

VERGIE GOODRICH GEE OBITUARY

(daughter of Jerome Remington Goodrich & Kate Elizabeth Olsen Goodrich)

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VERNAL - Vergie Goodrich Gee, 83, passed away June 29, 2002 in Provo, UT of natural causes after a valiant fight with a life-long illness.

Vergie was born September 29, 1918 to Jerome Remington and Kate Elizabeth Olsen Goodrich in Vernal, UT, the second of eight children. She married Raymond Merrill Gee on October 25, 1944 in Salt Lake City, UT. They lived in Salt Lake City, UT, Youngstown, OH, and Vernal, UT. She attended school in Rainbow, UT, Vernal, UT and Brigham Young University in Provo, UT.

Vergie dedicated her life to her husband and two children, Leri Dawn Smith (Orem, UT) and Robert Merrill Gee (Yucaipa, CA). She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and taught in the Jr. Sunday School organization for many years. Vergie also worked as the custodian of the Naples Elementary School for many years. She loved to work in her garden, paint, tell stories, and entertain her friends and relatives with her quick wit and sharp memory.

She is survived by her two children, four grandchildren (David M. Gee, Darren M. Gee, Melissa Gee, and Adam C. Smith) and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters: Beth Caldwell (Gresham, OR); Carlie Williams (Porterville, CA); and Carma Richens (Las Vegas, NV). She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, and one sister.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the Naples 1st Ward chapel (2313 S. 1500 E., Naples, UT). Friends may call Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomson-Blackburn Vernal Mortuary and one hour prior to services at the chapel. Under the direction of Thomson-Blackburn Vernal Mortuary. The family wishes to thank her friends of the Timpview 10th Ward, the East Lake Care Center employees and branch members, and members of the Naples 1st Ward.

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