



Charleen Johnson Backus

May 15, 1929 - August 17, 2024

Our mother, grandmother and friend, Charleen Johnson Backus, passed away at home on August 17, 2024. Charleen was born on May 15, 1929, in Cowley, Wyoming to Paul Collard Johnson and Amanda Florence Matlock Johnson. She married Renald Fredrick Backus on June 21, 1947, in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple. Charleen made many lasting friends while working at the Utah Insurance Department, retiring after many years of service. She also had amazing friends from her ward and neighborhood, including her “widow’s group” and “music group”. Char loved to play the organ and could “rock” the house with Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy, Star Dust, Heartaches and many others. She also loved to crochet, making and gifting hundreds of Afghans, baby blankets, tablecloths and doilies. She was fiercely independent and took great pride in taking care of herself to the very end.

Charleen was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving in many church positions, including serving with her husband for 6 ½ years at the Mount Timpanogos Temple. She is survived by four sons: Fred (Jan) Backus; Rodney (Carrie) Backus; Jeffrey Backus; and Kim Backus; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and great-great. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three brothers.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 12 Noon at the Saratoga Stake Center located at 568 South Saratoga Drive, Saratoga Springs, Utah. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services. Interment is at

Redwood Memorial Estates at 6500 S Redwood Road.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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568 South Saratoga Drive
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

Family Service

AUG **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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