



Venita Rae Cochran

December 18, 1936 - January 14, 2022

A Celebration of Life for VENITA RAE COCHRAN, 85, will be held at 2pm Friday, January 21, 2022 at the Hawk Springs Community Building. Venita died January 14, 2022 at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the Hawk Springs Community Building. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Venita was born December 18, 1936 at the home of William and Emma Vance, her maternal grandparents at Hawk Springs, Wyoming. Upon the death of her grandfather she and her parents Earl and Isis (Vance) Hubbs moved to the Vance Ranch where she lived until she was married. She graduated from the Hawk Springs High School, received a scholarship to the University of Wyoming and graduated with a degree in accounting. She entered a profession that, at that time, was not friendly toward women, but she was determined to succeed as she knew she wanted to be an accountant as early as grade school. She went on to become a Certified Public Accountant in the state of California, was married twice and divorced, and worked at various professional positions in the Southern California area including Controller and Vice President of Finance. She also had her own business in Culver City, California for a number of years. Her primary hobby was dancing both socially and in amateur competition.

In 2005, Venita returned to Hawk Springs to the home in which she was born and where she grew up. As the third generation living in the home built by her grandparents, she cared for her mother, Isis until her death in 2010. Venita continued to live in the family home until her death.

Venita was active in the Hawk Springs Community Building Association (formerly the Hawk Springs grade school) which provides the Hamburger Fries each summer.

Venita is survived by her brother-in-law Leonard Nighswonger and her nieces, Sonya Rae (Neval) Gupta, Vonda Kae (Mike) Davis and their children Sara and Evan, and Lauren and Lucas. She is also survived by various loving cousins on the Hubbs, Shannon and Vance

sides of the family. She was preceded in death by her mother Isis Hubbs, her father Earl Hubbs and her sister Leah Hubbs Nighswonger.

Previous Events

Memorial services

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Hawk Springs Community Building
Hawk Springs, WY

Tribute Wall

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“ *Brian & Tammy Derr lit a candle in memory of Venita Rae Cochran*



Brian & Tammy Derr - January 25 at 10:49 AM

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“ *I first met Venita when she moved home to care for her mother. She was such a fun and delightful person. I loved to visit with her in her beautiful family home. She was so proud of her family heritage and was devoted to her family and kitties!
I feel very fortunate to have been a friend to this lovely lady.*

Judy Kieler - January 24 at 01:55 PM



“ *Sonya Rae sent a virtual gift in memory of Venita Rae Cochran*



Sonya Rae - January 21 at 11:42 AM



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Sonya Rae - January 21 at 11:41 AM



“ My high school graduation gift from Aunt Venita was a vacation to her home in Marina Del Ray, California. She and I went to Venice beach, we rented roller skates and skated around the bay. She took me to the play Evita and Betty White was two rows in front of us!! We ate fresh fish, gossiped about celebrities and laughed until our bellies hurt. That was one of the many memories I have of my Aunt Venita. She filled my life with love and will forever be in my heart. Rest In Peace Aunt Venita.

Sonya Rae - January 21 at 11:36 AM



“ Bev Yeik lit a candle in memory of Venita Rae Cochran



Bev Yeik - January 18 at 07:43 PM