



Wanda Marguerite Herman

November 12, 1932 - May 17, 2026

Wanda Marguerite Herman, 93, of St. George, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, in the town she helped shape simply by being herself.

Wanda was born on November 12, 1932, in Salmon to John Benard and Dora Rosencrans. She was raised in Salmon, where the roots of her toughness, humor, and work ethic first took hold. On September 12, 1950, she married the love of her life, Robert Herman, in Hamilton, MT beginning a partnership built on grit, family, and unwavering loyalty.

Throughout her life, Wanda lived in Whitehorse, Canada, Tonopah Nevada, and eventually St. George, where she became something of a local legend, a matriarch, and for many, a second mother.

Professionally, Wanda worked as a waitress and head housekeeper, but anyone who knew her understood her true life's work was raising people up. Her home and heart were always open. She took in wayward kids, struggling souls, friends down on their luck, and anyone needing structure, support, a meal, or a kick in the backside. Somehow, she managed to provide all four at once.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Herman; her beloved son James Herman; and her best friend Jody Jorgenson.

She is survived by her brothers Warren & Harley McQueary and her children John Herman, Julie Herman, and Jerry Herman, along with generations of grandchildren, extended family, honorary children, and community members whose lives are forever better because Wanda Herman stepped into them.

Wanda loved fiercely and lived fully. She crocheted award-winning afghans, including blue ribbon pieces at the state fair. She bowled a perfect 300 game that landed her in the local newspaper. She baked like feeding people was a sacred duty. She raised three boys and one girl while simultaneously raising half the neighborhood. She had a green thumb that could bring dying plants back to life and a voice that could calm chaos in an instant.

Everything Wanda touched grew. Plants bloomed. Yarn became masterpieces. Walks on the golf course became life lessons. Bowling balls turned into perfect scores. Lost kids turned into respectable adults. Houses became homes.

As children, her family remembers long days roaming hotel hallways, washing windows, cleaning rooms, and napping in towel racks while learning the value of hard work, accountability, and treating people right. Wanda believed in kindness, but she also believed in structure. If you acted up, there was nowhere to hide because she was probably already around the corner waiting for you.

And somehow, even the discipline felt like love. Her family will forever hear her unforgettable one-liners echoing through memory: "I'll box your ears.", "I've still got a little devil in me." And perhaps the truest words she ever spoke, "I've lived a damn good life." She absolutely had.

Wanda was sunny, sharp witted, hilarious, stubborn, compassionate, and tougher than boiled owl shit. She lived by her own spiritual values rooted in love, kindness, hard work, and just enough spice to keep everyone on their toes. Her laugh filled rooms. Her presence made people feel safe. Her love made people better.

At the end of the day, Wanda Herman was a sassy pistol with a huge heart, unmatched grit, and a soul that left this world far brighter than she found it.

And for everyone lucky enough to know her, the world will never quite feel the same without her in it.

A special thank you to Desert Oaks Assisted Living for the love, care, and compassion they showed her during the final stages of her life, and for truly making her feel at home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah located at 1316 S. 400 E. #A5, St. George, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to services from 1:30 – 2:45 at the same location. Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in Salmon City Idaho.

Upcoming Events

Viewing

MAY 27. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah
1316 South 400 East, Suite A-5
St. George, UT 84790
(435) 986-2085
mail@serenitystg.com

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

MAY 29. 12:00 PM (MT)

Salmon Cemetery
200 Main Street
Salmon, ID 83467