

Erma Cole Oakley-Vierra, 87, of Springville, Utah, passed away on April 6, 2024, at 10:30 pm.

She was born on April 2, 1937, to Frank Forrest and Elma Hinton Cole. She married Ronald G. Olsen in 1954. A couple of years later, they divorced. In January 1957, she married Richard Alden Oakley, known as Alden or Oak. A short time later, they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2010. She then married her current sweetheart, Larry Vierra, in January 2011.

Erma had many talents and interests. She excelled at sewing and home canning. She was an amazing cook and kept a beautiful and clean home. She loved gardening. Later, she went back to school and earned her Associate degree as a secretary at Utah Tech. She then worked for Utah State Extension Services in Provo and later at the Utah County Offices. She served in many Primary and Relief Society positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She and Alden served a full-time mission in Houston, Texas, where she worked in the mission office, utilizing her secretary skills. Upon returning, they also served at the Church Office building in Salt Lake City, giving tours, and at the Springville Cannery, assisting patrons. She and her current husband, Larry, also served together for 5 years at the Provo Temple and 5 years at the Provo City Center Temple. They also served at the Springville Cannery and at the Assisted Living home in their ward.

Erma is survived by her current husband, Larry Vierra; 5 sisters and 1 brother, Jeanine Van Ausdal, Carma Johnson, Gail Pardue, Lynette Ortize, Roxanna Atkinson, and Lanny Cole; Also her children: David R. Oakley (Tammy), Mark R. Oakley (Ruby), Diane Woolsey (Jed), Janice Joe Juarez (Baltazar), and Autumn Oakley Barboa (Loyd, preceded in death); 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Elma Cole; Brothers, Elwin Cole, Keith Cole, Wesley Cole, and Sisters, Nadine Johnson, LaRae Green, and Carolyn Madson; One great-grandchild, Selah Pappenfus.



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Erma Cole Oakley-Vierra

April 2, 1937 – April 6, 2024

Pallbearers



David Oakley	Jed Woolsey
Jason Oakley	AJ Woolsey
Ammon Oakley	John Oakley
Baltazar Juarez	Mathew Barboa

Honorary Pallbearers



Mark Oakley	Jonathan Cheney
Alex Woolsey	Wyatt Barboa
Nick Wetsch	

Interment



Springville Evergreen Cemetery
1997 South 400 East
Springville, Utah

Dedicatory Prayer Mark Oakley (Son)

Funeral Services



Friday, April 12, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.
LDS Church
840 South 400 East, Springville, Utah

Conducting..... Bishop Jones
Family Prayer..... John Oakley (Grandson)
Organist Renlai Merrill
Chorister.....Janet Nielsen



Opening Hymn#193

“I Stand All Amazed”

Invocation.....Ammon Oakley (Grandson)
Obituary & Life Sketch.....AJ Woolsey & Charly Wetsch
(Grandson & Granddaughter)

Musical Number.....Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

“I Am a Child of God” & “You Are My Sunshine”

Accompanied by Tammy Oakey

SpeakerDavid Oakley (Son)

Speaker Jason Oakley (Grandson)

SpeakerMark Oakley (Son)

Speaker Diane Woolsey (Daughter)

Closing Remarks Bishop Jones

Closing Hymn.....#152

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Benediction Shannon Oakley (Granddaughter)

Postlude Music..... Charly Wetsch – violin,

Alex Woolsey – cello, Tammy Oakey – piano

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”