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April 26, 2014 - April 26, 2014

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(July 3, 1924 - April 26, 2014)

Ethel Afton Brown, 89, of Mooresville, North Carolina passed on to heaven April 26th in Huntersville, North Carolina. "Afton" was born July 3rd, 1924 in Brigham City, Utah to the late James Lloyd Varney and Ethel Adams Kelly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur H. Brown; daughter, Marilyn Brown; sisters, Emily Hackford, Ida Mae Larsen, Lois Bean and brother, Stanford Varney.

She is survived by her sister, Violet Christiansen; by 10 of her children, Diana Ward, Laurinda Rick, Howard Brown, DeEtta Rzplenski, Lloyd Brown, Clinton Brown, Randolyn Davis, Jeanette Wilson, Sheli Breen, and Stephen Brown and 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Afton was a 50 year resident of Downey, California before moving to Mooresville, North Carolina in 1998. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints where she served faithfully as meeting house librarian. She had many hobbies and talents which she used to bless her family with, such as genealogy, painting, and sewing. She opened her home and heart to those needing her assistance in their time need. She was a

true â€œRosie the Riveterâ€ while working for the Firestone Tire Company during World War II.

After a private funeral, she will be interred at the Riverside National Cemetery alongside her husband of 50 years.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, NC is serving the Brown family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Afton Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ethel Afton Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ethel Afton Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I just heard of the passing of your mother...back in Downey, the Brown family was always present at everything. You were part of my life growing up. Every Mother's Day, Afton would receive a plant for the most children. She will be remembered by me as a devoted wife and mother...never one for frills, a quiet, behind the scene person..her testimony of the gospel is weaved into all the Downey 2nd Ward members. May her family know that "the Peyton girls" remember them fondly...*

Laura Martin (aka Lolly Peyton) - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

SB

“ To my beautiful Mother, I know for certain we never lose the people we love. You will continue to participate in every act, thought and decision I make. You will always be with me in spirit and that is what keeps me smiling. Your love leaves an indelible imprint in my memory. I find comfort in knowing that my life has been enriched by having shared your love. You truly are one of a kind and I am blessed to be your daughter. When the sun begins to shine for me again. I'll remember that life is for the living.

Sheli Breen - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

TB

“ I am glad that you got to meet our wonderful daughter this last Christmas. It will be hard to not see you around the house when we come home, gardening and booking your way around the block. Thanks for all the sewing fixes and the two blankets you made for me, we use them all the time. Esther and I are still working on that book you gave us for Genealogy. G-ma, I'll miss you.

Tyson Brown - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

JF

“ We will always love you grandma. You are very special in all of our lives. I can remember so many great memories. You will be missed and never forgotten. I'm sadden by your passing. And happy to know that your with grandpa. I love you grandma. Love always Jamie, Christopher, Manuel, and Julian Flores. Hugs and kisses XoXoXoXoXo

Jamie Flores - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

MR

“ My sister, Diane, just emailed me the information about your sweet mother's passing. God bless you all. She was such a good lady and I know my sister loved her dearly. Our parents, Claudell and Virginia Empey, are also buried out at the Riverside Veterans Cemetary. Just today I saw Marilyn Garlock at the Newport Beach Temple. We reminisced about Downey. I sent her the obituary as well. Jerry Garlock has a stroke a year ago and is totally bed-ridden. He cannot speak, write or move. Terrible. My sister, Joanne, is in Spanish Fork, Utah and of course Diane is on Whidbey Island in Washington State. I live in SoCal not far from Seal Beach. Our love to your family.

Mariann Empey Reynolds - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear the passing of such a sweet woman. My condolences to her family and loved ones.

Leslie Lincoln - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ Afton was a wonderful woman and was like a second mom to me when I was little. She was very giving and loving and always willing to help out when she could. She has raised all of her kids well even thru the 60 ' and 70's!! Rest in peace sweet lady :’(

Dawn Axford Hopkin - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

NB

“ Dear Grandma,As I write this thinking of you my heart aches and tears fill up my eyes. I couldn't of asked for a better grandmother, or mother figure in my life. You have always been there for me and everyone for that matter. I am very fortunate for all the years I was able to spend with you and memories I created with you. I've missed you since you moved and will continue to miss you forever. Grandma you may not be with us physically but you are with all who love you forever and ever because each one of us have a piece of you in us and with that said my heart feels a little warm.. I love you grandma for who you are and now you are with grandpa again..Love always,Nikki

Nicole Brown - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

CB

“ Mother, you will surely be missed. I know that my children love and appreciate their time to be there with you as you served them and as they served you. You have a great reunion going on now. You did not complain during these past few months and all I could do is support you and make your last days as comfortable as I could. Many blessings are to come your way for your service to all. Our home is very empty as is our hearts at this time. Until we meet again.

Clinton Brown - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

LB

“ I love you Grandma. You did so much for your family throughout your whole life. It gives me great comfort to know you are running around in heaven with family and our Heavenly Father. Happiness and praise to God!

Lisa Bottoms - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

LR

“ For My Mother: I was told that it was your time to go. The Doctors all said so, but I wasn't really ready to let you go. I watched how you suffered and saw how you were fading away. But I knew that it was best, you could not stay. I shed my tears but realized it was more than sadness. I know that you are in a place of comfort and gladness. The day you left us I know the angels looked down and placed on your head the jewels in your crown. This only gives me the strength to let you go. But I will still miss you, so very much so.

Laurinda Rick - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ Mom, You were the best Mom and Grandma that there ever was. You were also the most patient person that I ever knew. No one could ever match up to you. You were the best role model that anyone can ask for. You will be missed!!! We all love you.

The Davis Family - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

JD

“ Thank you Grandma for all of the wonderful memories. I know all of your grandkids love you very much. We always wanted you to be back here with us so you can see everyone grow up. I love you very much and I'm going to miss you a lot. I will cherish all of the time that I did have with you. We will never forget all the things that you have done for our family. May you walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and till we meet again Grandma.....

Jeremiah Davis - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

DR

“ I will always love my Mom everyday and she will be miss buy her grandsons Joey & Chris Rzeplinski. The pictures I added is of my Mom and her sister Violet. (violet is 96 years old). They are best friends as you can see.

DeEtta Rzeplinski - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM