



Donna Hamilton Fullmer Whisenant

February 25, 1936 - December 6, 2020

Donna Hamilton Fullmer Whisenant, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother joined her husband, Vern when she passed on Sunday, December 6 at age 84 from Alzheimer's Dementia. Donna passed within 2 weeks of Vern.

Donna was born in Arco, Idaho on February 25, 1936 and raised on a farm just off the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Donna was a masterful musician. She played the trumpet in the band at Blackfoot High School and later in the Cougar marching band at BYU. She was also a talented organist. Donna taught piano lessons to countless students in her lifetime, averaging 40 piano students a week.

Donna had a deep and abiding testimony of her Savior, Jesus Christ and devoted her life to living His gospel. She met Mark Allen Fullmer at Blackfoot High School and after his LDS mission they married. Donna graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Elementary Education. She used this degree to support the family by teaching school while Mark went to medical school. After their medical training they settled in Provo.

Donna and Mark had 6 children: Vickie, Markae (Cory) Evans, Stephanie (Raymon) Bori, Nikki (McKay) Pinegar, Breck (Heather) Fullmer, Quinn (Britnee) Fullmer. They divorced after 32 years but remained good friends.

Donna met Vern Whisenant after he came to investigate while she was playing the organ in the Provo Temple one evening. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 5, 1994. Vern has seven children: Gerald (Jill), Kevin (Sarah), Brad (Laura), Jeff (Ruth), Chris (Tami), Rebecca Holt and Michael (Irina).

Throughout her life Donna was happiest when serving others. She served in many Stake callings, as Ward and Temple organist, Relief Society President, Young Women's President, as well as numerous primary callings. Together Donna and Vern filled five fulltime missions: first in London, England, then Ghana, Africa, Salt Lake City, and finally twice in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Donna and Vern were dedicated parents and grandparents. They never missed a birthday, even when they were far away. Donna's last act of true love was signing Christmas cards for all of her children.

While the final chapter of Donna's life with Alzheimer's was tough, nothing diminished her gratitude for daily blessings. She leaves us with her shining testimony of the Savior and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Donna would be happiest knowing that her family walked in her example of righteousness.

Donna is survived by her siblings: Dennis (Laverne) Hamilton, Layne (Linda) Hamilton, Janae (Ted) Winder, and Wesley (Annette) Hamilton, 6 children who love her dearly, 16 grandchildren who adore her, and 7 great grandchildren.

Special thanks for the 8 years of tender loving care given Vern and Donna by Cyndi Espinoza. The family has no words to express the gratitude we feel for the attentive love given by Stephanie Bori. Thanks also to Dr. Mark Fullmer for his hours of medical care and genuine love and compassion during these last few months.

A graveside service will be held for family members Thursday, December 10 at the Orem City Cemetery. The service can be viewed through zoom with the following link:

Graveside service for Donna Whisenant

Thursday, December 10, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Orem City Cemetery

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Comments



“ Donna was one my beloved neighborhood mothers. She was always so kind to me and all the kids that often gathered in her yard and in her home. I always felt welcome and appreciated. I am so grateful for the many years of piano lessons that helped me gain such a deep appreciation for music. I have often wished I could have a piano teacher that lived right across the street to teach my own children like she did for all of the Bergy kids. The world was a better place with her in it. She kept a beautiful yard and home, made us laugh when she would go after Breck, and graced the chapel with her beautiful and perfect organ music. I will miss you tremendously. Say hi to Elaine, Emma Lou, and JoAnn for me. And give them a big hug!



Amy Ward - January 20, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ To add to my earlier comment. I just have to say that I truly miss Donna's lovely and delicious sweet bread wreath that she used to bake and share with neighbors every Christmas. This time of year I still think about it and it is a classic childhood memory for me.

Kimberly Sherwin - December 11, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Donna is an icon. She is unforgettable and a beautiful example of Christlike love. She epitomizes grace and beauty. I did not spend a lot of time with her, but she was a fabulous neighbor and a loving second mom to my dear brother, Rob Young. She and Vern are a beautiful couple and I'm happy that they can be together forever. The world is a better place because of Donna and I feel blessed to have known her. I send my condolences and hugs to all of her family.

Kimberly Sherwin - December 11, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ One of the things I loved most about my mom was that she gave people nicknames. Mine was Nikki Pooh Bear. Stephanie’s was Stephenelli-gootinheimer-gotenberk (Why? No idea).

What was yours?

Nikki Pinegar - December 09, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ Oh my dear mother. How I will miss you. Thank you for allowing me to care for you and spend that precious time with you. Your smile, your dedication to family and Vern was truly amazing. Your desire to keep a clean and organized home even as your health declined was inspiring.
Our time will be cherished by me forever!
As I told you every night as I put you into bed, “thank you for bearing me, I love you so much, thank you for being the best mother to me, and goodbye for now,”

stephanie bori - December 09, 2020 at 12:51 PM