



## Velda Rae Bucklen

March 26, 1937 - October 24, 2021

Velda Rae Bucklen, 84, of Kersey, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at her home surrounded by family. Velda was born March 26, 1937 in Hardin, Montana, on the Crow Indian Reservation, to Kenneth and Helen (Felker) Davisson. She married Robert Bucklen on January 26, 1958 in Ft Collins, Colorado at Bob's mother's home. They were married for 53 years until Bob's death in 2011.

Velda graduated from Windsor High School in 1955 and enjoyed keeping in touch with classmates her entire life. She enjoyed being a member of a variety of clubs and organizations including the Eaton Music Club, the Red Hatters, a dinner group of close friends, and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. She especially loved being a part of the Berean Sunday School class at Bethel Baptist church in Greeley.

Bob and Velda shared a love of travelling. Together they travelled to Asia, Africa, Europe, as well as Canada and Mexico. Velda also enjoyed a tour of the Holy Land.

Velda greatly enjoyed working as a receptionist and then insurance clerk at the Eaton Family Practice and later at the Greeley Medical Clinic. She always loved talking and working with people.

Velda had numerous hobbies and talents. She loved to sing. As a teenager she sang on the radio and at Elitch Gardens in Denver. As a member of the Eaton Baptist Church, she enjoyed singing solos and in the choir. She continued to sing with the choir at Bethel Baptist Church. She was also known to yodel! Her love of singing led her to the Greeley Independence Stampede Troupe where she was a cast member of many favorite musicals. She was an artist in many different mediums—oil painting, tole painting, stained glass, and scrapbooking. She was very interested in genealogy and family history. And, if you knew her at all, you knew she was a great collector of many things: dishes, jewelry, dolls, and antiques. But the favorite thing she collected were the funny and sweet words of her grandchildren. She had a notebook filled with things they said or did throughout the years.

She is survived by her daughter Renee Lindgren, grandson Jason Lindgren granddaughter Jenifir (Lyons) and husband Ken Kramer; daughter Shawna and Glenn McClain, grandson Glenn and wife Marisa, grandson Seth, and granddaughter Helen; daughter Sharise and Jim Martinez, grandson Zachary and wife Megan, and granddaughter Anna; daughter Tara and Raul Cruz, granddaughter Lydia, and grandson Liam. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her daughter, Robin Danette; her son-in-law, Phillip Lindgren; her brother, Noel Davisson; and her sister, Mary Ann (Lake) Boggan.

The family will have a memorial service on Saturday, November 13, 2021, 1:00pm at Bethel Baptist Church, 2307 17th Avenue, Greeley. There will be a luncheon for family preceding the service at 11:00am in the church fellowship hall. We request that all those attending please follow CDC guidelines for masks. There will be masks available at the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children's ministry of Bethel Baptist Church. The service will be live-streamed; please search "Bethel Greeley" on YouTube at 1:00pm, November 13th.

The memorial service for Velda Bucklen has been rescheduled for 3:30pm, Sunday, November 21st at Bethel Baptist Church, 2307 17th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado. There will be a shared meal and dessert immediately following the service. Search "Bethel Greeley" on YouTube to livestream the service.

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Service** 03:30PM - 04:30PM

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Bethel Baptist Church

2307 17th Avenue, Greeley, CO, US, 80631

# Comments

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“ I worked with Velda at the Eaton Clinic. She was like another mom to me and we kept in contact until recently. I am so sorry I didn't know she was ill. She was such an inspiration to me and I admired her so many talents. I still make many recipes she gave me. I loved her sense of style. She had beautiful clothes she wore to the office and then topped it off with matching shoes, jewelry and lipstick!! She took a lot of pride in her work and was a great co-worker. She sewed a bridesmaid dress for me when I was in a wedding while we worked together. It was a big help for a struggling single parent. She was incredibly devoted to her children. She talked about them a lot. I felt like I knew them all well, too! She was such a proud mama! I'm sure this will be a great loss for them. I hope many wonderful memories will comfort them at this time. I am so sorry I can't attend the service but I will be in Iowa visiting my 95 year old dad. I am so glad I can stream it.

**Kristi Horst** - October 31, 2021 at 04:44 PM