



LaVerne Upshaw

November 24, 1929 - December 29, 2021

LaVerne Upshaw went to be with her Lord, husband and other friends and family on December 29, 2021, at the age of 92. Dorothy LaVerne (Gruben) Upshaw was the fourth of eight children of Alvin and Vera (Ogden) Gruben of Rotan. She graduated from Rotan High School in 1948 and married her childhood sweetheart, Preston Upshaw on January 8, 1949.

LaVerne and Preston made their home in the Hart, Tx community. LaVerne helped with the farm by managing the books, running errands, cooking for the harvest crews and anything else that was needed. She also enjoyed substitute teaching for Hart ISD.

LaVerne was very engaged with the Hart Zealot Club and with the First Baptist Church of Hart. Music was always a part of her life. LaVerne and Preston sang duets for many weddings, funerals, graduations, and other events. LaVerne sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for years. She was also a member of the Singing Farmers. LaVerne and Preston joined the First Baptist Church of Lubbock when they moved to Ransom Canyon in 1997. LaVerne became a member of the Singing Women of West Texas.

LaVerne was an excellent cook and thoroughly enjoyed cooking, especially for her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing games and watching most sports. She especially liked watching any of the Texas Tech sports and tennis.

Preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, and three sisters.

Loved ones include daughter, Melanie Hart and friend Julia Peterson; son-in-law, Marlan Hart; son, Reent Upshaw and Renay Rodgers; brothers Bobby Gruben and Wilbur Gruben; grandchildren, Kasey Hart and spouse Becky, Krystle Steele and husband Stevie, and Blane Upshaw; great grandchildren, Kolby and Ryder Steele, Jude Hart and Waylon Upshaw.

Viewing will be Tuesday January 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Funeral Service will be Tuesday January 4, 2021, at 10:00 AM with Rev. Tony Gruben officiating. Masks are strongly encouraged for use during all services, thank you for your cooperation. Graveside service to follow at Belviue Cemetery in Rotan, TX at 3:00 PM. Please celebrate the life of LaVerne by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are suggested to the Preston and LaVerne Upshaw Student Fund at Wayland Baptist University or a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Belvieu Cemetery

Rotan, TX 79546

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Graveside Service

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Belvieu Cemetery
Rotan, TX 79546

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of LaVerne Upshaw



Sanders Funeral Home - January 04, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of LaVerne Upshaw



Sanders Funeral Home - December 31, 2021 at 12:53 PM

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LaVerne was a precious person in my life. Her faith was unshakable and her love for our family was unconditional. Even in assisted living, she called my dad almost daily. She was such a godly role model and a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend! I loved to hear her sing with Preston and the Grubens. I'm sure she is happily singing in heaven with our loved ones that are already there. She will really be missed!

*I'm praying for you Melanie, Reent, and your families. ❤️ I love you!
Laura Gruben Dodson (and Jon, Clay and Louise)*

Laura Dodson - January 01, 2022 at 12:02 PM

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“ *LaVerne and Preston were the best of friends. Such good people, fine Christians, and great witnesses of obedience to "Love thy Neighbor". LaVerne exhibited the love in her heart. I was blessed that I knew her.*

Wilma Lemons McMennamy - January 02, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of LaVerne Upshaw.*



January 01, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVerne Upshaw.*



December 31, 2021 at 06:03 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - December 31, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Mel - will never forget how sweet your Mom and Dad were to me. Hugs and prayers to you and your family. You are in my thoughts. Love - Kim Ratliff*

Kim - December 30, 2021 at 10:41 PM