

Vera Leach



Vera Leach passed away peacefully on May 15, 2024 at the age of 78 in Olympia, Washington. She was born in Newcastle upon Tyne in Northumberland, England, on August 9, 1945, to George and Edith (Bousfield) Wearmouth, and grew up in the towns of Crook and Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Vera loved classical music, would often join her father at his symphonic rehearsals, and studied piano at the Royal Academy of Music. After graduating school at 15, Vera worked at J. Woods & Sons music shop, where she met a US soldier named Rennie who took her dancing and swept her off her feet. They married in England and moved to Whittier, California soon after. They also lived in Eugene, Oregon, where Vera became a US Citizen on July 4, 1976 during the bicentennial celebration. They moved their family of four to Lacey, Washington in 1977.

Left to honor Vera, and remember her love, are Rennie; her children Heather and Ron Sisson, and Rennie and Dani Leach; grandchildren Jeff and Katie Sisson, and Andi and Cameron Leach; her chosen brother and sister Ron and Kathy Sisson, Sr.; and many nieces and nephews. Vera joins her mother and father, and twin brothers, in the Kingdom of Heaven. She will be remembered as a loving, shining light who loved gifting handmade things and supporting others in her community and church.



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A Celebration of Life and Love



Vera Leach

August 9, 1945 - May 15, 2024

June 29, 2024
1:00 pm

Lacey Presbyterian Church
Reverends Rachel Young and Josh Young

"Just an Ordinary Day" - How many times have we said those words? But, is there ever really "an ordinary day?" All through the eons – I don't think so; how could there be just an ordinary day to get us to where we are today! Everywhere in our world, something spectacular has happened on each and every day. A baby's first cry, a life ended, a home was built, a promotion, a demotion – I could go on and on. Some say these are not ordinary days, but days that have changed our lives. But I say the ordinary day is in these days with a special event within each one. We must remember, God has given us these days, what happens in each one is what we make of it.

*Excerpt from Vera's story,
"Just an Ordinary Day"*

A Celebration of the Life of Vera Leach

Born August 9, 1945

*Entered the Church Triumphant
on May 15, 2024*

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

John 11:25-26

Hymn

#467 "How Great Thou Art"

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 121

Story Sharing

Hymn

#276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Solo

"The Lord's Prayer"

Vera's Thank You to God

"You Raise Me Up"

Song

"Bind Us Together"

Blessing

Postlude

Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini"

Service was led by Reverend Rachel Young, Music by Ellen George, Solo by Jerry Tucker, Tech by Kevin Hutton and Mike Ball