



Helen Varco Brown

October 18, 1918 - January 15, 2015

Redmond, OR Helen Varco Brown was born October 18, 1918 to E.E. Varco and Laura(Bishop) Varco. She lived in Deschutes County 96 years in Plainview, Bend and Redmond. She grew up on a ranch of 3,500 acres in Plainview with four brothers where they attended a one room school until high school. She loved to ride horses and cross country skiing. She was involved in 4-H and Grange. She graduated from RUHS. She took accounting classes and worked for a CPA in Bend. She married Homer Brown in 1940 and continued to farm on the family ranch. When farming was no longer profitable they and their three children moved to Redmond. Helen started working at the Redmond Hotel office for a short time and then started a long career in the office of the Central Oregon District Hospital retiring in 1981. She was a member of Grange for 82 years starting at age 14. She held several offices at the local and state levels. She was a former member of D.A.R., past president of the Hospital Auxiliary, member since 1958 of Community Presbyterian Church and the Deschutes Pioneers Association. She was honored to be the Queen of Deschutes Pioneers in 2007. She was involved in her childrens activities which included Camp Fire Girls, 4-H leader, Band Boosters, baseball mom, Jobs Daughters mom and RHS Panther Boosters. She enjoyed games, pinochle, annual family reunions, camping, fishing and travel. She was preceded in death by her husband, of 66 years, Homer, her brothers Charles, Bob, Burton and Erwin, son-in-law Robert, granddaughter Deborah and great niece Becca. She is survived by children Marilyn Redmond, Roger (Donna)

Brown and Geri (Wayne) Van Matre, grandchildren Doug Redmond, Amy Lees, Tracy Frisbee, Carrie Elliott, Shane Van Matre, Toni Minick and Kelly Van Matre, twelve Great Grandchildren, one Great-Great Grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. Private burial was held January 21, 2015 at the Redmond Cemetery. Memorial Service will be held Saturday January 31, 2015 at 12 noon at the Redmond Community Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made to the Deschutes Pioneers Association Scholarship Program, 2861 NW Polarstar, Bend, OR 97701. Memorial contributions can be made to the youth group at The Community Presbyterian Church, 529 NW 19th Street, Redmond, Oregon 97756 or call 541-548-3367

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street

Redmond, OR

US 97756

Tribute Wall



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Redmond Memorial Chapel - July 12, 2023 at 02:14 PM

FO

“ Helen Varco Brown

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Geri, Your mom was so special. I always enjoyed delivering meals to her. She was so positive and sweet. Never complained about anything. I missed seeing her. What a gifted life she had. I still want to go out for a drive to Plainview and see where you lived and where my Grandads place was. My thoughts are with you and all your family. Margaret Thank you Margaret for taking time to write on the guestbook. Your words are so kind and meaningful. She so enjoyed visiting with you and always asked when you were coming again. The mountain views in Plainview are beautiful. It is no wonder why she loved living there and had such great memories. Take care.

margaret Rucker - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

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Geri Van Matre - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Thank you Phyllis and Jim for the kind words. Also for the nice card. We so appreciate you coming to the memorial service. It was great to see you both.

Geri Van Matre - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Roger, Geri and Marilyn, It is our pleasure to have known your Mom. She was a lady and a friend. We hope you find comfort in knowing she will be missed, but not forgotten. Respectfully, Jim and Phyllis Thank you Phyllis and Jim for the kind words. Also for the nice card. We so appreciate you coming to the memorial service. It was great to see you both.

Jim and Phyllis Bussett - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you Sandra. We are two of the lucky ones to have had such sweet Moms.

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“ Hi Mary, The service for Mom is Saturday Jan. 31st at 12:00 noon at the Presbyterian Church in Redmond. I look forward to seeing you.
Geri

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DR

“ LOVE You grandma Helen

Douglas Redmond - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss, she was such a nice lady. Thank you Sandra. We are two of the lucky ones to have had such sweet Moms.

Sandra Morris - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I would love to come to the Memorial Service. Would someone please call me with the date? Hi Mary, The service for Mom is Saturday Jan. 31st at 12:00 noon at the Presbyterian Church in Redmond. I look forward to seeing you. Geri

Mary Iverson - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your great loss. Helen was such a special lady, I will always remember her kindness and expertise when she trained me at the very beginning of my 28 year career at the Redmond Hospital. She will always have a special place in my heart and memories. Thank you Sandy. She always had high praise for you also. She had great memories of her hospital days. I am using your kind words in the memorial service, I hope that is okay. Geri.

Sandra Shepherd - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM