



Roberta Jones Blackburn

April 15, 1936 - November 15, 2025

St. George, Utah — Roberta Jones Blackburn, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 15, 2025. She was born on April 15, 1936, in Pioche, Nevada, to Jacob Mica Jones and Clarissa May Hunt. Roberta was the third of four children—Gloria, Blaine, and Jerome—and cherished her upbringing in the quiet, close-knit town of Gunlock, Utah. Her father operated the local power plant, and she often recalled with fondness the unique experience of living in the home built directly above it.

At age 18, Roberta moved to St. George for a short time before heading to California with friends to begin a new chapter. It was there that she met the love of her life, Joseph Eugene Blackburn. The two were married on June 30, 1963, in Downey, California, and later sealed in the Los Angeles Temple on March 4, 1967, beginning a life together built on love, faith, and devoted partnership. They welcomed three daughters and one son and were blessed with 13 grandchildren, each of whom adored her love and laughter and the way she made every visit special. She also leaves behind three great-grandchildren, with a fourth expected soon all of whom brought her immense happiness in her later years.

Roberta created a warm and joyful household wherever she lived. She loved to read, go to the movies, spend time with family, and laugh—something she did often and generously. She had a remarkable sense of humor and delighted in telling stories that brought joy to those around her. Her home was a gathering place where family, friends, and neighbors felt welcomed and loved.

Roberta supported her husband through his long career with BF Goodrich where they started in California and ended in New Jersey. When Joe retired, they spent a few years on a ranch in Wyoming and then settled in St. George, Utah. Together they built a legacy of integrity, hard work, and devotion to family and faith. Roberta was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities in the Young Women's and Relief Society Organizations. She spent many hours serving others as she cleaned their houses, prepared their meals, and took care of their children. She loved the missionaries and fed them every Sunday and sometimes during the week.

Roberta is preceded in death by her beloved husband Joseph Eugene Blackburn, grand-daughter Rhiannon, parents Jake & Clarissa, sister Gloria, brother Blaine, and many cherished extended family members. She is survived by her children Jeri (David), Teresa (Sam), Tracy (Scott), Robert (Raya); grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brother Jerome and all who were touched by her warmth, humor, and unwavering love.

Her family finds comfort in knowing Roberta and Joe are joyfully reunited, continuing their eternal journey together. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

There will be a viewing November 22nd from 9:30 - 10:15 AM at Serenity Funeral Home located at 1316 S. 400 E. #A5, St. George, UT with graveside services to follow at 10:30 AM at the Washington City Cemetery 300 Park View Dr, Washington, UT

Cemetery Details

Washington City Cemetery

300 Park View Drive
Washington, UT 84780

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 22. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 22. 10:30 AM (MT)

Washington City Cemetery
300 Park View Drive
Washington, UT 84780

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*



November 20, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ QES Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Jones Blackburn.

QES Family - November 20, 2025 at 06:16 PM

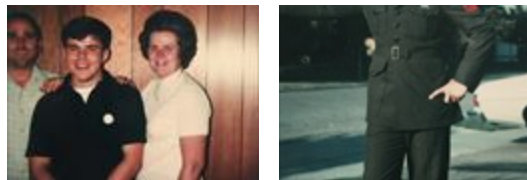
BW

“ When I was a young Marine, the Blackburn home felt like stepping into a different universe—one where peace, warmth, and actual kindness weren’t rare events. Joe and especially Roberta welcomed me in with a kind of gentle, steady goodness that could calm a hurricane. Roberta had this warmth that settled you right down, the kind that made you feel human again after long days of Marine Corps noise and chaos.

And then there were the kids—Jeri, Teresa, Tracy, and Robert—each adding their own spark, humor, and energy to the place. That house was alive. It breathed laughter. It felt like family.

Coming from a childhood full of instability, stepping into the Blackburn home was a shock to the system in the best possible way. Suddenly I was eating real meals, sleeping in a real bed, and experiencing a home where people actually cared about each other. Compared to the barracks? Not even close. The Blackburn home was comfort, safety, and sanity all rolled into one.

They didn’t just give me a “spare room” [inside joke]. They gave me belonging. They gave me an example of what love at home looks like. And Roberta’s kindness—her steady, gentle presence—left an imprint on me that I have carried ever since, with deep gratitude.



Bob Whittier - November 20, 2025 at 05:17 AM

BW

From the LDS Hymn - Love at home. This is what I felt while living with the Blackburn family.

*“There is beauty all around,
When there’s love at home;
There is joy in every sound,
When there’s love at home;
Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling sweet on every side,
Time doth softly, sweetly glide,
When there’s love at home.”*

Bob Whittier - November 20, 2025 at 05:23 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*



November 19, 2025 at 08:44 PM

WA

“ In February of 1987, I was involved with a Stake Musical Evening. Our ward presented songs from the Musical Shenandoah. I'll never forget how Roberta embraced her role on stage energetically singing 'Over the Hill' with the other ladies! I never suspected she had a theatrical humorous streak until that evening. Many years later she came to watch the kids at 3am, so I could take Keith to the hospital for a kidney stone. That is true service! We enjoyed temple trips to Wash DC, lovely Christmas Eve dinners, Ward parties and gospel discussions. She loved and embraced everyone and found it in her heart to be kind even when criticized. But let's be clear...she didn't suffer fools. I loved her because she first loved me, like the Savior she worshiped. Who wouldn't admire a woman who came to the door of a stranger, offering delicious tomatoes from Joe's garden, extending friendship and an invitation to Christmas Eve dinner on a hot New Jersey August night? My most treasured memory though, was of her and Bishop coming into the Children's Hospital surgery waiting room to be with Keith and I so we wouldn't be alone during Melissa's emergency surgery. While I spent days at the hospital, she did our laundry. The smell of Downy brings back that memory of her personal service!

Thanks for being a part of our dear New Jersey memories! Until we meet again, all our love. Keith, Wendy, Melissa, Kevin, Nathan, Michael Todd & Lindsey (our Jersey tomato) Anderson

Wendy Anderson - November 19, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DH

My son and Roberta's son became such good friends and their friendship remains strong today. Roberta and I sat together at many, many, many Pitman High School soccer, basketball and baseball games, enjoying those special times. Feeling blessed remembering those days.

Debra J Higbee - November 24, 2025 at 08:22 AM

KF

“ Keith & Wendy Anderson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Jones Blackburn.

Keith & Wendy Anderson and family - November 19, 2025 at 01:18 PM

KF

“ Keith & Wendy Anderson and family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.



Keith & Wendy Anderson and family - November 19, 2025 at 01:18 PM

TB

“ Teresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Jones Blackburn.

Teresa B. - November 19, 2025 at 11:10 AM

TB

“ Teresa B. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.



Teresa B. - November 19, 2025 at 11:10 AM

PB

“ I had the blessing of meeting Roberta a little over a year ago when I started serving in the Branch for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where she resided. She was so kind, thoughtful and caring!! I loved going and visiting with her and she told me of the memories of her family and her beloved husband! She was looking forward to being with him again! She will be dearly missed❤️

Pauline Bale - November 19, 2025 at 09:55 AM

MC

“ Mica C. purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.



Mica C. - November 18, 2025 at 11:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.



November 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

SU

“ I was blessed to know Gene and Robert my whole life. My mother, Mary Jean Bevard Schmidt Reeves, and Roberta were not only cousins and best friends, they were in each others weddings. Memories include going to Blackburn's so the adults could play Yahtzee all night in the kitchen while eating fondue. We were NOT allowed anywhere near there :) (but we got them back, huh Teresa?)

Too many wonderful memories of the family. We love them all so much and are grateful for the knowledge we have. Knowing that my grandparents, mom and all her family were there together, waiting with open arms, fills my heart with love and peace. And puts a huge smile on my face.

Love you all, Jerry & Susan



Susan - November 18, 2025 at 05:34 PM

BK

We love Gene and Roberta so so much!!!! And their kids!!! We grew up with them in California. We drive down to Huntington Beach all of the time!! 🥰💖👉 Sending love and hugs!!

Brenda Kenworthy - November 19, 2025 at 05:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*



November 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*



November 18, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Cammy Kefalas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*

Cammy Kefalas - November 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ *Cammy Kefalas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.*



Cammy Kefalas - November 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta Jones Blackburn.



November 18, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ The Blackburn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Jones Blackburn.

The Blackburn Family - November 18, 2025 at 03:57 PM