



Elna Louise Vanderwerf

August 18, 1949 - February 3, 2021

Elna Louise Vanderwerf, of Austin, Texas, left this life for eternal peace on February 3, 2021 after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She was born August 18, 1949 to John and Eleanor (Newman) Lofquist in Cleveland, Ohio. She is survived by her husband Dennis, son Ryan in Round Rock, Texas, and daughter Lisa in Placerville, California. She has six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She has cousins Bengt and Eva Lofquist, living in Goteborg, Sweden.

Elna had a love of animals since childhood and had three dogs during her lifetime. She also rescued nine feral cats and brought them into her home for a better life. She had a love of gardening, British TV mysteries, and reading dramatic novels. She also had an extensive collection of American Girl dolls.

Elna served as a volunteer for several years at Seton Medical Center.

We wish to acknowledge the doctors at Texas Oncology, who tirelessly treated her over the past 16 years.

She will be interred in the Resurrection Garden at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church at a private Family Service.

Heritage Funeral Home of Lampasas is in charge of arrangements.

Please view Ms. Vanderwerf online memorial at www.heritagefuneralhomes.com

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LS

“ I miss our long talks. I used to call you after class and we would talk the whole way home. It was a long walk. We grew apart over the years but you were always in my thoughts. Every holiday, no matter which one, I mailed you a card or thought about sending one. You always used to send me one, I have them all. Every single one. You will forever be missed and loved Grandma.



Leslie Sanders - February 11, 2021 at 11:46 PM

CS

“ Grandma was a strong warrior who fought all the way to the last hours. Her desire to enjoy life with all it's ups and downs has inspired me to enjoy everything that life has to offer.

Connor Sanders - February 10, 2021 at 08:38 PM

EB

“ RIP dear cousin Elna. I will always remember our short but lovely meeting in Stockholm at my brother Lars' house. ❤️

Eva Löfquist Beglert - February 04, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LS

“ My Grandma was the strongest woman that I knew. I always admired the fight she had within her and the love she emanated for her family and pets. I will miss her dearly and I am sorry that I missed out on several opportunities to get to know her better.

I love you, Grandma. ❤️ May you rest in peace.

Leigh Sanders - February 04, 2021 at 04:17 PM

LL

“ Elna was a dear friend for 50 years. It was an honor to have been her matron of honor at Elna and Dennis’s wedding. While we lived hundreds of miles apart for many years, we always enjoyed sharing the adventures of our families, including our cats. 🐱 She was always in communication with her friends. ❤️🌸🐱

Linda Loveland - February 04, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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“ She started my love for books when I was a child. I'd read them and then we'd talk about them over breakfast the next day. She'd also always make sure that I had my favorite grapefruit for breakfast each time I went to stay with her over the summer.

Laura Sanders - February 04, 2021 at 02:18 PM

LS

“ Mom was the most courageous, beautiful soul. Blessed to be her daughter. She will be greatly missed.

Lisa Sanders - February 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BC

I knew Elna and her parents . I am glad she was part of my life so sorry we lost touch over the years. She was a wonderful kind person. Her absence from this world will be felt by many ❤️

Brenda Cerutti - February 04, 2021 at 01:40 PM

LD

Elna was a dear friend. Our love of our children and our pets were shared in pictures. We laughed at our pets that seemed to have a mind of their own, my Oreo was one that was like her Duncan.

She introduced me to American girl dolls which I now share with my daughter.

We also loved our bird watching in our backyards. I now have a few warblers that have yellow breasts. I sit in my backyard and think of her and how much I miss our talks. Rest, dear friend. Love , Linda Darland

Linda Darland - February 09, 2021 at 02:49 PM

MB

My deepest sympathy and sorrow. She and I were best friends from elementary thru high school. Life took us in different directions and we lost touch. I am glad to see that she had a happy life. I have such fond and happy memories and cherish the time we spent together. Marcia Mace Bunda - PHX, AZ

Marcia Mace Bunda - April 13, 2021 at 12:43 PM