



## Vernell Ball Adelmann

June 16, 1923 - September 3, 2018

Vernell Ball Adelmann, age 95, passed from this life peacefully in her sleep in the early morning hours of September 3, 2018. Born Georgia Vernell Ball June 16, 1923 to Nannie and George Ball in Raven, Virginia, she was the youngest of seven children—five girls and two boys, now all deceased—Roy, Russie, Myrtle, Emma Lee, Fred, Callie, and Vernell. She grew up on the family farm and continued to live there with her husband Lloyd Absher and son Howard William. After leaving Richlands, Vernell met and married Harold Sadler. They lived in northern Virginia for 20 years before moving to Texas to be closer to Howard and his family. After Harold's death, she married Herbert Phelan. They only had two years together when he succumbed to cancer. When Vernell was 80 years old, she met and married Louis Adelmann, the true love of her life. They were together over 13 years when Lou died suddenly from pneumonia in January 2018.

Vernell lived in many places and traveled the world, but she never forgot her roots in Richlands. Her whole adult life, she always tried to make a yearly visit, first to see her sisters, and later to visit with nieces and nephews, some of whom were more like sisters and brothers. She and the late Phyllis Justice Cordle visited each other yearly until Phyllis' illness and death. The nieces and nephews Vernell kept in contact with until the time of her death were Dairel and wife Carolyn Bobbitte of Claypool Hill, Virginia; Nancy Carol Bobbitte Adler of Ft Worth, TX; and Bernice Shouse Brown of Houston Texas.

These three were on Vernell's telephone speed dial. She dearly loved to talk with them and was so happy whenever she got a call from one of them.

Vernell enjoyed her senior years and remained active well into her 80's. In her 50's she jogged in her neighborhood 5 mornings a week before jogging was in vogue, and in her 60's and 70's she was a regular at the gym four mornings a week for step aerobics. In her 80's the treadmill and weights were her exercise of choice at the local YMCA. She and Lou would be there when the doors opened at 6 AM.

In addition to working out, her greatest passions were ballroom dancing and her faith. She loved dressing up for Saturday night dances at various senior centers in the Dallas area, and then getting up Sunday morning for the earliest church service. Vernell was a founding member of Stonebriar Community Church, where Chuck Swindoll is Pastor. After complications from aortic valve surgery, Vernell was forced to stop most of the physical activities she loved. However, one activity remained—church on Sunday mornings. When Lou could no longer drive, her faithful and loving friend Fran Busby would pick them up for church, and then take them back to their senior community where all three would enjoy Sunday Brunch together. It was just in the last year that Vernell was no longer able to attend church.

Vernell is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Howard and Lori Absher, her granddaughter Terese Underwood, and great granddaughter Kaitlin Underwood.

Howard and Lori wish to express their profound gratitude to the staff and caregivers of The Legacy at Willow Bend Assisted Living as well as to Vitas Hospice. These special people took gentle and compassionate care of Vernell in her last months of life. She loved them dearly.

It was Vernell's wish to be cremated, with the remains to be buried next to her mother and father in the Ball Family Cemetery located on Road Ridge in Raven, Virginia. Graveside service and burial will be October 3, 2018 at 11 AM. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at <http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## Ball Family Cemetery

Road Ridge  
Raven, VA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Raven, VA

# Tribute Wall



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January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Vernell Ball Adelmann*

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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Already miss my wonderful Aunt Vernell. Have always had visits and weekly phone conversations. Nancy Bobbitte Adler*

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**Nancy Adler** - September 18, 2018 at 05:59 PM