

## Obituary

Roberta "Bert" Reid Hanson Dewey  
April 23, 1926-May 30, 2020 (age 94)

Bert was born in Hunt City, Illinois as the second of four children to Robert and Etta McCoy Reid.

While attending high school in Oblong, Illinois, she met her future husband Vernon Hanson Jr. After completing high school, she moved to Chicago and worked in a factory as a real life "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. Once the war had ended, she and Vernon, who had served in the US Navy Seabees, were married on Dec. 12, 1945 and started their family.



In 1953, they moved to Crane, Texas, where they lived for the next 41 years. While raising four small children, she worked in the school cafeteria and later worked for the City of Crane Water District as a bookkeeper. During the early 1970's, she took a break from the City of Crane job when the Hanson and Tipton families purchased the Dairy Mart, which was the local hangout for all Jr High and High School students. After several years of owning/operating the Dairy Mart, she returned to the City of Crane job, where she stayed until retirement.

After retirement, she and Vernon traveled the entire US in their travel trailer, seeking out adventure with fellow RVer's and Square Dancers. During their travels, they had begun visiting South Texas more frequently and eventually moved to the Tip of Texas RV Park, in Pharr, as fulltime residents. While living in Pharr, she continued dancing as often as possible- Clogging, Western, Line and Square Dancing. Dancing continued being a big part of her life even into her 90's. She also volunteered at Rio Grande Regional Hospital for 20+ years and had numerous hobbies. She remarried in 2000 to Earl Dewey, who unfortunately died shortly before their first anniversary.

In 2016, Bert moved to The Forum at The Woodlands, Texas, where she lived until her death on May 30, 2020.

Bert is survived by her son, Richard "Rick" Hanson; daughters Rebecca "Becky" Clark [George], Jacquelyne "Jackie" Box-Jones [Durwood], Vicky Karr [Patty]; 9 grandchildren: Heath Hanson, Kelsey [Chris] Bell, Cher [Andy] Yoo, Ben [Robin] Clark, Greg [Laci] Box, Justin [April] Box, BK [Meshia] Box, Wes [Joette] Karr, Jacob [Kelly] Karr; 23 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; one brother, Edward Reid; and numerous friends and extended family members. Preceding her in death are her parents Robert and Etta McCoy Reid; husbands Vernon Hanson Jr. and Earl Dewey; brother Robert "Wally" Reid; sister Margaret "Peg" Reid Thacker. The family would like to personally thank Dr. Duyen Tran and the entire staff of The Forum for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, it has been requested by the family to make a donation, in her name, to The First United Methodist Church of Crane, Texas. The family will have a celebration of life for Bert at a later date.

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