



Leona Buckner Brown

August 30, 1929 - March 8, 2017

That shooting star you saw at dusk last night was Leona Alberta (“Red”) Buckner Brown searching for that bowling alley in the sky. Red, eighty-seven, was in no distress as she passed, surrounded by family and friends. Red was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Brown, and her eldest son, Larry Buckner. She is survived by her two sons, Jimmy & Mike, granddaughters Alayna, Elizabeth & Stephanie, grandsons Dillon, Justice & Logan, daughters-in-law Michele & Donna and her surrogate children, Ricky & Jan. Per her wishes, there will be no funeral service but there will be a celebration of her life sometime in May (details to follow). Mom also requested that no flowers be sent but encouraged donations to Enders Rescue Squad and the Blue Ridge Hospice.

This is Red Brown we’re talking about here so we have to have a story. Mom was given explicit instructions not to go anywhere until I flew into town. My flight was 45 minutes early (when does that ever happen?), my brother was on time to pick me up (even rarer). We arrived at her bedside and she passed 40 minutes later. She was ready and at peace. Accounts vary but the consensus is that her last word was “cake” (I thought she said “bloody mary”). In character, mom was cremated with a pound of butter, a deck of cards and a canister of Morton’s salt. You will leave a hole in a lot of souls, our queen of hearts.

As submitted by the family.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. God promises to fortify us and really help us during difficult times Isaiah 41:10. Continue to rely on Him for comfort and strength.*

T. Kelly - March 30, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JH

“ *Dear Jim, Mike and Family,
Sorry to read of your mom's passing. She and my dad shared childhood and the title of biggest arguers in their high school senior year. I know she enjoyed her life and all of you. May God comfort and give all of you peace.*

*With love and sympathy,
Jeanne Ellen Hooker*

Jeanne Hooker - March 21, 2017 at 04:56 PM

RN

“ *Dear Jim and Mike,
Sending you our most loving sympathy at the loss of your dear mom, Red. There was no one quite like her and she certainly left this world a better place.
Our most loving prayers and sympathy,
Rachel Pierce Newell and family*

Rachel Pierce Newell - March 20, 2017 at 11:57 AM

DR

“ *Have some wonderful memories of Red. She was indeed a part of my growing up. Will always remember her kindness. RIP old friend.*

Dot Royston - March 17, 2017 at 08:01 PM

FH

“ *Deepest sympathy in the passing of a good woman. May she rest in eternal peace.*

Fritzi Hart - March 17, 2017 at 10:35 AM