully fulfilling church callings and selflessly putting the needs of others before her own. She lived a very Christ-like life and taught her children to value what matters most.

Many conversations ended with mom saying, "Love you more."

Bonnie Rae loved and was loved by 17 grandchildren (Jacob, Matthew, Kayli, Alison, Brittany, Scott, Emily, Alex, Taylor, Kourtney, Luke, Cole, Riley, Ellie, Ryan, Jack, Anna) and 14 great grandchildren. She was supported and cheered on by her beloved sisters-in-law; Dolores Bage Larson and June Sorensen.

She is preceded in death by Byron Edmund Larson (husband), Arthur Lowell Sorensen (brother), and Matthew Craig Larson (grandson).

A viewing will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, January 12th, and the funeral will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 11 am. There will be a short viewing prior to the Saturday services from 9:30-10:30 am. All events held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 6890 Whitmore Way, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121.

Interment will be at Elysian Gardens, located at 1075 East 4580 South, Millcreek, Utah

In lieu of flowers:

- Seek out a forgotten friend
- Increase families togetherness
- Share more love



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- Take an older person to lunch
- Remember special people in special ways on their special or very hard days

Funeral will be broadcast via Zoom link:

Whitmoreward.org

<https://zoom.us/j/92331083154?pwd=TEExUZ3VicZJ2SEZwLzRPMmlqZEd2dz09#success>



Events

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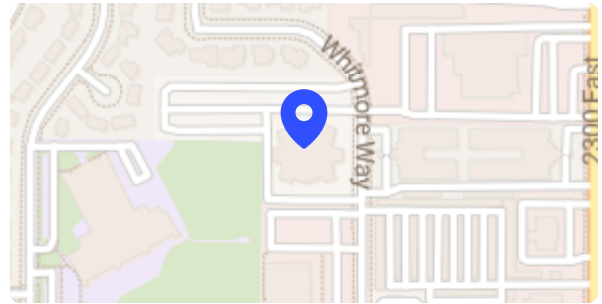
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Viewing

Friday, January 12, 2024

6:00 PM MT

Whitmore Way Church
6890 Whitmore Way, Cottonwood Heights UT

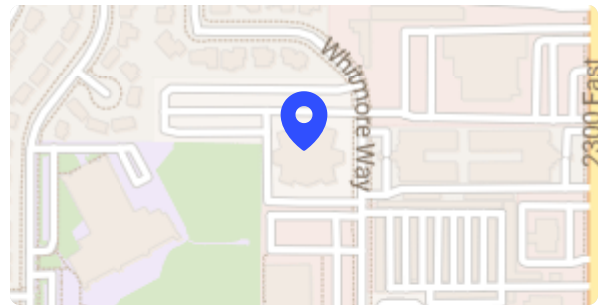


Viewing

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM MT

Whitmore Way Church
6890 Whitmore Way, Cottonwood Heights UT

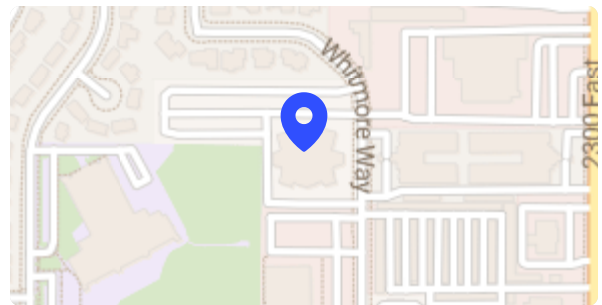


Funeral Service

Saturday, January 13, 2024

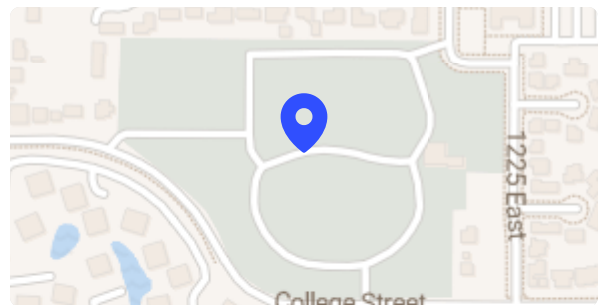
11:00 AM MT

Whitmore Way Church
6890 Whitmore Way, Cottonwood Heights UT



Cemetery Details

Elysian Burial Gardens
1075 East 4580 South, Murray UT





Tribute Wall

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Chad Weight posted:

Kyle and I were great childhood friends, so I spent a lot of time in the Larson home. One of my memories of Sister Larson is of her being an unusually kind and gracious woman who genuinely loved her family and her neighbors. I will forever be grateful for the way she always welcomed me into her home with a smile.

January 12 at 5:18 PM



Bonnie Gardner posted:

I appreciate reading what others have written. I am impressed with Bonnie Rae's example. It's really inspiring and touching how she reached out to so many people with thoughtfulness, service, and love. Bonnie Gardner

January 10 at 3:33 PM



Taylor Johnson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Grandma was not only an incredible grandma but to see her be a great grandma was so special. I treasure the Sunday dinners at her house but there was something really special about her being grandma great. We miss you so much already Grandma 💜 there's no words to describe how incredible you are. Love you!



January 9 at 10:07 AM



Joan Christiansen Vail January 11 at 5:02 PM

I love this picture of Bonnie. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as you experience life without her. She is a wonderful person and is being warmly received in Heaven. ❤️❤️❤️



Linda H. Powell posted:

So sorry for YOUR/OUR loss!! She was an amazing and "elect" lady, and I loved her friendship!!

January 9 at 7:27 AM



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LL

Lisa Labanc posted:

The last suggestion listed under, In Lieu of Flowers, "Remember special people in special ways on their special or very hard days"... this is exactly why I named my daughter Mara Rae, after Bonnie Rae! Bonnie Rae has shown with great thoughtfulness, humility, and love how to just do this. May her legacy of reaching out live on through her friends and family. ❤️-Lisa Weiler LaBanc

January 8 at 6:50 AM

WK

Wendy W King posted:

Today is my 44th birthday, and first birthday I can ever remember in which I have not received a birthday email, wishing me well, from Bonnie Rae. I feel that hole today. She also diligently remembered my wedding anniversaries. I'm not her child, but she made me feel I belong to her. Her children babysit me and my siblings when we were young, and Bonnie Rae adopted all five of us bonus Weiler kids. The Larson family was my favorite, and I admired every one of them. I have fond memories of Bonnie Rae's house: hot Sunday dinners with the whole family when my parents were out of town, Bonnie Rae shuffling around in a post-church house dress, a tennis ball hanging from a string in the garage so drivers knew just how far to pull in. The house was warm and welcoming, and I know that's because of the tone Bonnie Rae set. I'm amazed she has supported, loved, and remembered me all these years later. Even in her final days she took time to send me and my siblings video messages. Her heart is so big. We love her so.--Wendy Weiler King, Catonsville, Maryland

January 8 at 6:39 AM

EW

Emily Warner posted:

One of my earliest memories is playing at Aunt Bonnie Rae's house in the play kitchen. She gave us water colored with food color drops to use in the tea set. I thought that was so cool I have never forgotten it. (Also vividly remember the parakeets and the lemon tree in the front room.) In my adult life, Aunt Bonnie Rae always remembered my wedding anniversary and always reached out to tell me "happy anniversary" which I thought was incredibly kind! She was always sweet and interested in my life and family and I will miss her!

January 8 at 6:39 AM



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Premier Funeral Services shared an album called **Memories Album**.



January 8 at 5:20 AM



Erica Van Dijk January 22 at 7:03 PM

Our Dear Bonnie Rae, You are a genuine, sweet angel of our neighborhood and I loved you dearly. Thanks for your kindness and smile. You are missed!



Ray Winger January 10 at 4:51 AM

Craig and Kyle, sending prayers for a spirit of comfort and peace to attend you all the Larson clan during this sad time. Ray and Annette Winger



Jeffrey Sorensen January 8 at 6:25 AM

My dear, sweet aunt! I love her so much! Such a positive, upbeat, loving soul! I will miss you very much. ❤️ Jeff



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January 9 at 10:07 AM





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Premier Funeral Services shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

January 8 at 5:20 AM



Linda H. Powell January 9 at 11:38 AM
She went MODERN with this new DO!!



Russ J January 8 at 7:09 AM
Most everything person I've ever known. Russ J



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bonnie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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