



Nita Alta Heder Jensen

November 23, 1931 - June 5, 2020

Nita Alta Heder Jensen, age 88 passed away June 5th, 2020, in Toquerville, Utah. Nita was born in Whittier California and was the last surviving child of 8 children to Alta Richardson and J. Earl Heder.

Nita was a wife, mother, nurse, massage therapist, seamstress and artist. She left a legacy of love in the paintings, blessing dresses, quilts, rugs and porcelain dolls she made for her family and friends. She served 6 full time missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints around the world.

Nita is survived by: her husband Morgan Jensen; and her children Marcia Jensen, Lora Merkling, Shirley Ellsworth, Joi Bodine and Bill Bodine. She was also previously married to Ellsworth Ray and Bill Bodine, with a total of 26 children and stepchildren, 111 grandchildren and an ever-growing number of great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, June 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Toquerville City Cemetery. A visitation will be held prior from 8:30 to 9:15 at Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 1316 S. 400 E., St. George, UT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Philanthropies, formerly LDS Philanthropies.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Toquerville Cemetery

119 N. Toquer Blvd.
Toquerville, UT 84774

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah
1316 South 400 East, Suite A-5
St. George, UT 84790
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Nita Alta Heder Jensen.*



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“ *My life will forever be blessed by Nita. Through her many artistic talents, I can't even imagine the time and thoughtfulness of each quilt, baby blessing dress and beautiful porcelain doll she created for our family. They will be treasured heirlooms for many generations to come. However the way Nita blessed my life the most was being a comfort and companion to my father Ellsworth S. Ray. She came into my father's life after he lost my mother in a tragic car accident, just at the time of life that my parents were beginning to plan the next phase of their lives after they would become empty nesters. My Mother and Father's dream was to go on missions together for our church. Dad and Nita married and finished raising their youngest children, sending four of them on missions before they could begin my Dads dream of going on a mission with his wife. Nita and Dad served six missions together. And their mission service blessed the lives of all their children and grandchildren. Nita sacrificed and served along side my father until his death. There were many loving arms to embrace Nita on the other side as she left this earthly life. She has left behind a wonderful posterity that will carry her name in remembrance through many generations to come.*

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