



Vera Jepsen Adams

December 16, 1923 - February 5, 2013

Vera Adams (1923-2013)

Vera Watson Jepsen Adams, a long-time resident of Ephrata, died peacefully February 5, 2013 while a resident of the Columbia Basin Hospital Nursing Home, from causes incident to her age of eighty-nine. Vera was born December 16, 1923, at Mink Creek, Idaho, to Hyrum Wilford Jepsen and Agnus Watson Jepsen. She was the fifth of ten children, Herman, Phyllis, Madoline, Vern, Vera, Donald, James, Ruth, Arlene, and Hyrum (Bud) Jr. She shared the title of twin with her brother Vern.

Vera married Paul Vernon Adams on June 4, 1943 at Logan, Utah, in the Logan Utah Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They made their home in Cleveland, Idaho after Paul finished his service in the United States Navy. They are the parents of six children, Ken (Darlene) Adams of Ephrata, Carol (Dennis) Whitney of Castle Rock, WA, Pauline (Jim) Sainsbury of Post Falls, Idaho, Roger (Nadine) Adams of Ephrata, Julie (Randy) Gray of Gilbert, Arizona, and Jay (Marie) Adams also of Ephrata.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, both of her parents, four brothers, three sisters, one grandson Erik Finlayson, and three great grandchildren Adam Finlayson, Mara Adams, and Liam Adams.

Surviving Vera are two siblings, Phyllis Stenek of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Hyrum (Bud) Jepsen of Preston, Idaho, along with all of her six children, twenty-seven grandchildren, and fifty-eight great grandchildren.

Paul and Vera farmed in Southeast Idaho at Cleveland for seventeen years,

until October 1959, when they moved the family to Ephrata, Washington. They moved the family into a newly built basement home on Unit 218 of Block 89, having cleared the property of sagebrush, coyotes, and bull snakes. Fighting the wind, sand, and hot summer days, together they farmed and established Willow Drive Nursery which remains in the family today. In 1977 Paul and Vera established Adams Rootstock Nursery in Toledo, Washington and continued to live and work there until their retirement and relocation to Ephrata in 1986. Paul and Vera lived in their home in Ephrata until his death on May 5, 1995. During this time they served a mission to Adam-Ondi-Ahman in Northwest Missouri. She remained in the family home until circumstances forced her to move with her six children, rotating every few months. Her final three years were spent in the Garden Oasis Assisted Living Center and finally in the Columbia Basin Hospital Nursing Home. The family is very thankful for the kind and compassionate care she received by her Doctors, Nurses and Staff at the hospital. She will miss her friends there, Lois, Grace, and Treiba who she regularly ate with. Our thanks go to all of her friends and associates over the last sixty years in Ephrata.

Funeral services will be held at the Ephrata LDS chapel on East Division, at 1:00pm, Saturday, February 9, with burial to follow at the Ephrata City Cemetery. Viewing will be Friday, February 8 at the Nichols Funeral Home from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home
157 C St. N.W.
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-3420
bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com

Visitation

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Lds
1301 E Division
Ephrata, WA 98823

Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

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1301 E Division
Ephrata, WA 98823

Graveside

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery
333 E St. S.W.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Vera Jepsen Adams*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - February 08, 2013 at 08:32 PM

LG

I remember when Vera would join us for the "Wednesday lunch bunch", we always had a great day. Sorry for your loss, she was a great lady. Mom and I feel very fortunate to have known her, and your family. Lesley Lamb Gunderson & Helen Ruth

lesley gunderson - February 19, 2013 at 09:38 PM

NB

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. The Adam's family has meant so much to me from a best friend, employment, piano lessons..... Too much to list. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. She must have been an amazing woman to have such an amazing family! I know I enjoyed visting with her at assisted living and she was a wonderful neighbor for my Grandmother. May God's peace be with you.*

Nancy (Ettter) Buehler - February 10, 2013 at 07:41 PM

DK

“ Thankyou for the wonderful video sharing Vera's life. Such a tribute to a kind, gentle, precious soul. All our aloha to you. Wynne and Don

Don and Wynne King - February 09, 2013 at 01:45 PM

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“ We consider ourselves fortunate, indeed, to have known Vera for the last decade. She is a very beautiful lady and was always very gracious, quick to give a kiss and so kind and generous. How nice it is to know and associate with many of the members of the great family that she helped to establish. We are grateful for her good life and good example as a follower of Christ. We are happy that she is able to now associate with other loved ones.

*Our love to all of the Adams Family. David and Ellen Nelson
Ephrata, Wa.*

Ellen Nelson - February 09, 2013 at 01:32 PM