



Blanche Benson

November 3, 1918 - March 8, 2018

Blanche Alta Severson Benson

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Forever Loved

Blanche was ambitious, industrious, a skilled organizer, a meticulous homemaker. She will be remembered for her countless, quiet acts of kindness and service to all those around her. Her thoughtfulness, example, faith, and love will be cherished forever by her family, extended family, and friends. She passed away peacefully on March 8, 2018 in Orem, Utah, at the home of her daughter, Kathleen.

Blanche was born on Nov. 3, 1918 in Sandy, Utah to Job Henry and Annie Maria Stone Fox Severson. She was the youngest and last survivor of 17 siblings from a blended family of a His, Hers, and Our Marriage. Married to her sweetheart, Homer Dean Benson for 72 years, prior to his passing in 2008. She was his forever love. Her heart has missed him greatly and has longed to be with him again.

She was a devoted and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. Whether serving as the Jr. Sunday School Coordinator, Primary President, In-Service leader, Relief Society Counselor, or dedicated visiting teacher, her life was devoted to our Savior, Jesus Christ. She enjoyed excelling in school, athletics, dancing, reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, phone calls, letter writing, and supporting her family in their lives and activities. She was a self-reliant woman with a soul of integrity, selfless service, and kindness. When she made a commitment, she fulfilled it with her whole heart. She did small things in great ways. We thank her for her seeds of goodness and testimony so unselfishly sown in our lives. She exemplified lifting the hands that hang down and strengthened the weak. Her life was characterized by faith, frugality, hard work, integrity, overcoming adversity, fierce independence, and quiet generosity. She was a care giver extraordinaire especially in the care of her sweetheart during his years of declining health.

As a family, we express gratitude to our sister, Arda, her husband, and family for the extra care, love, and unselfish service, given to Mom during the twilight years of her life. Thank you to all who greatly blessed her life and provided her comfort and love through visits, phone calls, and letters. During the past months, she has been tenderly cared for by her four children and family, who have had the honored privilege of serving and loving her. Thank you to the exceptional loving medical professionals who have supported her in her journey home.

She is reunited with her beloved spouse, Homer, parents, and siblings, who preceded her in death. Survived by children, Dean Benson (Pat), Kathleen Nielsen (Steve, deceased), Arda Fjelstrom (Scott), and Nyra Ward (Jamie), 22 cherished grandchildren, 64 dearly adored great grandchildren, 7 deeply loved great-great grandchildren and sister-in-law and much-loved friend, Altha Benson Gandolfo, several beloved nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Families Are Forever, good byes are not forever or the end, they simply mean we will miss you, Mom, until we, see you again. May we remember, that the greatest gift we can give our loved ones is our time and love. Celebration of Blanche's life will be held, Friday, March 16, 2018 at 12 noon in the Cherry Hill 5th Ward Chapel, 135 E 2000 S, Orem, Utah, where a viewing will be held prior to services from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Interment East Lawn Memorial Hills, Provo, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary. As a family, we sincerely thank them for their services.

Cemetery

East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East

Provo, UT, 84604

Events

MAR **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Cherry Hill 5th Ward

135 East 2000 South, Orem, UT, US

MAR **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Cherry Hill 5th Ward

135 East 2000 South, Orem, UT, US

Comments



“ I appreciate good memories of the Benson family that lived across the street and on the corner. You were kind friends to me growing up and our family were so grateful for the friendship and visits and care that your mother gave to our mother in her final years. May she be blessed for her kind deeds. Love and best wishes to her family,
Rella Stephenson Nelson

Rella Stephenson Nelson - March 18, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ I have always admired this dear friend and neighbor for her quiet dignity, strength and testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of my earliest memories are of her lessons in primary. What a wonderful example she has been to all who have known her.

Karalue Anderson

Karalue Anderson - March 15, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ Oh how we will miss you, sweet Aunt Blanche. You were the glue that held our family together when our parents passed on. Thank you for that and all of the beautiful memories you left me with. From the time I was small, staying at your home was a great joy for me. You were always busy bustling around in preparation for anything that could come her way. Her house was always immaculate and she always made the greatest meals! Later down the road she brought over a beautiful peach pie she had made for me. She made the best peace pie in the world! She would always remember my birthday and send me a sweet card. When she could no longer write, she gave me a call and would update me on any family news. Aunt Blanche truly had a heart of gold and has been an inspiration to me all my life. She was the most energetic woman I have ever known and she could probably work any man under the table. To the end she kept her strong faith in our Heavenly Father and his teachings. I remember saying a lot of prayers in her loving home. I am happy that she has been reunited with Uncle Homer and the rest of her loved ones who have passed before her. I love you Aunt Blanche. Thank you for your unconditional love for me and our family. Rest peacefully, you have been a good and faithful daughter of our Heavenly Father.



Debbie Benson Kidman - March 13, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ Oh beautiful Debbie, would you just read this as my talk for the funeral.

Nyra Ward - March 13, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ Jan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Blanche Benson



Jan Hunt - March 13, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Such an amazing, caring women she was. She had such a big impact on my life as i was growing up. She was my other mother and taught me so much about life and unconditional love for everyone. Thank you for sharing her love with me.

Jan - March 13, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ Nyra Ward lit a candle in memory of Blanche Benson



Nyra Ward - March 13, 2018 at 02:04 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your family at this time. She sounds like an amazing woman! I can tell by working with Matt Fjelstrom, he comes from an extraordinary and faithful family. There is so much comfort in the knowledge of eternal families. - Susan Carlin

Susan Carlin - March 12, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ My sweet Aunt Blanche! What a life well lived!! You were pretty close to perfect in sharing your love, your yummy food, your encouragement, and your time, Such a Christlike person! I'll always cherish staying at your home when we would visit from Montana, and the times you would invite me to dinner when I was at BYU. You took time to make everyone feel connected and loved. You were my mom's very best friend. You made the best raisin-filled cookies ever! When I think of not being able to chat with you, my heart sinks. But I know there are many people on the other side that are delighted to have you join them. Thank you for your unconditional love. Thank you for raising four remarkable children- they will carry on your and Uncle Homer's legacy in a way you can feel so thankful! I love and admire each one of them so much!

robin olsen - March 12, 2018 at 01:23 AM



“ Diane and I would like to send our love and sincere sympathy to all of aunt Blanche's wonderful family. She was a wonderful careing, meticulous person. She was like another mother to us. We were always welcome at her home, and had many wonderful meals at her table. We always felt like we were part of the family. We wish we could be with you. We will be there in spirit. We love all of you! Boyd and Diane.

Boyd and Diane - March 12, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ I remember exactly where I was in Arlington, Va. when I got one of many calls to all her loved was telling me she probably would not be around much longer and how much she loved and appreciate me. She was a wonderful aunt and never missed a birthday or a special event to let you know of her love and devotion to each of us! Her circle of love extended for all her family was far more than anyone could imagine! She was always doing and giving of herself. My mother would always say to all of us, “ you know, “ Blanche has always been my best friend for years and year and years!” We love you dearly, Aunt Blanche and your family. Until we meet again. With much love from Dicksy and Bob Rhoads

Dicksy Rhoads - March 12, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ My entire life these two amazing ladies have been just like this...side by side teaching, serving, and loving those around them. Blessed to have their influence in my life, even more blessed to know I'll see Grandma again someday! Thanks mom for loving and serving your mom so well!



Amy Lind - March 11, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ Grandma was a lifetime friend. She always said “it will all come out in the “warsh”, is how she put it. My childhood is filled with memories of her because she was a part of our daily life. I am grateful she is now reunited with grandpa, her parents, her best friend Gladys, siblings, friends, and my dad. She was a worker and a good listener. There are no goodbyes, just see you soon! Love you Grandma



Becky Messer - March 11, 2018 at 12:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nyra Ward - March 10, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Nyra Ward - March 10, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nyra Ward - March 10, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Love,

Vic, Mindy, Andrew, and Tom Walsh

Mindy Walsh - March 10, 2018 at 10:28 AM