



Alida Steinvoort Vernon

September 29, 1933 - November 14, 2021

Alida Steinvoort Vernon passed away suddenly of natural causes on November 14th, 2021. She was eighty-eight years old.

Alida was born on the outskirts of Rotterdam, Holland on September 29, 1933. She was only six years old when the Nazis invaded Holland, yet all her life she vividly remembered the first bombs falling on Rotterdam on May 14, 1940. On that day she joined her family and neighbors in the bomb shelter that her father - who held a deep mistrust of Hitler's intentions - had built on their property. Alida was very close to her father, a building contractor whose talent and ingenuity helped them survive the privation and hunger of the five-year occupation, through the end of World War II.

Her parents had converted to the LDS (Mormon) church several years earlier, and at the end of the war the family emigrated to Brigham City, Utah, when Alida was a teenager. The adjustment was challenging, but everyone in the family worked hard and were proud to be self-sufficient in their new country.

Alida's high school class took a tour of a local radio station one day and, enamored by the handsome young DJ, she called that evening to request a song. That call led to a date, and soon they were engaged. Alida married Weston Vernon on October 5, 1951. They had four children and were married nearly seventy years, until his death in August of 2021.

Early in their marriage, the couple lived in several states out west before settling in Silver Spring, Maryland in 1968. In 2016 they moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to live out their final years in a warmer climate.

Alida's beautiful sewing and needlework skills were seen in the decorations in her home and the gifts she made for the family, such as her exquisite christening blankets and much-cherished Christmas stockings for all of her grandchildren. She also collected Hummel figurines, and for many years was a member of the Maryland chapter of the Hummel Club. She was proud to be an American citizen, but always treasured her Dutch heritage, too.

Preceded in death by her husband, Weston (Wes) Vernon III, Alida is survived by her children, Rosanne (Charles) Frank of Silver Spring, Maryland & Myrtle Beach, SC; Weston Vernon IV, of Olney Maryland; Diane (Andrew) Powell of San Francisco, California; and John Randall (Susie) Vernon, of Lake Wylie, South Carolina, plus seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

She will be buried beside her husband in Logan, Utah. A service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Alida's memory may be made to the American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/?form=legacy>).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann Bruestle lit a candle in memory of Alida Steinvoort Vernon*



Ann Bruestle - November 18, 2021 at 06:38 PM

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“ *I met Alida at Brightwater, I was a caregiver there. My memories of her include the devotion, loyalty, and strong love she had for her husband until the very end of his life. It was beautiful!. Alida raised 4 beautiful children, and she was very proud of them, as well as her grandchildren. And finally, one of my favorite qualities that she possessed, as there are too many to list, was her keen, dry sense of humor. I don't know if people knew just how sharp-witted she was!! I will miss her very much. -Ann Bruestle*

Ann Bruestle - November 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Ann Bruestle sent a virtual gift in memory of Alida Steinvoort Vernon*



Ann Bruestle - November 18, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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“ *Patti Glotzer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alida Steinvoort Vernon.*



Patti Glotzer - November 17, 2021 at 08:25 AM

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“ *I met Alida at Brightwater. She reminded me so of my grandmother who was also a native of Holland. We had many great conversations. I will miss her very much. - Lisa Verkuilen*

Lisa Verkuilen - November 16, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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Thank you so much, Lisa, for this message about my Mom; much appreciated.

Diane - November 16, 2021 at 02:03 PM