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## Vera Elva Richards



Vera Elva Richards 1925 ~ 2003 Vera Elva Rogers Richards passed away Sept. 28, 2003, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Nov. 1, 1925 in Mt. Emmons, Utah to George and Elva Rogers. She was the first of five children: Ella Murray (Neil), and Ray (Reighlyn) Rogers who preceded her in death, June (Kenneth) Carrell, and Fay (Mildred, deceased) Rogers. Also preceded in death by a treasured granddaughter, Rachelle Richards. She is survived by her eternal companion Kenneth John Richards. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple Jan. 30, 1947. Together they raised a beautiful family, starting with six children - Diana (DelRay) Gardner, Michael (Myrna) Richards, Scott (Kathy) Richards, Karen (Paul) Searle, Ken (Tammy) Richards, and David (Susan) Richards. Their family has now grown to include 28 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Vera's greatest love was her husband and family. Even when faced with serious health problems she would attend every possible birthday, baptism, recital, missionary send off and return. Her love, and acts of kindness and service to her family were without bounds. Every single child, grandchild, great-grandchild, friend and neighbor knew of her undying love for them. She had a gift for teaching and guiding children. She had a preschool for many years and her gentle love touched the lives of hundreds of children. She valued education and loved to learn, taking classes, when she could, even into her seventies. The other great love of her life was her Savior and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She was an active member of the LDS Church, serving in many capacities. She served a mission to the Central States Mission, was devoted to Genealogy and Temple work, and served diligently in her callings to her dying day. Her dedication and love of the Gospel were an example to all who knew her. Her husband says that she lived her religion every day of her life. She exemplified charity and the true love of Christ in her dealings with everyone. Everyone she knew truly loved her and was loved in return. We have all been enriched by her life and will miss her great spirit. For those wishing to pay their respects, there will be a viewing Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Goff Mortuary, 8090 South State, from 6 to 8 p.m. Her funeral will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 12:00, at the Willow Canyon 1st Ward, 9636 S. 1700 E., Sandy. Viewing one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment, Utah Veterans Memorial Park.

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