



Vivian L. Crader

October 10, 1923 - July 28, 2017

The gates of Heaven opened wide as the angels came and transported our beloved one to her eternal home.

Vivian L. Crader was born on October 10, 1923 to John and Ader Brumley in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. She grew up with six of her eight siblings (two children died in infancy). She was the last living member of her family of origin. Vivian grew up with her family following the harvest. They picked cotton and other crops in Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

When she was 14 years old, Vivian met the man of her dreams. Three years later, she married Franklin P. Crader in Loveland, Texas. Soon the couple and their infant daughter moved to Richmond, California to work in the shipyards.

In 1945, the family moved to Fort Jones to work for the U.S. Forest Service. Both of them believed that Scott Valley was the most beautiful place on earth. In 1953, the family moved to Gasquet for a position with the forest service. In 1954 Vivian, with Frank's blessing, moved to Arcata and enrolled at Humboldt State. Frank joined the family, and they returned to Scott Valley as soon as possible.

Vivian's teaching career began at the one room, eight grade, Meamber School outside of Fort Jones. When the Meamber School closed, she taught at Fort

Jones Elementary School.

In 1962, Vivian, with Frank's full support, went to Chico. She taught school in the daytime and earned her Master's Degree at night. She returned home and continued to teach. She taught reading throughout Siskiyou County.

In 1971, she went to work as an educational curriculum consultant for the Department of Education in Siskiyou County. She visited many small schools, taught kids to square dance, did art projects with the students and assisted the teachers with whatever she could. She loved her career and gave selflessly to the children of Siskiyou County. She will always be remembered for the baked goods she took to the office on a regular basis!

Vivian spent her life in service to other people. She served as Sunday School superintendent, and Sunday School teacher, Good News Club teacher and youth group leader. She served as a board member of church and Sunday School for many years. She also participated on a mission trip to Russia. She supported many missions and Christian organizations.

Vivian is survived by her children, Sandra Trost (Ted), Mary Susan Winters and Sharon Saunders; grandchildren Heide Enos (John), Heather Davis, Heath Havlick (Tom), Sean Davis (Kim), Jeri Sue Barnett (Rick) and Charity Palmer (Stephen); great grandchildren Ashley and Alyson Enos, McQuade King (Tara), Morgan King, Wren Saunders-Smith, Garrison and Lara Palmer; great great grandchildren Tye and Olive Bristow and Kynzlee Trevino. She is also survived by her nephews, John and David Brumley and niece Wanda Hitt; Vivian helped raise them after their parents were tragically killed in a car accident. She loved them as her own. Vivian was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 70 years, Franklin Crader, in 2010; her son, Franklin Crader III; and two grandsons, Jeff and Danny Grossen.

The family would like to thank her live-in caretakers, Geoff and Heather Davis and Robert Martony. A special thanks to Madrone Hospice for their loving care and support. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

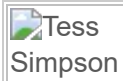
Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall



Tess
Simpson

“ Vivian Crader was the kindest & sweetest woman I ever met in my whole life & we miss her everyday. She truly touched our lives & all those that she came in contact with. My daughter Makaley & myself always looked forward to our visits with Vivian because we were always having fun decorating the house for different holidays & singing her songs she loved. She was always encouraging & uplifting to my daughter whom she called her little varmit...lol. She made us laugh all the time. We loved to take her for drives & go eat ice cream or cheese burgers. I love you so much & think about you every single day. I MISS YOU SO MUCH!!! But I'm so grateful I got the chance to know you! I know you are up in Heaven smiling down on us! Until we meet again..I will forever keep your memory close to my heart. LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS.....

Tess Simpson - December 05, 2017 at 02:00 PM



I am her great niece & searching for anyone that tell me anything about my aunt viv &uncle frank

Shannon Burke - August 21, 2020 at 01:22 AM

JM

“ In 1956, the Cassady family moved from Middletown, California to the north end of the state and settled on the old Meamber Ranch (Pierson Ranch when we moved there) and found the beauty of that hidden place called Scott Valley. Three of the four of us were of school age and soon learned we would be going to the little country, one roomed school called, Meamber School. Our teacher was to be Mrs. Crader.

My sister Wendy, and brother Mike and myself were a welcome sight, because we added enrollment to the school.

Mrs. Crader was a wonderful teacher with a great sense humor. She had her hands full for sure. We have many memories of that year. We square danced, we sang, we laughed, we read books, we took trips to the river, used the outdoor toilet when the pipes froze inside, we laid in the grasses in the yard in front of the school in the springtime and drew pictures. We did a Christmas play, we did our work and played baseball. We became like a family. The following year the school closed and she became my teacher in the 4th grade at Fort Jones Elementary school.

My mother, Jane Cassady, became the janitor of that little school and she and Vivian became good friends. Mrs. Crader told my mother that she should go back to school and get her credential. She eventually did and taught for 20 years at Etna Elementary School. Mrs. Crader changed lives for everyone she knew----young and old.

In the 90's I taught at a similar school in Siskiyou County and had Mrs. Crader come and teach my students the Virginia Reel. It was nice to keep up the traditions.

It was many years ago, but as I take a drive through the valley, turn the corner where the school stands and head toward Ben Tozier's Ranch I glance over and remember the days when the yard was filled with happy children, Mrs. Crader's green car sitting in the front, the swing set waiting for our arrival, the flag waving and school was about to begin.

What an incredible woman she was. She taught us all to take on the challenges of life, to keep smiling and to be grateful for the gifts and talents you were given.

*There are some teachers you never forget, she was one of them.
Janness Cassady Morgan*

Janness Cassady Morgan - August 09, 2017 at 06:01 PM

CK

“ *Our very special and dear friend Vivian, you will be missed by all that had contact or worked with you. I so enjoyed the blessings working with you and for you with the Good News program and Sunday School program at Fort Jones Community Church. We will see you in heaven.....*

Charles & Louise Kelly, Greenview.

Charles Kelly - August 04, 2017 at 09:12 AM

DT

“ *I loved visiting with Frank & Vivian. Vivian taught me how to make a berry pie. My crust was never as good as the ones she made. Frank taught me how to fly fish on Kelsey Creek. Vivian constantly told me she prayed for me. She constantly told me she loved me. She teased me by telling whoever was in ear shot that she changed my diapers when I was a baby. Her love for God and His Word was a fortifying encouragement to my heart. The Apostle Paul says, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." I can't wait to see Frank & Vivian again in heaven when my journey in this life is done. I miss you Vivian The last thing she said to me about a week before she died was, "I love you!" I will never forget it*

Drew Travis - August 03, 2017 at 11:24 AM

HE

“ Oh Beloved Grammy! You were a true testament to hard work and perseverance. Thank you for loving us, guiding us and praying for us. You were so kind and sweet, even up to the end. We will try to live up to your legacy. Our hearts are broken but the wonderful memories are innumerable. You are loved beyond measure and missed beyond words. Earth will not be the same without you in it. 'Say not in grief 'she is no more' but live in thankfulness that she was'

With abundant love from your very own Heide Jill

Heide Jill Enos - August 01, 2017 at 02:06 PM

KH

“ What a wonderful strong woman. Someone to look up to. She was a good friend to our family. I remember fondly of all those progressive dinners she and my Aunt Louise would taxi us to... driving around a bunch of silly girls... very brave. To all she loved, you are in my prayers. Know you are loved and may you find peace wrapped in the love and mercy of Christ. Blessings to all of you.

Kathryn Burchfield Handsby - August 01, 2017 at 08:44 AM