



## Virginia Maxine Ward Denton

September 14, 1944 - June 17, 2025

Funeral Services for Virginia Maxine Ward Denton, 80 of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 21, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with Bishop Adam Marion conducting. Interment will follow at Kelsey Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Virginia was born September 14, 1944, in Gilmer, Texas, to Herman Arleigh Ward and Edith Ozell Harris Ward and returned to her heavenly home June 17, 2025. She married her high school sweetheart, Michael "Micky" Denton, on November 28, 1963, in Gilmer, Texas. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Mesa, Arizona Temple, February 24, 1966.

Virginia was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She grew up in Kelsey and graduated from Harmony High School. Virginia dedicated her life to serving others, including her family, community, and her church family. She held many church callings in scouts, primary, and as the compassionate service leader. Virginia loved genealogy, gardening, journaling, garage sales, and spending time with her family. Virginia was passionate about any task she took on and wanted it to be as perfect as possible. Virginia's love knew no bounds when it came to her children and that love was doubled for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Virginia always told her children as they were about to leave to go anywhere, "Remember who you are and act accordingly". As the years went on, she would say those same words to her grandchildren. We will remember, Mom

(MeMe).

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Micky Denton; daughter, Angela Moore; son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Emily Denton; daughter-in-law, Stephanie Denton and Tami Denton Rasmussen; siblings, David Ward, Randy Ward, Elwyn Ward, Lana Smith, JoAnn McBride, Kevin Ward, and Fred Ward; Virginia cherished her 13 grandchildren, Blake Kramer, Tyler Denton, Mikenna Abplanalp, Breanne McCutcheon, Andrew Denton, Logan Denton, Charlee Moore, Christian Denton, Mercy Denton, Xavier Fluellen, Diamond Fluellen, Tra Fluellen, and Keira Parsons; and 13 great grandchildren, Arya Denton, Freyja Denton, Ehlora Denton, Maia Abplanalp, Denton Abplanalp, Deklin Abplanalp, Alana McCutcheon, Ridge McCutcheon, Wrenley McCutcheon, Alex Fluellen, Hendrix Fluellen, Xariya Fluellen, and A'nori Johnson.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Herman Arleigh Ward and Edith Ozell Harris Ward ; sons, Chris Denton and Alan Denton; siblings, Harold Ward, Herman Ward, Judy White, Ocoho Ward, and Janice Davis.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Denton, Christian Denton, Tyler Denton, Andrew Denton, Tra Fluellen, Xavier Fluellen, and Derek McCutcheon.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Fred Ward, Kevin Ward, David Ward, Elwyn Ward, Randy Ward, Larry Smith, and Danny McBride.

Please visit Virginia's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Kelsey Cemetery

6380 Magnolia Rd  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
info@mcwhorterfh.com  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1122 Pine St  
Gilmer, TX 75644  
(903) 843-3307

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - June 20, 2025 at 08:53 PM

GA

*I love your family very much.*

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**Geoff Ashworth** - June 21, 2025 at 12:29 PM

VA

*The world is one less a kind, caring soul. Peace be upon you all.*

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**Valerie** - June 22, 2025 at 03:34 AM

TC

*One of the best ladies I've ever known, and I love her so much and her family rest in peace*

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**teresa Cozad** - June 23, 2025 at 12:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Virginia Denton Funeral Service*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - June 21, 2025 at 08:25 PM

AL

“ Allison, Jesse, Juana & Laurita. purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



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**Allison, Jesse, Juana & Laurita.** - June 20, 2025 at 02:55 PM

CW

“ Cherokee Rose Republican Women purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



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**Cherokee Rose Republican Women** - June 20, 2025 at 09:20 AM

LM

“ Lew and Dawn Miller purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



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**Lew and Dawn Miller** - June 19, 2025 at 11:09 PM

PF

“ Pamela Fenton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.

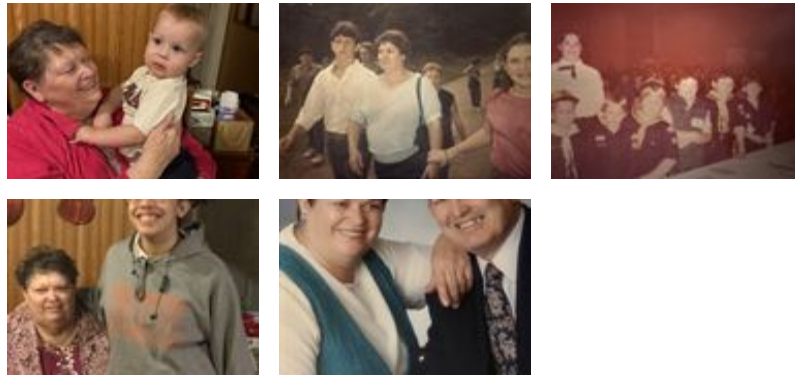


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**Pamela Fenton** - June 19, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ 238 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - June 19, 2025 at 08:24 PM

BP

“ Blake Kramer and Mandy Pomykal purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



Blake Kramer and Mandy Pomykal - June 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BP

“ Blake Kramer and Mandy Pomykal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.

Blake Kramer and Mandy Pomykal - June 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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“ Sabra Atkins (Nutt) purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



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Sabra Atkins (Nutt) - June 19, 2025 at 02:19 PM

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“ Sabra Atkins (Nutt) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.

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Sabra Atkins (Nutt) - June 19, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SW

“ I know this is a hard time for all of the family. I pray that you will all have comfort and peace. Sending love and prayers for you all.

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Sandy Wilson - June 19, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LP

“ Virginia was a "Dear Friend" for our 12 years, together in Harmony School. After Graduation, she married Micky and he was like, one of our class members. They were high school sweethearts, and Micky was always at every event, we had in High School. Virginia and I were both into sports, just give us a basketball, volleyball, softball and we were all in, ready to play !!! She and I were on the volleyball team in 1962. We went to Abilene to play for the State Championship. Our time together was like being family members. Sweetie, you are so loved by so many, We are praying for God to surround your family with his loving arms and grant them comfort and strength, that they will so need at this time. Your Forever and Always Friends. Lorece and June Phillips

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Lorece and June Phillips - June 19, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.*



June 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.

June 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *Patsy and her girls. Tami and children purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.*



**Patsy and her girls. Tami and children** - June 18, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Virginia was such a sweet person. She was my neighbor for many years. She will be missed. My prayers are with this family. Love you all*

**Debbie Ohara** - June 18, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JF

“ Jordan and Bryan Stratton and family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton.



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**Jordan and Bryan Stratton and family** - June 18, 2025 at 04:13 PM

ME

“ Everyone was always welcome at her home, and if you drove past her home on a Sunday afternoon, good luck finding a parking spot. She loved her family and loved to see it grow. Sending love to everyone dear to her during this time.

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**Madeline Escobar** - June 18, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ I send my love to Mickey and all the family. I also to the ward family. You have all been my friends for many years. And I love all of you. I love Virginia because she was always kind to me and treated me well. Mickey I love you too. Mickey is my nephew and my children's cousin. You are all a good family and I pray for all your welfare and happiness in this life and in the next. There is much joy yet ahead for you.

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**Ruby Denton** - June 18, 2025 at 03:51 PM

RU

“ RubyDenton lit a candle in memory of Virginia Maxine Ward Denton



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**RubyDenton** - June 18, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LB

“ My first time walking in to “The Denton’s” house as a young teen was like walking in to HOME. Virginia and Micky made me feel so welcome and treated me like another one of their kids from the get go. So many memories were created there and most of them include Virginia. She loved to show me all of her keepsakes and the story behind each one. She laughed easily and she found joy in simple things. I will forever think of her with that signature smile on her face. ❤️

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**Luanne Childress Bailey** - June 18, 2025 at 03:39 PM

LW

MIKE!..I AM TRUELY SORRY FOR YOUR LOST!..MY SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!..LEON  
WASHINGTON <<<

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**Leon Washington** - June 20, 2025 at 07:02 PM