

## VIRGINIA KITCHEN GOODRICH OBITUARY

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Virginia Kitchen Goodrich, age 94, died July 27, 2008, at the Basin Care and Rehabilitation Center in Roosevelt.

She was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Orem, the daughter of Joseph Levi and Blanche Cook Kitchen. She married Owen Goodrich on Dec. 24, 1931, in Vernal. They were married for 30 years, and then were divorced.

Virginia attended schools in Tridell and Vernal. She lived many years in Tridell, and in 1960, she moved to Salt Lake City, where she lived until this winter, when she returned to the Uintah Basin, and spent her last days here.

Virginia had a great love for her family. She was always concerned for their welfare, and was ever ready to help them in any way she could. She had a very generous heart, and was always looking for ways to help others. She was a wonderful cook, and loved to have her family and friends enjoy her cooking creations. In her later years, she and her oldest son, Glen Merrill, spent many hours working together to publish a cook book with her recipes and tips for making great family meals. Her famous homemade bread recipe was one of the featured recipes in her book. Many family members received a copy of the cookbook, and many are still using the recipes and suggestions.

She also loved to sew, quilt, crochet and embroidery, as she created beautiful things. Her children always had nice clothes, even on a small budget, because of her talent in sewing. And many a grandchild received beautiful dresses and shirts that she had sewn. As she advanced in years, she made hundreds of quilts – and gave most of them away to family and friends. It was one of her greatest joys to see others enjoy her handiwork.

Virginia worked several years in Tridell as a small grocery store owner. When she moved to Salt Lake City, she was employed for about 30 years (until she was 76 years old) as an expert mail handler at the Main Post Office and the Redwood Road Post Office in Salt Lake City. She was an excellent and self-reliant worker and truly enjoyed her job. She was constantly studying to become better in her duties of directing mail. In her work, she met some wonderful friends whom she dearly loved. She also loved her neighbors in her neighborhood in Murray, and really missed them when she sold her house there.

She is survived by three sons, Glen Merrill Goodrich, Sterling; Sherel K. (Lorraine) Goodrich, Vernal; David Goodrich, Salt Lake City; one daughter, Lynn Benson, Roosevelt; three brothers, Melvin (Verda) Kitchen, American Fork; Lenford (Reba) Kitchen, American Fork; Weldon (Donna) Kitchen, Highland; two sisters, Lea Mae (Enes) Hatch, Tridell; Maxine Benedict, Salt Lake City; three sisters-in-law, Annie Kitchen, Orem; Mary Ellen Kitchen, Salt Lake City; and Joyleen Kitchen. Virginia has 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by parents, two sons and two daughters, Owen Goodrich Jr., Gary Goodrich, Lila Rae Goodrich, and Faye Goodrich; a son-in-law, Bob F. Benson; two brothers, John Levi Kitchen and Norman Kitchen; three sisters, Lazelle Glines, Frances Bartlett, and Belva Chamberlain; three brothers-in-law, Charles Glines, George Bartlett, Don Chamberlain; and one grandchild, Lyle Benson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1, at Hullinger Mortuary in Roosevelt where friends and family may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Burial will be in the Tridell Cemetery. [www.hullingermortuary.com](http://www.hullingermortuary.com)

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