

Venned Mitchell Bailey

July 8, 1929 ~ February 14, 2023

Venned Mitchell Bailey 7-8-1929 to 2-14-2023.

On Feb 14th, a time for sweethearts, Venned left us at the young age of 93 to join her parents and brothers and sisters.

Venned was a true daughter of the Utah pioneers. Her grandparents settled in Escalante Utah where her parents Zetland William Mitchell and Margaret Shirts Mitchell were born. Venned was the last of 9 children with 6 older sisters and 2 brothers. Her mother said she named her from a character in a book she was reading at the time.

It was a special name for a special lady! She was a country girl raising pigs, and herding sheep. She talked about going to the yearly shearing and jumping on the bales of wool. Her best friend was Orpha they kept in touch all of her life. She played drums in high school and was a cheerleader. A special memory is on senior sluff day the entire senior class of “12” rode their horses to Calf Creek about 16 miles outside of town.

Her mother was the Relief Society President for years. Mom tells of coming home and finding deceased people in the front room as they were dressed and prepared for burial.

Sadly her mother passed when she was a senior in high school.

Her father made ice cream and sold it in a little shop downtown, she remembers spending hours running the hand crank. She remembers her mom making soap and canning food.

She knew her sweetheart Wayne forever, he was the bad boy in town. Her dad told her to stay away from the Bailey boys, but it was their love meant to be. They drove to SLC with Virgean and Carolyn to be married on 9-21-1948.

They started their life together in Panguitch in a small trailer; where their son, Wayne Keith was born. Over the next 3 years, JoAnn and Barbara were born.

They moved to North Dakota for Wayne to work on the oil fields as a roughneck. Their daughter Dorothy was born there. They bought a 50’ trailer top of the line ABC Trailer at the time, with heated floors. Eventually moving back to southern Utah, where their daughter Susan was born. They moved to South Salt Lake in 1959 pulling the 50’ trailer, for their family of 7. In 1962 they bought a house in Fort Union with lots of fruit trees and a garden and they worked hard and remodeled and upgraded their home.

She worked at the Travel Lodge motel that her sister Retha managed and took Susan to work with her. Then she went to work for Litton then Unisys and was promoted to supervisor working for about 25 years.

She retired in 1991 and promptly joined a bowling league, she and Wayne were active bowlers for 23 years.

She was always active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved teaching primary.

In 1978 they bought a house in Sandy where they lived for 36 years. They had wonderful family times as the kids got married and had kids of their own. They would gather on a weekly basis and for any holiday.

Her Mitchell family was large and close and they had a major family reunion every year for the 9 siblings and their families, taking over campsites at many locations over the years.

Wayne and Venned were sealed in the Draper temple for time and all eternity in September 2010. They were married for 74 years.

She enjoyed traveling with her family and also with her sisters. She loved Christmas and really loved Halloween, dressing up every year. She really, really loved Thanksgiving and loved cooking, health pudding, biscuits, pies, yams and the best dressing ever. Throughout the year she made sugar cookies for holidays (the best) and her cinnamon rolls were out of this world, pies, cookies, pulling taffy and making homemade ice cream!!!

And not to be forgotten her raspberry jam (from raspberries Wayne grew) and her homemade mustard are legendary.

In 2015, as life became harder, Barbara and Allen invited Venned and Wayne to come and live with them in South Jordan. Where they were so happy spending as much time with their large family as possible. Giving and receiving love for the remainder of her life.

Survived by: Her loving husband: Wayne Clive Bailey, Children: Wayne Keith (Bonnie) Bailey; JoAnn (Bob) Mosey; Barbara (Allen) Cressall; Dorothy (Warnel) Johnson; Susan (Roy) Bradford; 18 Grandchildren: 38 great-grandchildren: 5 great-great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Joy Bailey Gates and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by Grandchildren Cindy Bailey Zaelet, Micheal Wayne Bailey, Eric Jonathon Bailey, and Great Grandchild Samantha McCall Cressall

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 21st at noon at the South Jordan Country Park 3rd Ward, located at 1988 west 11400 south South Jordan, Utah.

There are two viewings. One will be held Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary at 1950 East 10600 South in Sandy, Utah. The next will be Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the South Jordan Country Park 3rd Ward building (address above). Internment: Larkin Cemetary in Sandy.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom can click "Watch Services" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/wuvp-TAdyL06IkldrU7lepvSPoyXkDRaPhevuPKEodba4XQWd8B2s_YxJgZitLKS.xskX