



Iver Lou Oma Lester

October 16, 1924 - June 4, 2011

Beloved mother and grand mother, Iver Lou Oma Lester passed away at the age of 86 on June 4, 2011, in Vancouver, Washington. Iver was born in Putnam, Rural Tennessee on October 16, 1924 to Esley and Ethel Bumbalough. She married a military man at the age of 21, living in various locations on the east coast before settling in California. They divorced in 1966 and she continued living in California with her daughters, while working at the Miramar Navel Air Station PX and the MCRD PX as a supervisor. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, needle point, reading, gardening and in her later years she enjoyed crossword puzzles, word searches, and spending time with her dog Angel, "the boss." She loved country music and had a particular soft spot for George Jones. She will be remembered for her southern cooking especially, her fried chicken and sweet tea. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, 3 sisters, Jimmie, Birdie, Eula and her younger brother William. She is survived by one brother Wilfred and one sister Wilma, her four daughters; Freda, Rita, and Sandra of Vancouver, Wa. and Rhonda of Hemet California, twelve grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and her beloved chihuahua Angel. We will miss her infectious laugh and sassy personality. She is in our hearts and will always be loved and never forgotten!

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:54 PM

SL

“ *Happy Birthday Mom! I still miss you very much wish I could go over and visit you I miss seeing you in your spot on the couch with Angel on your lap. I Love you Mom RIP*

Sandra Lester - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Well Mom, its been over a year now since you left us and I still can't comprehend that you are gone. I wish you were still with us, because I miss you every day! I love you Mom. I hope you know how much you are loved and missed. RIP MOM*

Sandra Lester - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Hi Mom, I miss you so much! I'm getting married in 15 days, and I was hoping that you would be able to come to my wedding. I'm sure it will be beautiful and I wish you were still alive to be there. Unfortunately it will be 6 months to the day of your burial. I hope you will be looking down from heaven to see it! I love you Mom..and Miss you so much!*

Rhonda Lester - November 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Happy Birthday Gran! We miss you a ton.. I wish you were here to celebrate! Still feels like your in Dollywood and due to come back anytime.. Keep watching over us.. Love you.

Shaunah Maybels - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ They say it gets easier, but it just doesn't feel like it does! I still miss you so much. I was looking forward to spending more time with you once I finished school, but never got the opportunity, which I will forever regret. I bring you flowers as much as I can, because it just doesn't seem right for you to not have fresh flowers. I miss you, love and think about you every day. I hope you know that! Love Sandra

Sandra - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Hi Mom...your're grave marker is on now. I have only seen it in pictures, but it looks very nice. I think you'd like it... it has a chihuahua on it! And pretty roses. It mad me cry when I saw it....I miss you very much! Love always, Rhonda

Rhonda Vinson - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Hey gran... I never got a chance to ask you if you liked or got to try the special treats, heather, david, and I made you for mothers day...? I hope you liked them.. Miss you gran still feels like you're just on vacation, and you're going to come back and show us your picture album of dollywood like you did that one year..

Shaunah Maybels - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Just thinking about you Mom...I miss you! My love for you will never end!

Rhonda Vinson - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Mom...It has been a over a month since I last talked to you, and I really miss hearing your voice. I feel like I need to call you, then I realize...you won't be answering. That makes me so sad. I have pictures of you everywhere I look in the house, on on my desk at work as well. Not to mention pigs from your pig collection! This way I feel like you are near to me. This will never change. Miss you so much! I LOVE YOU!

Rhonda Vinson - July 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Mom, It has been a month now, but it feels like just yesterday. I hope you are resting peacefully and that you know how much you are missed and loved. You are forever in my heart. Life is just not the same without you! I love you and miss you more than words can say. RIP mom! Sandra

Sandra - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ I miss you Mom! I hope you are happy up in Heaven with Grandma and Grandpa, your brother and sisters, and Presley! I LOVE YOU!

Rhonda Vinson - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ I miss you and think about you everyday Mom! Love you so much!

Rhonda Vinson - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Mom, I can't believe you are no longer across the driveway from me....I remember growing up, you would come home after work and fall asleep on the couch. But you would always say, "I'm not sleeping, I'm just resting my eyes". So that is how I am going to think of you now....."just resting your eyes". I miss you.....Love, Rita

Rita Denman - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Mom, I love you very much. Each day when it is lunch time, I have called you for the last 12 years to see how you were. I miss that now. It is so strange to go home and you not be there with Angel. She keeps looking for you and misses you very much. This has been very hard. You were not only my Mom, but my friend. I love you very much. Dene

Freda Spraggins - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ The sun doesn't seem as bright anymore. You touched so many lives, including mine. My favorite is trying to get you moved into that round apartment in Vancouver, I always got lost. Please know you will be thought of and misses always.

Cathy Montgomery - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I love you, Granny.

Lauren Robertson - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I miss and love you Gran. You were one tough women. My Favorite memories: Grans Fried Chicken, the mobile home in El Cajon, the Smith tower apt., Venturing out for bread with Adam, being bored while gran had to watch her soap operas, pigs, kraft singles, all the nic naks, poking granny on the cheek and asking "are you mad", tampica oj will always remind me of you. Her many funny sayings, "well shiiitt", "the Babe", "the boss", "no need to run off", and many more... Your wit and smile will be missed dearly...

Landon Turley - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Granny, no words can express how much love I have for you. You were such and amazing and strong woman. I am so honored to have been named after you, Im proud when I say "I was named after my Granny Iver." I hope you will be watching over us, I can speak for my mom, adam and lauren when I say we hope we are making you proud. I love the memories we share of you saying "Reckon, Youns and ooooh shiiit!" You were our lil fire cracker always saying it how it was. Although my kids are too young to rememeber meeting you im so happy they had the chance and I will always tell them what a fabulous Granny you were and how much love you had for us. Thank you for being there when we needed you. I'll miss your smore's, fudge, fried chicken and cross words. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH... my wish is that you rest peacefully and watch over us smiling. WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU GRANNY IVER~ Love Ashleigh Iver Murillo

Ashleigh Murillo - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Hey Gran, I'm back..Everytime I think of you, I think of your mobile home and our summers together. me always wanting to sit in the one chair where the a/c hit you the most. Whenever we spent the night you always woke up and made us 'youns' breakfast. Playing games of shut mouth for lifesavers candy. The price is right and The golden Gals will forever remind me of you. We had some special moments, one after a pageant... when you told me that you were proud of me. I was thinking "did she really just say that.." haha and one with you, Lauren and I that I will forever cherish. I never understood how much you loved us or "how you loved us" until you were gone, but I hope to never made that mistake again. I don't think you're every really going to be gone because you'll always be in our hearts, we just wont see you for awhile. Love you Gran.. I will always cherish the memories we made. who knew that they'd be worth more than anything in the world. Love-Ps. Are you mad?

Shaunah Maybels - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Gran, you will be forever missed by the wonderful family you have created. Losing the matriarch or our family has been very difficult for everyone. There is no doubt that this will tremendously change the dynamics of our family, as you were the cornerstone that held your daughters families together. We will do our best to take care of one another until the whole clan can meet again in heaven. I would like to personally dedicate the song, Lean On Me, to our family. Lean on me when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend,I'll help you carry on, For it won't be long till I'm gonna need, Somebody to lean on. Lastly, I truly hope that we can all find the strength that exists within our family to pull through tough times such as this and also those yet to come. For I know that individually there isnt one of us that has it all together but together we can have it all. I love all of you and Im here for you when you need me. "Just call me when you need a friend..."

Heather Denman - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ GRAN, you are an unforgettable women. you raised us all to be respectfull and kind to everyone. i hope that we make you proud. i will miss you until i can pester you for lunch while your watchin your "story" again... i love you adam

adam - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Iver Lester, & families, We all lost a great lady in the passing of Iver. We will miss her southern drawl. We will always remember the great memories we have, and she will be missed dearly by her friends & family. R.I.P. Iver !! Sending my best wishes to the family. Sincerely, Bruce Honga & kids (Nicole, Cory, & Alexandria) IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAYand memories a lane, i'd walk right up to heaven & bring you down again.....Our hearts still ach in sadness, & secret tears still flow, what it ment to lose someone like you, now one ever knewbut now we know you want us to mourn for you no more, to remember all the happy times, and the ones life has in store.....since you'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you today, a hallowed place within our hearts is where you'll always stay. with loving memories, R.I.P. Iver !!

Bruce Honga - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ You will be missed Gran! We love you with all our hearts! I will think of you often and I'll be happy we can meet again one day in Heaven :)!

Tiffany McKayleigh Seekins - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *My Dear Mom... You were the most influential person in my life! You were my Mother as well as my Father. You were a strong Mother, having been left with 4 daughters to care for. You always did what you could for all of us. My children loved and respected you so much, and have wonderful memories of you, as do I. I will miss you so much! You were my Rock! So happy, so lucky, to have you as my Mother! Rest In Peace Mom.*

Rhonda Vinson - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *P. S. I Love You Dearly!*

Rhonda Vinson - June 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *Thank you for this opportunity to share my sympathy with you. Iver was always such a neat lady. Even after she moved to Washington she always remembered us with a card at Christmas. We enjoyed sharing the same three grandchildren, Lauren, Adam and Ashleigh. Remember the good times and the fun times. Love, Marilyn Vinson*

Marilyn Vinson - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Mom, I miss you ever day. I worked so hard to make proud, I hope that I succeeded! I am so glad to call my mom, because you taught me to stand up for myself, as well as how to be compassionate and respectful of others. I will always remember our Christmas' together the three musketeers and our long road trips back east to visit family. I think about you everyday, you will forever be in my heart. I love you Mom, Rest in peace!*

Sandra - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Miss you Gran! You have a lot of pretty flowers from our family and Rhonda's... I hope you can see them up there... we miss you down here! Love Shaunah May

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BS

“ You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on. I remember going to visit you when I was little with my brother and sister. I will always cherish those moments. I know I haven't seen you in a very long time but you will forever be in my heart, as well as many other people's. You will be missed. Love you Granny!

Brenna Spraggins - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am sorry for your loss. The one memory i do have of your mom is her always telling us to leave her grapes alone :). It's hard lossing mom's but they always will live on in your heart. Our mom's are probably up there making some grape jam now.

Larry Fleet - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“Granny, I miss you so much. I wish I could have been around when you passed. I remember the times when I was little and me, Brenna, and Sean would come stay with you and Grandma Dene. All I am left to wish is that I would, or could have seen you one last time. I knew as the years passed, time was running short, and I needed to see you. You always made me smile, even when it was unintentional. Now your in heaven, and nothing can hurt you. You are in a better place. Rest In Paradise Granny, I never forgot you.

Kira Spraggins - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM