



ELLENOR ANONDA TAYLOR BUCK EAST 1911-2004

On April 29, 1911, Anonda was born to Delilah Hansen and John Henry Taylor in Plain City, Utah, their 3rd child. Her mother was alone and Anonda (also called Nonnie as a child) was born so quickly her right eye was injured. Because of that, she was never able to drive a car.

She was one of 17 children born to her father, whose first wife had died leaving seven children. They were all raised together by her mother and they had a happy, fun loving home. Nonnie often commented on how happy she was during her childhood.

When Nonnie was quite small she and her sister pulled their little wagon to the railroad tracks, intending to put the wagon on the tracks and get the train to push them. Fortunately, another sister alerted her parents and they were brought safely home.

At first, Anonda hated school, possibly because her eyesight hindered her learning. Because of one kind and generous teacher, Anonda finally became one of the best students and enjoyed school from then on. Anonda said, "There was not a student in her entire class that was not benefited or helped greatly by that teacher."

When she attended Weber High School, Anonda designed the Weber Warrior that was inlaid in the floor of the rotunda at the entrance of the school. It can still be seen hanging on the wall close inside the entrance of the now Weber High School building in Pleasant View.

In 1929 she graduated from Weber High on the first Honor Roll. She went on to Weber College for one year but her father was killed in a railroad accident and her college education abruptly ended.

She married Ernest Lisle Buck in 1930 and became a farmer's wife; he was also a carpenter. They lived in Idaho seven years then moved back to the Ogden area, eventually buying a small farm in Harrisville. They had six children, the last of whom died at birth: Ellen (1931), Allen Leon (1933), Darrell (1936), David (1938), Ruth (1940), and Louise (1943). They raised their children through scarlet fever, rheumatic fever, measles, mumps, and other childhood maladies. She watched over the neighborhood youth when they came almost daily to swim in the nearby swimming hole in the canal. She enjoyed babysitting for little ones while their parents worked or went on an evening out.

She loved reading, art, drawing and painting, but most of all she loved people, especially children, and everyone loved her.

Anonda taught Primary in the LDS Church many years; she was in ward and stake Primary presidencies, and headed the Primary at Children's World Day Care for several years. She also loved Relief Society, going visiting teaching, and singing in choirs. It was a common sight to see her doing all these things riding her bicycle.

She particularly enjoyed attending the LDS temple. She served in the Ogden Temple children's nursery, caring for children who were being sealed to their parents. One of her paintings hung a long time in the temple nursery; it was a life-size Mary holding the baby Jesus.

She was a member of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers. She wrote poetry and studied Spanish. One time she created an original advertising jingle for a contest from a company who awarded her first prize—it was a piano, which is still in the family.

Anonda loved flowers almost as much as she loved children. She spent all the time she could outdoors, growing flowers, vegetables, and fruit. She loved birds, cats, and other animals that benefited from her love as well.

After their children were grown, Anonda and Ernest worked together at the Utah School for the Blind as house parents at the boys' dorm. The boys benefited from her husband's strong hand and Anonda's loving spirit. After Ernest died, Anonda continued this job until she retired.

Many people enjoyed her homemade bread – she made seven loaves every day – and they liked her pies, homemade candy, and fudge. She got her first refrigerator and an electric stove after many years of marriage, making do until then with an old-fashioned icebox and a coal stove.

Ernest died in 1972 and Anonda moved to Ogden. After being a widow for eight years, Anonda married Harold J. East in 1980. They lived in West Weber; again she was a farmer's wife. Harold died in 1987, at which time she moved back to her home in Ogden.

Anonda died 27 November 2004, at a young 93 years old.

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Buck, Allen Leon	Buck, Ruth
Buck, Darrell	Ease, Harold J.
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