



Vernis C. Whisenant Jr.

July 16, 1939 - November 20, 2020

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1939-2020

Vern was born on July 16, 1939 in Houston, Texas, the first of four children of Vernis Carrol Whisenant Sr and Lillian Ophelia Jackson. Vern was nine when he was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints along with his mother Lillian and his brother Keith, beginning a life-long, unwavering commitment to the Church. After attending Houston area public schools, Vern enrolled at Brigham Young University where he fell for pretty Bonnie Christian. In 34 years of marriage, Vern and Bonnie raised seven children: Gerald (Jill), Kevin (Sarah), Brad (Laura), Jeff (Ruth), Chris (Tami), Rebecca Holt, and Michael (Irina).

After living a couple of years in Houston, Vern and his family returned to Utah and ultimately to BYU. Vern showed great fortitude while taking a full load of classes at BYU during the day and working fulltime at Hercules Powder in the west Salt Lake Valley in the evening. After graduating from BYU in math and physics, Vern started a career spanning almost 30 years at IBM in Salt Lake City, ultimately employed as Marketing Manager. Following an early retirement, he started a small technology company.

Vern met lovely Donna Hamilton Fullmer in the Provo Temple in 1993 and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 5, 1994. Donna has six children: Vickie, Markae (Cory) Evans, Stephanie (Ray) Bori, Nikki (McKay) Pinegar, Breck (Heather), and Quinn (Britnee).

Throughout his life, Vern was happy serving in the Church, including as Bishop and Stake President, High Councilor, and Home Teacher, but none gave him greater satisfaction than fulfilling five fulltime missions with his dear companion Donna, first in England, then Ghana, Salt Lake City, and finally twice in Nauvoo.

On 20 November 2020, at his home, Vernis Carrol Whisenant Jr ("Vern") passed from this life to the next, with Donna, his cherished companion of more than 26 years, at his side. He was proceeded in death by his parents and brother Keith. Vern is survived by his beloved Donna, his seven children, 28 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, Donna's six children, her 16 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, Vern's sister-in-law Mary Jane, brother Doug (Eleanor), and sister Pam Worthington.

A graveside service will be held for immediate family members only and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Comments



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Doug Whisenant - December 08, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Vern was not only my step dad since I was about 14-15 years old, but he was a friend, a father figure, someone I could talk to, ask for help, and the one thing I'll always remember about him is his love and kindness to all! I will miss him so much!



Quinn Fullmer - December 03, 2020 at 02:34 PM



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Nikki Pinegar - November 25, 2020 at 10:25 PM



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Nikki Pinegar - November 25, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ Vern and Donna were the perfect couple. They loved the Lord more than anything. They loved each other more than life itself. Having passed just 2 weeks apart from each other, I know that angels in Heaven are truly singing. I loved them both dearly. But I especially loved my Mother. She was the most Christlike person I know. I love you Mother dear.

Vickie Fullmer - December 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Vern was always kind to me. As soon as he and Donna were married, he became part of the neighborhood and Edgemont 8th ward, and it was as if he was always part of it.

Our family's prayers and thoughts to Donna and the entire family.

Tony Brown

Tony Brown - November 25, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Vern, Donna and Kallen at Kallen's Olympus High School graduation 2010.



Nikki Pinegar - November 25, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ Vern was a blessing to our family from day one. His genuine love for us individually and collectively is what will carry us on until we get to see his smiling face again.



Nikki Pinegar - November 25, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ Vern was a relentless warrior in the gospel. I loved serving with him in our stake and with the YSAs. One Sunday, a young man was receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood. In his responsibility on the High Council, Vern had oversight for this. But because he was Vern, he made sure to show up at the home and make sure it was performed and performed correctly. I thought "Surely Vern has been on both sides of this process for many years, and could have passed it off to someone else or just assume that it would be done." But that wasn't Vern. He was a finisher, and my heart warms when I think about him. Our love and sympathy go out to you Donna, and your family. - Bill & Hawley Barrett

Bill Barrett - November 24, 2020 at 08:46 PM



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Premier Funeral Services - November 24, 2020 at 11:21 AM