



## Hazel Jane Perry

April 23, 1917 - January 17, 2015

After a happy life well-lived, Hazel Jane Perry passed into eternal life on Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Roswell, NM. She was born in 1917 to Frank and Linnie Bentley Leonard in Las Vegas, NM, joining her older sister, Marie, to complete their family. Hazel was three when her mother passed away, so the Bentley and Leonard grandparents raised the two girls. Ten years later, they lost their father. The Leonard uncles provided plenty of adventure for both girls as they traveled by wagon from Silver City during the spring, down to Lordsburg, to take the train to Tucson where they spent their teenage summers. Hazel rode horses deep into the southern Arizona backcountry with her Uncle Tom Bentley, a forest ranger. She sometimes rode donkeys in Oracle, Arizona, with her friends. Hazel graduated from Tucson High School and grew up with the outdoors ingrained in her life.

After a speedy three-week courtship, Hazel married her best friend's brother, Bob Perry, in Tucson, on October 19, 1941. Bob left to serve his country in World War II, leaving Hazel in Tucson with her grandmother. She spent most of her life in Arizona, happily joining family on hunting and fishing trips, countless camping adventures and travels beyond Arizona borders. Hazel truly enjoyed living the life of a Western woman.

Bob and Hazel moved to Roswell in 2000 to be near their son, Michael, where she became a member of First Christian Church. Bob preceded her in death

in 2001. Hazel is survived by her three children: Michael (Judy), Marcialyn (David Carter) and Gerald Perry (Gayle); nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

A memorial service in Roswell and Interment next to her husband, Bob, in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona, will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel Jane Perry*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My condolences to Hazel's family. Hazel is the perfect example of what God wanted a Christian to be. It was my honor & privilege to have known her. She was a loving woman. She will be missed by family & friends. Ginger Sansoucie*

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**Virginia Sansoucie** - January 25, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *I spent many fun summers with Grandma and Poppie and enjoyed hearing stories about her childhood. She will always be remembered as strong, loving and humorous.*

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**Michelle Madsen** - January 21, 2015 at 08:19 AM