



## Eva Arbon

April 8, 1933 - August 22, 2017

Eva Nell Wade Arbon, our beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandma, great grandma, and friend, passed away peacefully the evening of August 22nd surrounded by her family and friends as they sang to her her favorite hymns. True to her nature her spirit gave each of her children a warm hug as she passed on to the other side of the veil.

Eva Nell was born April 8, 1933 in Gilmer, Texas to Paul Wade and Susie Amonette Wade. She was the seventh of nine children raised in a loving home in a Mormon colony of Kelsey, Texas. There she started her schooling at a school house taught by Mormon missionaries. Eva Nell was baptized by her father on June 1st, 1941 in Kelsey, Texas. The family relocated to Mesa, AZ when she was eight years old. She had a powerful testimony of the truth of the Gospel which she taught everyday through her example of love and service to others. She graduated from Mesa High School on May 25, 1951.

Eva Nell moved to Utah after graduating from High School where she earned her beautician license. She worked as a cosmetologist to help pay for her college degree. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education from BYU on June 5, 1959. After completing her college degree, her bishop called her over the pulpit to serve as a missionary for her church at the age of 26. She was called to serve in the West Spanish America mission on July 21, 1959. With great faith, she served a Spanish speaking 2-year mission that covered southern California and Arizona. This experience strengthened her testimony of her Savior and our loving Father in Heaven.

She later married her eternal companion, Alden Theodore Arbon, in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple on November 25, 1964. Eva Nell worked as a kindergarten teacher for one year in Murray, Utah prior to relocating to Spokane, Washington where Alden received a job offer. A year later they relocated to California where Alden was transferred. They struggled to have children but after a father's blessing and promise to have as many children as God would send her, Eva Nell became pregnant. True to her word, she had seven children in nine years. Eva Nell worked as a first-grade teacher in Whittier, California where she was recognized for inventing a tape recorder method of reading that

soon most schools implemented in the classroom. She continued teaching while also raising their seven children as a teacher's aide. In addition, when her spouse lost his employment she worked nights as an ESL teacher for adult learners. They also grew their family a little more with many friends in the Fullerton and Chino California wards. Those friendships became some of the most-dear to her and her children that last to this day. While in Fullerton, Alden had a scare with melanoma skin cancer in which she could lose her beloved husband and be left to raise their five children alone. Through the mercy of God, Alden was spared and lived to see his children and grandchildren grow. This experience helped solidify Eva Nell's testimony of the love of our Father in Heaven. She knew to never doubt and this strength has carried over into her children and grandchildren.

Later in life, Eva Nell and Alden would have the opportunity to serve several missions together. They served a genealogy mission in the Port Harcourt, Nigeria for 19-months starting in November 1996. Four years later in August 2000 they served a records extraction mission in St. Louis, Missouri for 18-months. They served local missions in the Orem, Utah cannery and the American Fork, Utah employment center. Eva Nell loved to serve others and did her part in building up the kingdom of God on the Earth.

Eva Nell bid her eternal companion a temporary farewell as he succumbed to complications from heart surgery on March 13, 2011. Despite living on a large property that required significant upkeep, she insisted on staying in her home close to her neighbors in Pleasant Grove, Utah. She loved her ward family and would never venture away for long because she loved being near them. They were so good to her, helping to care for her yard and checking on her regularly to make sure she was okay. She enjoyed serving in a variety of church callings, always doing so with great faith and effort, as if she was serving our Savior Himself. She would always take time to visit her family. She absolutely adored her grandchildren and would take them on walks, sing songs, play games, and lullaby them to sleep as she ran her fingers through their hair.

Eva Nell was preceded in death by her husband, Alden Theodore Arbon; her parents, Paul Wade and Susie Amonette Wade; and her siblings, Regina Wade Hooton, Leotha Wade Slagowski, Alfred Byron (AB) Wade, Euell Gene Wade, Zola Pauline Wade Brooks, and Rowan Bennion Wade. She is survived by her brother, Jasper Louis Wade, her sister, Katherine Laree Wade Mitchell, as well as her children: Bonnie Arbon Dimond, Daniel Kim Arbon, Laura Arbon Snyder, Michael Wade Arbon, Nancy Arbon Baker, Theodore Paul Arbon, Rachel Arbon Smith, 23 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. We will always remember her for her patience, longsuffering, fierce defense of the truths of the Gospel, and random quirky acts that made everyone smile. She never cried a tear when

she was diagnosed with terminal cancer, wanting everyone to know and remember that she lived a happy life full of love and memories. She is free from the pain and suffering of this world and is now in the warm embrace of her beloved family and our loving Heavenly Father. She taught us all how to be better by her example and will be sorely missed. We love you mom! God be with you till we meet again.

Before she passed, Eva had requested that in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to the American Cancer Society. <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

Funeral Services will be held Monday, August 28th at 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Grove 9th Ward, 455 East 200 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment in Pleasant Grove City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Pleasant Grove City Cemetery

600 North 100 West  
Pleasant Grove, UT, 84062

# Events

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**AUG 28** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Pleasant Grove 9th Ward  
455 East 200 South, Pleasant Grove, UT, US,  
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**AUG 28** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I don't know what to say. I have floods of memories. Aunt Eva was our second mom. We grew up with her kids and she was always there for us. My mom and her were so close they talked all the time. We loved to visit and play in Uncle Aldens dungeons he dug every where they went. I think of her daily.  
Janice Hooton Santa

Janice Santa - August 27, 2017 at 05:17 PM

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“ So many memories. . .  
When I was a boy, Aunt EvaNell lived with us on two different occasions- and always seemed like a big sister and a part of my immediate family.  
. . . When I was 18, at Camp Pendleton and away from home for the first time, I had Christmas leave but few funds to go home to see my family and sweetheart for Christmas. My darling Aunt EvaNell decided she needed my help to drive her new Chevelle from Southern California to Northern Utah. That made the trip possible. On the journey, I encountered two cars ahead that had slid into one another on a long icy incline north of Cedar City. I feared breaking would throw me into a slide as well. But as the two cars bounced off one another and separated, I was able to drive just between them and arrived at the bottom of the incline without a scratch on me or Aunt EvaNell's new car. I ran back up the incline and found the other cars wrecked on the roadside and their occupants injured - and flagged down a trucker who radioed for an ambulance.  
When I arrived in Salt Lake City and safely into the arms of my sweetheart, I called Aunt EvaNell to tell her of my narrow escape. She calmly said, "I knew you would be safe, I saw the weather was bad and I was praying for you."  
That same sweetheart was one of EvaNell's Bridesmaids, even though we were just dating at the time. Somehow she knew what was in our future . . . and sometime later, when starting law school, I learned that I was a father for the first time while sleeping on the couch in Aunt EvaNell's living room in Fullerton, California. That sweetheart and I celebrated our 49th Wedding Anniversary just two days before Aunt EvaNell passed.  
She was always like a part of our own family . . . and we will miss her terribly.

But somehow, I can still feel her presence and her love.

- a very grateful nephew

Byron Wade

**Byron Wade** - August 24, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ You were always so good to her. Thank you for these beautiful memories. She loves you just as much.

**rachel smith** - August 25, 2017 at 08:07 AM