



Claire LaVerne Griffin-Nelson

December 27, 1933 - March 30, 2024

On Saturday, March 30, 2024, LaVerne Griffin-Nelson, our beloved mom, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus and went home to be with her Lord and Savior. She was born on Wednesday, December 27, 1933 in Dillon, Montana to Trevor and Luella Waldemar and lived at their home in Grant, Montana until she was five years old, when the family moved to Dillon where she received her education and graduated from Beaverhead County High School in 1951. She continued her studies at Kinman Business University in Spokane, Washington where she graduated with a Bachelors of Secretarial Science Degree. From there she moved to Prosser, WA to her first job at the Irrigation Experiment Station.

In 1951 she married Clarence Griffin and they eventually moved to Butte where they were together for over thirty years and raised a family of six children. LaVerne stayed at home to be “mother” to their kids until the youngest began school. She worked part time as secretary at a local architecture firm then full time at the Machinists Union, then at Montana Tech as assistant secretary to the President and Dean. She ended her working career after ten years as an eligibility technician at Human Resources LIEAP Program.

The most important goals in her life were to be a good mother and wife and to raise her children in “the nurture and admonition of the Lord”. She dearly

loved her family and enjoyed camping trips, fishing and boating with them. She also loved to travel, go snowmobiling, four-wheeling and play Duplicate Bridge and Pinochle with family and friends. She belonged to several card clubs. Her church and church family were very important to her.

After the kids were all raised, she married Harold "Ozzie" Nelson and they had nearly 20 years of really special times together until he passed away in 2007. They loved to go dancing, went on several cruises, bus tour and Broadway shows.

She is survived by her four sons and their families: Tom Griffin; Robert and Connie Griffin and their children, Brian Griffin, Laura and Paul Rhodes and daughter Serene; Randy and Carol Griffin and sons Justin and Cory; Ken Griffin and son Nathan, also her daughter, Rose and Jim Stone and their daughter Crystal and Paul Salois and their sons Dylan and Trent. Great-grandchildren also include; Kashton Griffin, Kesleigh Griffin and Owen Salois. She is preceded in death by her youngest son Daniel Brian Griffin, her husband, Harold, grandson Dakota Griffin, great-grandson, Lucas Salois and her sister and brother-in-law Kay and Don Shreeve. LaVerne now joins all her loved ones in Heaven.

Funeral services for LaVerne will be conducted Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in Heritage Bible Church, with visitation starting at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

Heritage Bible Church
3215 Hannibal Street
Butte, MT

Tribute Wall

EO

“ *My sympathy for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort. Ellen MaunderOsborne*

Ellen Osborne - April 14, 2024 at 04:37 PM

KC

“ *Condolences to all of the family. Praying peace, comfort, and strength through this difficult time. After our mom died, LaVerne invited Carol (her daughter -in- law), and me to come for dinner and to stay there if we wanted to. We ate, drank a little wine, reminisced, cried, laughed a lot, and enjoyed our time together. I had the best time! She was so loving and kind. She was a very caring and a beautiful person. She will be missed. Karen and Dan Colvin*

Karen Colvin - April 06, 2024 at 12:39 AM

DU

“ *Bob, Connie, and Family Our thoughts, and prayers are with you. My one favorite memory of LaVerne is playing music with her at a couple of church services. I learned so much from her. We enjoyed talking with her often when seeing her in Wal*Mart. She was special, and we are still blessed knowing her. Don and Margaret Ulstad*

Don and Margaret Ulstad - April 05, 2024 at 10:11 PM

LF

“ *Linda and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Claire LaVerne Griffin-Nelson.*



Linda and family - April 02, 2024 at 06:30 PM

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“ *Linda and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire LaVerne Griffin-Nelson.*

Linda and family - April 02, 2024 at 06:30 PM

WS

“ *I praise the Lord for myself and my past wife Shirley for having been longtime friends of Laverne and her extended family who adopted us into their family, for the many meals we shared together and the times we shared in the study of God's Word. I'm grateful for the many hours of playing Pinochle with Laverne's family and friends and simply enjoying fellowship in fun. Laverne will be missed.*
Wilbur Schwartzendruber.

Wilbur Keith Schwartzendruber - April 02, 2024 at 03:47 PM