



## Virginia "V-Ann" Ludlow

March 25, 1944 - June 30, 2015

V-Ann Ludlow, 71, of Orem, Utah, passed away suddenly early Tuesday morning after a fall and long-term health complications. She was born on March 25, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Sylvan Devon Warner and F. Virginia Brown Warner. During her childhood she lived in various places throughout the Midwest (Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois). Her father was a BSA executive, so she spent many of her summers at various scout camps. She graduated from Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, Illinois. At age 17 she began attending BYU. During her freshman year, she met the love of her life, Victor Leifson Ludlow. After a first date at Heaps o' Pizza (aka Brick Oven), they became sweethearts and best friends. After Vic returned home from his LDS Mission in Dusseldorf, Germany, they became engaged, and married on September 3, 1965 in the LDS Salt Lake Temple.

V-Ann graduated from BYU in 1968 with a major in French and Secondary Education. She was concerned about whether marrying a potential college professor from Provo would stunt her opportunity for world travel. Little did she know, it would be the source of all sorts of traveling adventures!

Soon after graduation from BYU, Vic and V-Ann moved to the Boston area for four years. Most of her married life was spent living in Provo, Utah. In 1976, 1982, 1990, and 2007 they lived in Israel with the BYU Semester Abroad Programs. During the course of their marriage, Vic & V-Ann conducted over 40 tours to Israel. Many of the tours also included visits to Greece, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt. From 1983-1986, she served with Vic as they presided over the Germany Frankfurt Mission. While living there she had opportunities to travel to Iceland, England, Norway, France, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland. V-Ann had the opportunity to travel with Vic to Asia and visit Singapore and Japan the year he served as the Provo Rotary Club president. She has also traveled throughout the United States accompanying Vic in various speaking and Passover Seder engagements. Needless to say, V-Ann's dream of traveling the world came to fruition during her lifetime.

V-Ann has dealt with a number of health issues. The first major one being an ovarian

cancer survivor in 1987. This experience led to her being actively involved in teaching and doing workshops for the American Cancer Society for a time. Later, her congestive heart failure limited her range of activities. More recently kidney disease and a bout with skin cancer has challenged her – but she’s persevered with her trademark humor and optimism.

As a patriotic citizen she always voted and often served as an election judge. She loved making sure the flag was out flying on appropriate holidays, and she took her children on their 18th birthdays out to lunch and to register to vote.

As an active member in The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, she served in various callings – especially in the Relief Society, Young Women and as a Sunday School teacher. She was also a frequent presenter at BYU Education Weeks, YSA Conferences and other church related activities. After returning from being a mission “mom” and after years of presenting a popular series for missionary parents at BYU Education Week, she wrote a book called Making the Most of Your Missionary’s Mission (published by Leatherwood Press).

An avid BYU sports fan, she loved attending (and viewing from home) many football and basketball games over the years. She also loved cheering on her children in their sporting and other activities. She was a natural athlete herself, with bowling and golf being two of her favorite pastimes.

V-Ann felt like her greatest role and accomplishment was that of wife and mother. She loves family, teaching about family, and always valued the importance of family traditions. Whether it’s having chicken noodle soup for Christmas dinner or starting and advocating the important annual Ludlow egg-bashing contest – traditions are the glue that hold families together.

She is survived by her husband, Victor L. Ludlow, and their six children.

Jason D. & Marikka Ludlow of North Carolina and their children: Stefan F. & Lizzy Ludlow (Isaiah, Levi & Jonah), Erik, Kevyn, Katja and Jared.

Jared W. & Margaret Ludlow of Provo, Utah and their children: Jared (JJ), Josh, Joseph, Marissa and Melia.

Sharryl A. & Chris Hales of Arizona and their children: Chase, Warner, Susquehannah, Liberty and Steele.

Shawnda L. & Bradley Moss of Springville, Utah and their children: Anton, Isaac and Isabel.

Daniel N. & Judy Ludlow of Idaho and their children: Katie, Cordell, Michael, Lukas and Hyrum.

David V. & Casey Ludlow of Nevada and their children: Lucy, Norah and Kate (with one more on the way).

V-Ann is the youngest sibling in her family, her older siblings calling her PeeWee. Her parents and her three siblings precede her in death: Devon Warner, Shayrri Zahrt and James Warner. She is the last of her family to pass on and we are sure she's enjoying a family reunion in heaven with her loved ones.

V-Ann loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and you saw this in what she'd say, what she'd do and how she lived.

A special thank you and appreciation for the many who contributed service and expertise with V-Ann in her last years. Especially nurse Kathy Marsden and physical therapist Dan Lillywhite of A Plus Home Care.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 11am at the Sharon Park 2nd Ward (250 East and 200 North) in Orem, Utah. There will be a viewing on Monday, July 6th at the same location from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and also just before the funeral service on Tuesday starting at 9:00am. Burial will follow the funeral service at the Benjamin City Cemetery.

\*\*\*\*Please note: there is repaving going on in the neighborhood. Please approach the church building from 400 North via 250 East.\*\*\*\*

V-Ann was a lifelong learner and loved to teach others. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund.

Online condolences and additional life insights can be found at V-Ann's online guestbook at <http://www.utahvalleyfuneral.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## Benjamin Cemetery

Benjamin, UT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (MT)

Sharon Park 2nd Ward  
225 East 200 North  
Orem, UT 84057

## Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Sharon Park 2nd Ward  
225 East 200 North  
Orem, UT 84057

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Sharon Park 2nd Ward  
225 East 200 North  
Orem, UT 84057

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I just heard of V-Ann's sudden passing. My condolences to you, Vic, and your family. FYI: My younger son is preparing for his mission and have been using V-Ann's book, *Making the Most of Your Missionary's Mission*. I had it for my older son, Brian, also. I really appreciate what she wrote.

*Memories: I remember climbing Mt Sinai and being so tired I thought I might not make it, but I didn't want to lose out to a pregnant woman, V-Ann. 1976.*

*I still remember a song she taught the BYU group that started: Moses (students repeated "Moses") Moses (repeat "Moses") Moses on the mount, mount, mount. Etc.*

*She always radiated happiness and was so up-beat. It was a privilege to have known her.*

*Janet (Ellzey) Sagaser--July 27 2015*

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**Janet Sagaser** - July 27, 2015 at 01:41 AM

CA

“ We just read of he passing of Sister Ludlow. It has been our privilege to know the Ludlow family while in Israel and we learned so much from them. We know she will be missed. We send our love and sympathy to the Ludlow family. Cal and Alice Andreassen

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**Cal Andreassen** - July 09, 2015 at 10:21 AM

VW

“ When I was young (1974) the Ludlows provided housing for me as I attended a summer workshop at BYU. V-Ann was a wonderful lady and I probably learned as much from her and Vic as I did at the workshop. I will never forget and will forever be grateful for the time I spent in their home and for the life-lessons I learned on my first away-from home experience.

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**Valerie Nielsen Williams** - July 08, 2015 at 06:40 PM

DP

“ Vic and family: we express our condolences at V-Ann's passing. We are sorry we could not attend her funeral today. We left Utah yesterday for a vacation in New England, but you have been on our mind and in our prayers. We are so glad you were able to have V-Ann at your recent family reunion. We sent some memories for that occasion. We express our love and appreciate your V-Ann's and your involvement in our lives (she was so much fun and so supportive!). We trust the Lord will help comfort and sustain you during this challenging time of transition.

*Jane and Dana Pike*

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**Dana Pike** - July 07, 2015 at 07:59 PM

RH

“ Our family is blessed to have been inspired and loved by V-Ann. My parents (Var & Afton Rosenbaum) thought so highly of her and her bright, fun personality. I was able to interact with her during my time at BYU as a student and of course at many treasured family gatherings. Though even her ailments could not stop her good humor from shining through, I like to imagine how brightly she is now able to shine. Now it is our turn to miss her--for a while. My heartfelt condolences to cousin Vic and their children.

*Renee Rosenbaum Hill*

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**Renee Hill** - July 07, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ We were fortunate to know the Ludlow family from the time they spent in Frankfurt, Germany. It was fun to have another large family whose children lined up with our seven. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences go out to the Ludlow family from the Watabe family.

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**Wendy Peterson** - July 07, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ Our memories of V'Ann are filled with great joy and happiness as we remember her. We were so blessed to have her and Vic and their family as neighbors and friends. We will always cherish our times together especially our trip to Israel. Our love to Vic and family.

*Bill & Kilene Welsh*

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**Bill Welsh** - July 05, 2015 at 10:49 AM

MS

“ Vic and family, we read about V-Ann's passing and we are so very sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed your association and friendship. She was a talented person, it seemed she did everything with perfection.  
Vic, fyi, Richard Gunn in SD died yesterday of a stroke. I know you would be interested.  
We send our love to all your family.  
Richard and Mary Ann Stringham Family

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**Mary Ann Stringham** - July 05, 2015 at 10:29 AM

RG

“ I'm so grateful for the time I had to get to know V-Ann as we served together in Relief Society. We had alot of laughs and I loved hearing of her many travels and adventures. She is a beautiful person and I will miss her dearly till we meet again

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**Robyn Green** - July 05, 2015 at 12:26 AM

GO

“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
~ Gayle Olson and family

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**Gayle Olson** - July 04, 2015 at 04:58 PM

ME

“ I'm sadden by the news of V-Ann's passing. It seems that I just wrote a letter to her and Vic for their wedding anniversary. I hope she got to read them. V-Ann was one my college roommates our freshman year at BYU. We had great laughs and it was so fun watching this little romance start between her and Vic. I'm so glad she took the time to keep in contact all these years. To learn of her travels and know that dreams come true. Her influence always made me want to improve and become a better person.  
I love her. Vic, my heart goes out to you, and to her children and grandchildren.  
Loves and hugs.  
Love, MinNette (Woodard) Fife-Emmel

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**MinNette Emmel** - July 04, 2015 at 11:40 AM

SH

Yes! We had the book of anniversary remembrances at our family reunion last week, and she and Dad poured over them many times over during that week. Thanks for participating!

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**Sharryl Hales** - July 04, 2015 at 01:54 PM

SM

“ Sharon and I have many memories of Vic and V-Ann through our decades of association in the Provo Rotary Club. We are sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral because we are serving a mission in Europe. We send our love to you, Vic, and the family. Please know that we will be thinking of you that day.

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**Stan and Sharon Miller** - July 04, 2015 at 11:02 AM

CO

“ When Earl and I moved from Australia with our family into the Provo Thirteenth Ward, Vic and V-Ann were our Sunday School teachers. They were so young (and so were we)! I remember V-Ann also as a superb Relief Society teacher. She always spoke forcefully, with the confidence of testimony and good common sense. This is a bright memory even now. She was a model to emulate. Very best regards to her wonderful family.

*Carolyn Owen*

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**Carolyn Owen** - July 04, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ I remember hearing Sister Ludlow speak in Stake Conference at the Provo Tabernacle (the building that is currently being renovated to become the Provo City Center Temple). On that occasion I remember thinking that she appeared victorious over the great challenges she had faced as she courageously fought cancer. Perhaps my impressions that day were influenced by the many days I watched her wage the small battles. As newlyweds my wife and I lived in the Ludlows basement apartment. I remember the days, dressed in a comfortable and feminine robe and linked in arms with her husband that she walked a short distance around the neighborhood to recover her strength. My wife remembers the day she came down to the apartment with a tear in her eye to re-introduce herself, as she was sure that we wouldn't recognize her without her hair. I remember the many days she donned her smile and stocking cap to cover her bald head. It almost seemed like there was no way to discourage her.

*That scene of her in the Provo Tabernacle has been a prominent theme these last few days since her passing. I can't help but feel that if I had been permitted to see past the veil when she arrived at her Heavenly home this week, I would have seen the same victorious person I saw those many years ago. I can't imagine a person more deserving of the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" greeting from our loving Heavenly Father. He and His Son, Jesus Christ were well known to Sister Ludlow. Submitting to Heavenly Father's will and facing her trials with optimism and faith are great gifts she has left each of us.*

*At my own mother's funeral, I shared the following adapted lyrics. They are equally heartfelt today as I consider Sister Ludlow, her fiercely devoted husband, Vic and their amazing children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Old mom, funeral bed*

*The room was filled with people she loved.*

*And she whispered "Don't cry for me, I'll see you all someday,"*

*She looked up and said, "I can see God's face."*

*"This is my temporary home, it's not where I belong--*

*Windows and rooms that I'm passing through.*

*This is just a stop on the way to where I'm going*

*I'm not afraid because I know*

*This is my temporary home."*

*-Adapted from "Temporary Home" by Carrie Underwood*

*Sister Ludlow, I am honored to be one of your many Germany Frankfurt Mission sons. Your influence on my life is immeasurable. I love you and honor you for your great faith, your profound wisdom, your beautiful smile, your loving and supportive encouragement and your strong testimony. I hope to one day stand victorious before my Maker and be received by Him as I imagine you were. Gott sei mit dir, bis aufs Wiedersehen.*



“ I feel like I lost a mother this week. I had just returned home from picking up my son from his mission in Brazil when I got the news of Sister Ludlow's passing. I had naturally been reflecting on my time in the Frankfurt mission 30 years ago. As my son talked about his mission president and his wife, it was clear that they filled a type of parenting role for him. I had opportunity to reflect on President and Sister Ludlow's role in my young life and how there are very few people who had such a big influence on me. At one of the more challenging times of my mission, I remember sitting in the car with Sister Ludlow for hours (while the President had an extended interview with my companion). She had such great insight and perspective on life. We talked about so many things and I felt so much better after our visit. I also remember how much I enjoyed her talks, especially when she spoke German with her gentle French accent. (My wife does the same.) She blessed so many lives in so many ways. I learned a lot by watching them parent their own children and I set my standards very high for my own family, because of what I saw them do. I know that we are not sealed together the way I am sealed to my own family, but I hope to be part of the family reunion on the other side of the veil. I know there will be many others wanting to join in who have been "raised" in some way by Vic & V-ann Ludlow. I suspect that amongst the crowd of former BYU students, scouts and everyone else, there will be a group of Frankfurt missionaries singing Sister Ludlow's Frankfurt-edition of Called to Serve! I look forward to that day. See you then, Sister Ludlow!

Ted Helvey - July 03, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JJ

“ I am saddened to hear of sis. Ludlow's passing. I always looked forward to her lessons in relief society. I loved her stories. May your family feel peace and comfort at this time

judy jensen - July 03, 2015 at 01:18 AM

DF

So sorry to hear of the passing of Sister Ludlow. We remember her and her strong testimony from Frankfurt. Blessings of strength to the family. Robert and DeAnn Fehlman

deann fehlman - July 03, 2015 at 08:13 AM

KH

My husband, Tom Martin, and I became good friends with Vic and V-Ann in the Westin Ward in Massachusetts. We four were about the same age and poor, but that didn't stop us from enjoying our friendship. Truman Madsen was the Gospel Essentials teacher, and we just had to sneak in and listen to him instead of going to the Gospel Doctrine class... Vic and children, my prayers are with you.  
Kay Ann Martin Houghton

Kay Houghton - July 04, 2015 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *Summer 2013 Reunion*



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**Sharryl** - July 02, 2015 at 05:21 PM

JU

*Vic, I just saw Sandra today, 22 July---actually she saw me and spoke up. We were checking out "together" at a local store, then we walked to our cars together, which were parked side by side! She asked me if I knew that V-Ann had passed away two weeks ago. I had not known. So I just wanted you to know that I was saddened to hear this. No doubt, it gives you peace to know that she is finally free of all her afflictions. Even so, I am sure that you and your family will miss her. I always loved to hear V-Ann teach a Sunday School or Relief Society lesson, She was an excellent teacher. I also enjoyed her sense of humor, By the way, you both look great in those mustaches!*

*Judith W. Skousen*

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**Judy** - July 22, 2015 at 07:55 PM