



Vera Gjelsvik

June 11, 1937 - August 19, 2022

Vera Louise (Bradley) Gjelsvik, age 85 years, a former resident of rural Simpson, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, August 19, 2022, at 1:12 AM at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. Vera was born June 11, 1937 at the family home, near Simpson. She was the first of three children born to Howard and Hazel (Robinson) Bradley. She attended McKee Grade School in Simpson, IL, and was a 1954 graduate of Vienna High School.

On November 17, 1955, Vera was united in marriage to Finn Andersen Gjelsvik in Corinth, Mississippi. He preceded her in death June 11, 2009. Survivors include: a daughter - Sonja (Kevin) Detweiler of Jackson, Missouri; a son - David Gjelsvik (Marilyn) of Anna, IL; a sister - Charlotte (Mason) Montgomery of Cypress, IL; a brother - Jim (Debbie) Bradley of Vienna, IL; 3 grandchildren – Shaya Marie Jackson of Mt. Vernon, IL; Jordan (Stacy) Detweiler of Jackson, MO; and Faith Anne (Dylan) Woodall of Marquand, MO; 5 great grandchildren – Ethan and Riley Bevis of Mt. Vernon, IL; Jaci and Samuel Detweiler of Jackson, MO, and Easton Lane Woodall of Marquand, MO.; one niece – Marcia (John) Wells of Cypress, IL; 4 nephews – Todd (Jodi) Montgomery of Vienna, IL, Dustin (Lisa) Bradley of, Terre Haute, IN; Derek (Amber) Bradley of Scott City, MO; Jared Johnson of Florida; 6 great nieces – Abby, Alivia, Emma, Audrey, Charlotte and Maddie; 3 great nephews – Israel, Isaac, and Jase; cousins and many special friends.

Vera enjoyed many jobs throughout the years. Her first job was at the

Cooperative Extension, Home Economics in Vienna, IL. Then in 1974, she began her career with the Illinois Department of Corrections at the Vienna Correctional Center. She began as a Food Supervisor and retired in 1991 as a Dietary Manager. After her retirement, she opened a local restaurant, Pizza Pizzazz, in Vienna, IL. Vera also enjoyed decorating cakes in the bakery at Sam's IGA in Vienna, IL.

Vera had many interests. She loved gospel music, especially the old hymns, scrapbooking, cake decorating, flower arranging and painting. She also loved making gift baskets and cards for people in need. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Glendale Apostolic Church and served in several positions. She was the president of GALA (Glendale Apostolic Ladies Auxiliary) for as many years as her health would allow. Many lives have been touched by this ministry. She dearly loved the Lord, her family, and her church family and was a blessing to everyone who knew her.

A service honoring the life of Vera Louise Bradley Gjelsvik will be conducted Tuesday morning, August 23, 2022, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Relatives and church family members are cordially invited to attend. Private interment will be in the Gilead Cemetery, near Simpson, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Teen Challenge (Greater Midwest Chapter), 2400 N. 8th Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554 or online at www.teenchallengeuse.org

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Service for Relatives and Church Family Members

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Bailey Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 12:08 PM



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LC

What. A wonderful God given lady I loved. For may years. God sure knew what. He. Did when bless us with a kind soul. Lord. I missed many years and. Many year. Have went. By but my love. For. Never changed she. Was a light. Of God that. Never. Turned. Off. Blessed to my know u miss Vera. Thank u for what. U did for. Me. And. My prayers are with the. Family. God rest. Ur soul. Which I know. Rewards have been given to u. Love. Umiss vera

Leisa carpenter - September 02, 2022 at 06:54 AM



“ Vera Gjelsvik

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ I loved Sis. Vera! I use to go to church with her a long time ago. She was a wonderful Sunday School teacher. She will be greatly missed. I want the family to know that I'm sorry for y'all's loss. Prayers for y'all!!

Anna(Sloan) Collums - September 18, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ Anna(Sloan) Collums lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Anna(Sloan) Collums - September 18, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ What a blessing Vera has been to me. I'm so thankful for her letters, phone calls and prayers. I'll look for her when I see Jesus too. She will be greatly missed.

Norma Morgan - August 24, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - August 23, 2022 at 08:56 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn Mcgill lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



larry and carolyn mcgill - August 21, 2022 at 09:36 PM

SB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. I have always cherished the memories of her. She was an awesome lady. I will always remember her as Mimi.*



Stephanie Kelso Barfield - August 21, 2022 at 01:08 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Teresa Richerson - August 21, 2022 at 09:22 AM

DP

“ *Dave And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Dave and Pat Prewitt - August 21, 2022 at 08:57 AM

TM

“ *A very special lady, who will be missed. Our prayers for all the family, we are so sorry for your loss. Thankful for her godly example.* ”



Tom and Carmen Murrie - August 20, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CW

“ *Clearon & Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Vera Gjelsvik* ”



Clearon & Jane Ross Wright - August 20, 2022 at 02:35 PM

CW

I remember her cake decorating class. She was a sweet lady.

Clearon & Jane Ross Wright - August 20, 2022 at 02:36 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Mosley Myers lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik* ”



Phyllis Mosley Myers - August 20, 2022 at 02:20 PM

CF

“ *Richard and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. she was a wonderful person to know. she will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May you always think of happy memories.*



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

c Joan Faulkner - August 20, 2022 at 01:20 PM

LH

“ *Lorie Trovillion Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Lorie Trovillion Hawkins - August 20, 2022 at 11:44 AM

RR

“ *Our condolences.*



Rosemary & Jim Rouse - August 20, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vera Gjelsvik.*



August 20, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Matt And Mona Akins lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Matt and Mona Akins - August 20, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



David and Ellen Hill - August 20, 2022 at 07:25 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Bobby Rentfro - August 20, 2022 at 12:40 AM

SH

“ Thoughts & prayers



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - August 19, 2022 at 10:04 PM

BH

“ Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Betty Heaton - August 19, 2022 at 09:55 PM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss. She was one fine lady. I have missed her since her move
May God Bless you all at this time
Sincerely
Martha Wise

martha wise - August 19, 2022 at 09:29 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Becky Turley - August 19, 2022 at 09:03 PM

KC

“ *Kim And Bob Collins lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Kim and Bob Collins - August 19, 2022 at 08:16 PM

MH

“ *Just talked to this precious lady a couple weeks ago. So many precious memories. Sincere love and sympathy❤️❤️ to the entire family!!*



Mary Hopkins - August 19, 2022 at 06:47 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



John Slack - August 19, 2022 at 05:48 PM

FB

“ *Frances Bullock lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik*



Frances Bullock - August 19, 2022 at 05:47 PM

BB

“ Vera was the kindest Sweetest person , She will be missed



Billy&Nancy Belford - August 19, 2022 at 05:13 PM

KH

“ My sincere sympathy & prayers for Vera’s sweet family. May God give you peace, comfort & strength.

KathyBlack Holt - August 19, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Sheri Robinson - August 19, 2022 at 01:22 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley & Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Vera Gjelsvik



Sam Riley & Deb Newton - August 19, 2022 at 12:16 PM

SE

“ *A true blessing!! Don't know what I'd be without her. She taught me so much and I will forever be grateful.* ❤️



Sabrina Ethridge - August 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM