



Vera Fay Booth Goodwyn Hardman

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Vera Fay Booth Goodwyn Hardman died on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at the age of 90. A native of Folsom and a lifelong Covington resident, she was born on June 17, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Preston Archie Booth and Elizabeth "Bessie" Fern McKee Booth, both members of families with long histories in St. Tammany Parish. She grew up on Booth Hill near Folsom along with her eight siblings, Alton Jules Booth, Lawrence Elwood Booth, Irma Marie Booth, Norma Rae Booth, Otto Preston Booth, George Fenwick Booth, Paul Sherwood Booth and Elizabeth Fern Booth, all of whom preceded her in death.

Vera married Howard Keener Goodwyn in 1947 at the age of 19. Their daughter Karen was born in February 1949 and Howard died in December 1949. Soon after his death, Vera went to work at the Goodwyn family business, The St. Tammany Farmer newspaper. Vera continued to work at The Farmer for 60 years, managing the business along with her sister-in-law, Natalie Goodwyn Hebert, who also preceded her in death.

Vera remarried in 1956 to John Gerald Hardman, a Kentuckian who came to Covington with the Louisiana Bridge Company, the company formed to build the first span of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. Their son Jay was born in May 1959. John died in August 1979.

Vera was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Covington. Through the years she was involved in a number of community organizations, including the Greater Covington Civic Association, the Folsom Road Association and the Covington Garden Club.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 2 p.m., at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home in Covington, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. A private family burial will follow the service at Old Bogue Falaya Baptist Church Cemetery.

Vera is survived by her children, Karen Booth Goodwyn Courtney (William V.



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Courtney), of Covington, and John "Jay" Gerald Hardman, Jr., (Kim B. Hardman), of Baton Rouge. She was the grandmother of Skyler Roule Courtney (Catherine) of Huntsville, Ala.; Davis Booth Courtney (Elaine "Lainey") of Louisville, Ky.; William Goodwyn Courtney, also of Huntsville; and Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth Hardman, of Dallas. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren: Robert "Alex" Alexander Hereford, William Campbell Courtney and Benjamin Davis Courtney.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Covington. E.J. Fielding Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, December 14, 2018

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



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Cemetery Details

 **Old Bogue Falaya Cemetery**
Martin Rd, Folsom LA





Tribute Wall

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DG

Diane Gallo lit a candle in honor of Vera Fay.



December 24 at 1:50 PM

PO

P. Ostendorf posted:

Jay, Karen and family, Just found out about your mom's passing. So sorry to hear this sad news, she was a dear sweet lady. Prayers for you and your families during this difficult time. Patty Booth Ostendorf

December 20 at 11:24 AM

JW

Jimmy Walters posted:

Vera was a real Southern Lady- wish the best to Karen and Jay. She will be missed by many, Jimmy Walters

December 12 at 3:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hardman family.



December 12 at 2:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hardman family.



December 12 at 12:41 PM

DM

Dorethea And Martin Cox posted:

Jay, Karen and family, We have such fond memories of your mother She was a great Lady and friend to s o many people in this community Our thoughts are with you at this time

December 12 at 10:26 AM



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SR

Stephen Rawls posted:

Jay and Karen,I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Ms Vera. What a great lady she was! Although I hadn't seen her in years, she made such an wonderful impression on me so many years ago and that has never waned. I'm sure you will miss her dearly. My condolences.Steve Rawls

December 12 at 8:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Hardman family.



December 12 at 7:25 AM

JC

Jan Hanson Clarke posted:

We hold dear the few years we knew Vera as our neighbor and friend. She was a gifted storyteller, and we enjoyed hearing so many interesting and humorous accounts of her long history in Covington. She, likewise, listened to our life stories with the attention and finesse of the newspaper woman she was. A classy, intelligent, strong, and jovial person, she seemed to me to be ahead of her time and a true treasure to all who knew and loved her. We will miss her, her family will miss her dearly, and Covington has lost one of its finest. Jan & Key Clarke

December 11 at 2:06 PM

JT

Jo Ann Thompson posted:

I would often run into Mrs.Vera at the old Bogue Falaya Cemetery. We would be cleaning our family plots, in preparation for All Saints Day. We would chat about our family history and how families do not clean their ancestors' graves any longer. She was a warm, lovely lady and she loved her family dearly. With sincere sympathy, Jo Ann Thompson (granddaughter of Jim and Martha Willie Thompson)

December 11 at 11:50 AM



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RM

R. Tim Meadows posted:

Vera Hardman always gave a lot of herself away. Pouring all of her effort into anything she was involved in. That will be her legacy. Prayers for her family as they mourn her loss and celebrate her beautiful life. R. Tim Meadows, Ph.D. Medford Lakes, NJ.

December 11 at 10:39 AM

KH

Kathy Healy December 13 at 4:13 AM

Karen: Even though I am so far away now I still feel the connection to old friends in my home town - particularly the ones from President's Drive. So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was indeed a "southern lady"..

MA

Mary Core Abell December 12 at 10:45 AM

My late husband, Jim, and I loved my cousin, Vera, and always enjoyed our times with her. She had a sparkling personality, was always well-informed and was fun to be with. Being from a large, loving family with parents who were Godly, salt-of-the-earth people, she was a light to all who knew her. She will be missed, especially by her children and her grands. Praying for them, Mary Core Abell



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vera Fay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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