



Verna Lovice Sanders Poole

November 5, 1939 - October 11, 2023

Verna Lovice Sanders Poole, of Huntsville Texas went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at the age of 83. She was born November 5th, 1939, in Houston, Texas to Margaret Lovice and Don Richard Sanders, Sr. She attended Annunciation Catholic School and Incarnate Word Academy. Verna was number six of seven siblings including her oldest sister, Wanda Wayne Sanders Ellisor and spouse Random 'Walter' Ellisor III, her brothers, Don Richard Sanders, Jr., Thomas 'Tommy' Henry Sanders and spouse Delores Sanders, Dora Juanita Sanders Plagens and spouse Truman Plagens, Martha Jane Sanders Provenzano and spouse Johnnie Provenzano and lastly, Laura 'Margie' Sanders Scott and spouse Woody Scott. After the untimely death of their mother when Verna was 9 years old, her and two of her sisters, Martha and Margie went to live at St. Mary's Orphanage for Children in Galveston Texas; Verna would spend 3 years there before being taken in by her brother Don Sanders, Jr. After leaving high school, she worked for a retail clothing store and then, the telephone company as a telephone operator. She and her sister Martha enjoyed some wild times together in the big city of Houston before meeting and marrying the love of her life, Larry LeGrande Poole on October 21st, 1958, in League City Texas. She adopted Larry's parents as her own and was very devoted to Hattie Mae Scott Havens (Granny) and Newton 'Denny' Havens (Pappy); helping Hattie to care for Denny after he suffered a stroke and was paralyzed. Verna was a hardworking and loving wife, sister, mother, aunt, and homemaker. Verna and Larry spent

much of their free time visiting Larry's parents and their respective siblings and their spouses as well as their numerous nieces and nephews. Family was very important to Verna and Larry, and they created many cherished memories of time spent together with family. Their siblings were their closest friends and their children, nieces and nephews enjoyed shared friendships as well. As a young mother, Verna participated in a bowling league and loved to sew, bake, and do arts and crafts at home. Verna earned her GED after the kids were older and began a career with Sears Roebuck and Company. She retired from Sears as a Credit Collections Supervisor. Verna continued to work in collections at Continental Manufacturing Company until they moved from League City to Schulenberg to retire in the country. Verna returned to school later in life and received her Vocational Nursing License after graduating from Victoria College in 2004 with a 4.0 grade point average. She worked as a staff nurse at Smithville Hospital and as a home health nurse before retiring. Verna is survived by her loving husband of almost 65 years, Larry LeGrande Poole and their three children: David Newton Poole and Jessica Reed, Teri Elaine Griffiths Faul and Glenn Faul, Sharon Kay Poole and Kathy Mahaffey. Verna's numerous grandchildren brought much joy to her life: including David's; Shaun Harberson, Shane Harberson, Tara Harberson Hance (Dillon), Ricky Wayne Poole, Daniel Wiley Poole (Nieimah), and King Alexander Reed; as well as Teri's; Jamie Elaine Griffiths Sebring (Frank), Megan Leigh Griffiths Decker (Chris) and Logan Ryan Griffiths (Katie). Verna adored her great grandchildren: Henry Sebring, Jake Decker, Tyler Decker, Adeline Decker, Layla Mannella, Kensie Griffiths, and Liam Griffiths. She is also survived by one sister, Martha Jane Sanders Provenzano and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws and her remaining siblings and their spouses as well as several nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to all of Verna's caregivers and medical team including the staff of Sundale Senior Living, MRC Creekside, Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Focused Care, and Oasis Hospice as well as her physicians, Walter Toronjo MD and Elham

Abbasi, MD.

A memorial service will be held in Verna's honor at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 11:00am. Visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 10:00am. Verna's memorial service will be officiated by her first cousin, Pastor Henry Sanders. Interment will be planned for a later date at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *What I remember most about Verna is her smile and kind words. She always asked how all my kids and family were and really wanted to know. She was also such an inspiration to others when she went back to nursing school later in life. I know she loved her family and they were the most important thing to her. I’ve been blessed by knowing Verna.*

Linda Tadlock - October 15, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your family's loss. I've always felt that Mr. And Mrs. Poole are very special people and in their 65 years together have created a very special family. Although I have not seen Verna very much. I will miss her and her sunny smile and laugh, and sense of humor.*

Jill Bontrager - October 15, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I married Verna's niece Katherine and that is how I joined this family. Larry and Verna treated me warmly like I had always been in the family. That was a good thing. I don't remember when I started referring to them as Uncle Larry and Aunt Verna. They never corrected me, so I never stopped. It just felt natural. I loved Aunt Verna very much and I will miss her smile, laugh and charm. Most of all I will miss her love. We will meet again and it will be a joyous occasion. See you on the flip side Aunt Verna.*

Clayton Hay - 2 seconds ago

Clayton Hay - October 13, 2023 at 02:26 AM

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“ *M.Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Verna Lovice Sanders Poole*



M.Hyvl - October 12, 2023 at 11:08 AM