



## Anna Merlynn Droubay Barrus

November 20, 1927 - November 19, 2014

Anna Merlynn Droubay Barrus, 87, died peacefully on November 19. Merlynn was born on Nov. 20, 1927 in Erda, Utah to John and Annie Droubay. By all reports, she had a mild and even temperament from the start. Growing up on a dairy farm, she learned the virtues of hard work and responsibility early. After graduating from Tooele High, she attended the University of Utah where she studied early childhood education. She married a Tooele boy, George Barrus, in the Salt Lake Temple on Dec. 3, 1948. In the midst of raising a large family, she was a sea of calm. She baked wonderful bread and made delicious pies and was almost always there when the children came home from school. Merlynn served faithfully in a multitude of church callings from Den Mother to Stake Relief Society president and fed and helped countless people throughout her life. She also made time to serve as a PTA president, a candy stripper, a member of the Provo City Planning Commission, and as a foster Grandmother.

George's work moved them to Idaho, Arizona, Iowa and several cities in Utah until they finally settled in Provo where they lived for 44 years. In 1994, Merlynn was pleased to complete a B.A. in English at BYU. Despite being a farm girl at heart and a homebody, Merlynn spent years globetrotting with her husband: BYU semesters abroad in Paris and Vienna, internships in Washington, DC and New York, and LDS missions to Newfoundland, Johannesburg, and Singapore. Her life was devoted to her family, her faith, and those around her. For the last two years of her life, she and George

moved to West Lafayette, Indiana where they lived with their daughter Michelle and her family.

She is survived by her husband George Barrus, her brother Wendell (and Geraldine) Droubay, sister-in-law Bonnie Droubay, and sister Bertha (and Dwight) Clark, her children Craig (and Monica) Barrus, David (and Sharon) Barrus, daughter-in-law Anna Leesa Stanley Barrus, Kent (and Katherine) Barrus, Brenda (and Brent) Christensen, Lee (and Cammie) Barrus, James (and Alisa) Barrus, Michelle (and Tad) Brinkerhoff, 31 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son John, brother Robert Droubay, and sisters Ruth Bryan and Kathleen Bradshaw. A viewing will be held Friday, November 28th, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Grandview 13th Ward chapel, 1260 W 1150 North, Provo. Funeral services will be at the same location Saturday, November 29 at 11:00am with a viewing preceding services from 9:00-10:30am. In lieu of flowers please donate to the LDS Humanitarian Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 East Lawn Drive  
Provo, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Grandview 13th Bldg  
1260 W 1150 N  
Provo, UT

## Viewing

NOV **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Grandview 13th Bldg  
1260 W 1150 N  
Provo, UT

## Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Grandview 13th Bldg  
1260 W 1150 N  
Provo, UT



# Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Merlynn Droubay Barrus*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I met sister Barrus in Sri Lanka in 1997. She was truly kind hearted lady. A true picture of maternity.*

**Udeni Raja Wijegunaratne** - June 01, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *To the Barrus family,  
I would like to send my remembrance to the Barrus family. My name is Joy Challis and I remember your family from the time you lived in Cedar City. My parents were Tom and Ruth Challis. They were good friends with your parents. David Barrus was in my elementary classes. I remember your parents from church and from the college. What wonderful people your parents were to me as a child. I am saddened at the death of your sweet mother. My own mother passed away in 2010. Now our mothers are having a wonderful reunion in heaven. My best to all of you.*

**Joy Challis** - December 16, 2014 at 12:15 AM

GM

“ I will always remember her calm eyes, her peaceful smile and her sweet demeanor. She made our South Africa Mission a pleasure due to her presence.  
I will cherish every moment I was around her.

*Dear George, my prayers are with you and your families. I know the Lord has given you and all of them a special PEACE that she would have wanted for you.*

*Love, Gerry in Lindon UT*

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**Gerry Miller** - November 29, 2014 at 02:38 PM

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“ What a wonderful example of living the attributes of our Savior in her life. I was one of the many who was blessed by eating at her dining table, fresh hot bread when the family lived in Cedar City Utah on the corner of 200 west and 200 south. Her Son David and I spent a lot of time together, one such trip to Salt Lake City Utah to attend General Conference where I first met President David O. McKay on the West side of the tabernacle. There as the group sang "We Thank Thee Oh God for a Prophet" was in my memory as a boy, my first spiritual confirmation that he was a prophet of God, the church was true and the tender example of how to treat your wife. Those spiritual memories have never left my mind.

*Fun to read they served a mission in Singapore, my sweetheart and I are just finishing up our wonderful mission in Singapore Mission on Dec 12th, 2014 where we have spent most of time in East Malaysia with the Iban tribe people.*

*Our love to your family and David hope to see you again.*

*Brent and Marie Boyter*

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**Brent Boyter** - November 27, 2014 at 08:42 PM

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“ *Annalisa & Kemsley Corell purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Anna Merlynn Droubay Barrus.*



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**Annalisa & Kemsley Corell** - November 25, 2014 at 06:41 AM

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“ *She was the sweetest, kindest, most loving person anyone could ever know. I feel lucky to have been related to her.*  
*Karen Bryan*

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**Karen Bryan** - November 25, 2014 at 01:17 AM