



## Leona M. Salsman

March 14, 1926 - January 8, 2020

Leona M. Kirk Salsman, 93, of Springdale, AR passed away January 8, 2020 in Springdale, AR. She had been a resident of Northwest Arkansas since 2002.

Leona was born in Walnut Grove, MO on March 14, 1926 to Claude Henry Kirk and Edna Jane Duncan Kirk.

She spent most of her life in Bucklin, KS; Abilene, TX, and Springdale, AR. Leona was an avid gardener an excellent cook and seamstress. One of her most enjoyable jobs was being a school cook in Kansas. She is a two time cancer survivor; and a high energy lady who crocheted dozens of rugs made from newspaper sacks and shopping bags. She also made at least 20 sequin calendars per year for family and friends. She was featured in the Democrat Gazette showing some of the many rugs she had made. She was also one of the first Wow Women honored at Cross Church in Springdale for her volunteer work in washing the Baptism robes on a weekly basis. Most of all, her greatest delight was in serving others and she was an ideal wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Leona is preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Dean Salsman. The two were married on March 24, 1945 in Halfway, Missouri. She is also preceded by her parents, Claude and Edna Kirk, and her siblings: Allen Kirk,

Loren Kirk, Lois Cornelius and Irene Bridges.

Leona is survived by her children; Velma Shaffer of Springdale, AR, Elbert Salsman of Lincoln, KS, Marvin Salsman of Carlisle, PA, and Dr. Norma Fujikawa of Bentonville, AR. She is also survived by her 8 grandchildren; Kent Shaffer, Brandon Shaffer, Ryan Salsman, Justin Salsman, Clayton Salsman, Kenet Salsman, Isaac Fujikawa, and Sarah Fujikawa-Desavado, as well as 12 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation for Leona Salsman will be held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Butler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 2:30 PM at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, MO. Pastor Brandon Shaffer will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made in Leona's honor to the Saving Grace Ministry NWA at 1229 West Poplar, Rogers, AR 72756 or the Circle of Life Care Facility at 901 Jones Rd. in Springdale, AR. 72762

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside

JAN 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leona M. Salsman*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Leona M. Salsman*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Leona was a neighbor for 7 years until we moved away 😞 Leona was like a grandmother to my children. She was a beautiful angel. She would make us the best peanut butter cookies, give us her famous calendars, never missed my children's birthday and would have them over constantly. My children loved her very much. We are all heart broken 💔 she will always be with us and in our ❤️ hearts. My condolences to Leona's family 😭*



**Esmeralda Salas** - January 26, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Leona was an angel in my family's and my life. A bright shining light, with a heart filled with love and optimism. Sadness fills my heart that she has passed. She was a blessing to many . Deepest sympathies to Leona's family.*



*Lake and I loved you Leona. Your wonderful spirit remains with us always .  
Robyn*

**Robyn Wargo** - January 13, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Norma Fujikawa** - January 12, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Leona M. Salsman.



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January 10, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Norma Fujikawa lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Salsman*



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**Norma Fujikawa** - January 10, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Jason Yount purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Leona M. Salsman.



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**Jason Yount** - January 09, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Leona M. Salsman.*



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January 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leona M. Salsman.*



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January 09, 2020 at 09:41 AM