



## Seletta Rae Morris Pitcher

August 11, 1915 - February 11, 2014

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“We love you more than the whole wide universe and back”

Seletta returned to her Heavenly Father, February 11, 2014 following the effects left from her third stroke ten and one half months previous. Seletta was the prime example of enduring to the end with her patience in overcoming her earthly trials with gratitude for any small act of service or kindness given her. Seletta is survived by her brother Royal Morris (Mildred) and a sister-in-law Dorothy all from Park Valley, her sons; W. Morris (Debra) Pitcher of Providence, Jay A. (Paula) Pitcher of St. George and L.Dale (Rhonda) Pitcher of Hyde Park. Daughters; Rae Ann (K. Michael) Chapman of North Salt Lake City and Iva Jean (Jeffrey A.) House of Clarkston, Utah. Her posterity includes 33 grandchildren, 47 (and 8/9ths) great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Willard, Brother LeGrand, parents E. Ray and Tina Morris and three great grandsons; Draven Sands, Donovan & Lucas Fay.

Seletta was born August 11, 1915 in Harrisville Utah to E. Ray and Tina M. Kunzler Morris. She was raised in Rosette, Utah with two younger brothers, LeGrand and Royal. She had a wonderful childhood and learned early on the value of hard work. She lived through the depression and learned to be happy with what she had. Seletta completed her first eight grades at Rosette with the next two years of school in Park Valley. She then spent the next two years of high school in Brigham City where she stayed with her Uncle Alvin and Aunt Seeley working part time for her board and room. They were great to her as she got homesick from time to time. She also helped work in the sheep camp during the summer cooking for the men. The last year of high school, she stayed with Dr. Reese Merrill in Brigham working for her board and room. After graduation, she worked an additional year for he and his wife tending their children and doing housework. She earned enough for her tuition to Utah State Agricultural College where she lived with her Aunt Bessie working again for her room and board. She helped clean, cook, do dishes, make beds and do laundry for the other eight boarders also living with her Aunt. She was then called to and served a full time mission in the Northwestern States September 1937 through the fall of

1939. She then went back to school again at the AC and upon graduation she taught school at Lucen her first year (grades 1-8) and Corrine, Utah her second year before being called on another mission to the Eastern States. She went back to teach school again in Corrine and was teaching when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. During the summer she worked at Hill Field. In the fall she taught school at Tremonton, the sixth grade. She enjoyed this. She saw some of the soldiers go off to war and decided she wanted to help in the war. She went into nurses training as a Cadet Nurse in the U.S. Army which she wanted to do years ago. She was at the University of Utah for her training the first six months and then went to the L.D.S. Hospital being housed in the Beehive Annex next to the Beehive House and lived with 8 nurses whom she has remained good friends. Two of these nurses, Afton Hayward Stuart and Mary Gardiner passed away just this year.

She had been writing to a man who was in the army. His cousin and her friend from the AC started them writing to each other. The war ended and this soldier, Willard, came home from the army and then came down to meet her. She spent the last six months of her training in the nurses home. Willard courted her and they were engaged before she graduated in June 1947. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved to Logan where she continued at the AC and got her B. S. degree. They bought a small 50 acre farm and moved to Trenton which they thought would be a good place to raise their family. They had five children, three boys and two girls. This was her crowning glory. Much sacrifice was given to provide piano, organ, accordion, violin, flute, trumpet, french horn, saxophone and voice lessons for her children-let alone the cost of the instruments. Many hours were spent traveling and taking her children to these lessons where she would sit and do handiwork while she waited. She played the piano and accordion herself-though her children didn't know this until many had left home to go to college. She loved quilting, crocheting, and knitting. She lived alone after Willard died in 2005 and did so until after her first stroke in 2011. She had to learn to walk/talk/write-and do her ABC's three times in her life due to her strokes. She loved gardening and just prior to her first stroke at age 95 would be out in her yard pulling weeds, raking leaves and even mowing the lawn. The family in Washington were good to her and helped, however, she never wanted to be a burden to anyone. She did whatever she could by herself not asking for help. She never gave up! She did endure to the end graciously thanking her caregivers and asking if she could help them even the last few days before she died.

She worked part time at first at the Preston Hospital, then at the Logan Hospital and later at Dr. Ed's and Dr. Bob's Smithfield Clinic where she continued working even after her retirement when a nurse needed a day off or was sick. She loved the doctors she worked with and told many times how good they were to her and her family. She loved the nurses

there and kept in touch with them. Many visited her in Washington and through phone calls or letters—even as late as this spring.

Seletta held many positions of leadership in the L.D.S. Church including Relief Society President, and MIA President. Among those callings was that of a visiting teacher. She set an example of the importance of being a visiting teacher. When in her 90's she would say that she needed to get back to Washington to get her visiting teaching done. She was reminded that it was OK to make a call for one month, but she'd say, "I need to get back to help take care of the older people." She could always be found every Sunday afternoon and evening doing genealogy. She loved and lived it. She attended the temple doing two sessions each week. She last did a temple session spring of 2013 being 97 ½. This was just the week prior to her last debilitating stroke. She was our link to the past as she rekindled the Kunzler Reunion and made sure she attended her other reunions as well as Willard's and taught her children the importance of staying close with family. The memories and life lessons she has left behind will never be forgotten. Even though she came in a small package, she was mighty and made things happen.

She had a deep and abiding love of her Savior Jesus Christ and an unwavering testimony and love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her quiet example of faithfulness and diligence touched all who knew her. She could be found studying her scriptures in the stillness of the early morning. Her testimony remained unwavering and her great faith was a comfort to both her and her family.

Loved by all who knew her, admired for her amazing capacity for service and love to others. Her long years of sacrifice for her family will forever be a memorial to her and will never be forgotten. Even as we bid our farewells, others joyfully welcome her home and thus it is with sweet and full hearts that we send our dear one on her way after a life of 98 ½ years, well and honorably lived in the service of mankind and therefore in the service of her beloved Savior, Jesus Christ. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

We as a family truly thank all those who helped our family and Seletta since April 2013 when she came home on Hospice. Caregiver Support Network, the aids too numerous to list and especially Jamie Jones her Hospice Nurse. She was an incredible nurse and friend to her going above and beyond!

Funeral Services will be held at noon on February 15, 2014 in the Trenton Church 1200 N. 400 W. in Trenton, Utah. Viewings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. February 14 and from 9:30-11:30 on the 15th, both at the Trenton Church. Interment will be in the Trenton Cemetery.



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## Trenton Cemetery

4798 S 400 W

Trenton, UT,

# Events

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**FEB** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Trenton LDS Church

1200 N 400 W, Trenton, UT, US

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Trenton LDS Church

1200 N 400 W, Trenton, UT, US

# Comments

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“ She was a wonderful woman and a perfect Relief Society President. A Friend to everyone in our small community, and a powerful example of service. May the Lord bless your dear family. Seletta, you will be very missed by all who knew and loved you.

With sincere sympathies  
Josephine Smith  
(Formally of Trenton Utah)

Josephine Smith - February 22, 2014 at 05:19 PM

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“ My memories of her were that she was always smiling. She was busy and had something to say that made you think. She was productive with her time.

Mary Theurer "Rasin" Chapmans friend - February 22, 2014 at 01:48 AM

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“ Greetings and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your wonderful mother, from the Glendale Mouritsen family.

Stewart Mouritsen - February 16, 2014 at 12:36 AM

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“ So sorry we couldn't be with you today for Aunt Seletta's service. What a wonderful sweet lady Seletta was. Elliott has fond memories of going to Aunt Seletta and Uncle Wllards house when he was in college. We always enjoyed stopping in to visit with them in Washington. Our love and sympathy to all the family. Elliott, Loretta Morris & Family

Loretta Morris - February 15, 2014 at 04:28 PM

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“ didnt know her but her son is my landlord and he is a wonderful person my deepest sympathy to the family. Rita lee

rita lee - February 15, 2014 at 09:30 AM

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“ Seletta was one of my favorite people, always so happy it made it so much fun to visit her.  
She loves her family dearly, but sure wanted to stay independent. I sure can't blame her for that. She loved life, sharing, and her beautiful flowers. I was fortunate enough to be her visiting teacher and we went to the genealogy center together each week, for a while. She touched my life for the better, she will be happy to be with Willard again.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time.  
Carol and Lee Bunnell

**Carol Bunnell** - February 14, 2014 at 01:15 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



**Dale Pitcher** - February 14, 2014 at 12:53 PM

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“ It was a privilege to feel Seletta's spirit and get to know her in her last few weeks.  
What an incredible lady. Thanks for the memories.

**Louise Elliott** - February 14, 2014 at 11:55 AM

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“ Lynette Rix lit a candle in memory of Seletta Rae Morris Pitcher



**Lynette Rix** - February 14, 2014 at 10:32 AM

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“ Seletta brought something so special to our neighborhood the past couple of years. It was an honor getting to know her. I am so happy she is now with the love of her life, and the family that has passed before her. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

**Lynette Rix** - February 14, 2014 at 10:38 AM

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“ Dear Pitcher Family, We will never forget our special home teachers in Washington. I still have on my piano the "Jesus" plaque Willard made and the music Seletta shared with me. How we loved your Mother and Father, and enjoyed being neighbors with such great friends, We are grateful for the peace, love, and happiness they brought into the lives of so many people there in Washington, Utah.  
Johnny and Jan Asay

**Jan & Johnny Asay** - February 14, 2014 at 12:45 AM

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“ We send our love and condolences to the Pitcher family. Seletta is truly an "Angel of Mercy". Through the years, she has been a great friend to our family. Working side by side with Bonne at Dr. Bob's and Dr. Ed's clinic. Always positive and fun to be with. Her life is one to be admired as she strived to always serve others.  
Thank You for touching our family.  
Bonne Littledike and the Littledike family

**Dan Littledike** - February 13, 2014 at 11:59 PM

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“ I'm so sad to loose my companion. I always enjoyed curling up next to her and kissing her goodnight before she went to sleep. I'm not sure what I will do with all my spare time since she won't be there to snuggle with and caress me. I will love you always.  
Lucky



**Lucky** - February 13, 2014 at 02:23 PM



“ I'll Always remember you and the Great times we had together! I'll always miss your smiling face, and the hard work that you always were doing!  
Love,  
Your Favorite GrandSON Jared :)

**Jared** - February 13, 2014 at 10:01 PM



“ I will always remember your smile and your beautiful garden with all the flowers. You will be deeply missed. Love you, Paula

**Paula** - February 13, 2014 at 11:51 PM



“ To a beautiful wonderful humble sweet caring thoughtful compassionate loving lady.....yes, you will be missed here by those of us left behind.....you have left us with so many wonderful memories.....yes, we will miss that sweet smile and kind word you had for everyone.....but we are happy for you to be reunited with your sweetheart, and so many other loved ones who were there to greet you as you entered the peaceful eternal life to rest and once again work out there in your garden....but I'm not sure Heavenly Father requires you to do all that bottling and canning anymore....you can rest now! Seletta you truly were a special lady to me...I love you...I love your family! May Gods gentle arm surround those who loved you most with comfort and peace and know that you are in a better place...never to be forgotten but remembered always by your genuine example of love and service to others!

LaRene Chambers....neighbor and friend

**LaRene Chambers** - February 14, 2014 at 07:04 AM