

Fern Egbert Van Orden

May 25, 1925 ~ December 10, 2022

Fern Egbert Van Orden, age 97, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022. She was born May 25, 1925 in Afton, Wyoming to Archibald Duncan and Christina Nyman Egbert. She spent many happy years growing up in Smithfield, Utah where she met her eternal companion Dale Olson Van Orden. After Dad graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis and was commissioned a Naval Officer, he and mother were married on May 10, 1944 in the Logan Temple by her father. Thus, the adventure of our valiant, stalwart parents began as mother kept the home fires burning while Dad served during World War II and beyond including the Aleutian Islands and South Pacific Operations. Mother was an expert in cheerfully packing and moving every two years including Ithaca and New York, New York; Corvallis, Oregon; San Diego, California; Annapolis, Maryland; Sasebo, Japan; Augusta, Maine; and Libertyville, Illinois. Wherever stationed, Dad and Mom were needed in helping to build the Kingdom of God. Mother served faithfully in every auxiliary organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including serving as a Relief Society President for over 23 years. Once Dad retired, our parents made Salt Lake City their home. While in Utah, they both were Salt Lake Temple ordinance workers and mother was secretary to Elder Rex C. Reeves of the Quorum of the Seventy. Family, ministering, missionary and temple work were our parents' focus. After Mother retired, they served a Church mission to New Zealand as temple workers.

We honor our dear mother and father for their devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your love, examples of faith and sacrifices for God and country. Love you forever.

Survived by children: Richard (Vicki) Van Orden, LaVonna Jean Snow Van Orden, Diane (Richard) Moon, Debra (David) Stauffer, 16 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Jan Egbert and Brenda Van Orden Sorenson. Preceded in death by her husband, Dale; son, Ralph; parents and siblings: Shirley (Parley) Winn, Hortence (Vince) Larsen, Venna (Hal) Pitcher, Archie O. (MaryAnn) Egbert and Larre Egbert.

We express our sincere gratitude to Barton Creek Senior Living and South Davis Hospice for their tender care of Mother. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Church Missionary Fund.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Centerville North Stake Center located at 1461 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to the funeral from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the same location. Interment will be at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park, 3401 South Highland Dr. in Salt Lake City (Millcreek), Utah.

For those unable to attend, services will be streamed via Zoom. Please click on the "Watch Services" link above. A free Zoom account is required and you must be logged in to your Zoom account to view.