Frances Young Duke Merrell

February 25, 1933 - November 5, 2019

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2/25/33 - 11/5/19

A spectacular reunion occurred last week in West Bountiful,when Frances Merrell peacefully joined her sweetheart, Grant, after 10 years apart.

She was born and raised in Heber, the 2nd of 5 daughters of Wendell and Sina Duke (sisters Virginia, Merle, Ella and Laurel). After a whirlwind romance, she married the love of her life in the Salt Lake Temple June 26,1956. They lived and loved together in Vernal for nearly 50 years, then Ftn. Green for 4 more. She moved to West Bountiful in 2010 after Grant’s passing. She is survived by four children: Elaine (John) Ranger, Karla (Mark) Coombs, Paul (Jodi) Merrell, Jane (Jeff) Huefner, 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Frances was extraordinarily patient, an exceptional listener, and had a gift for quietly serving and loving others. Her home was a frequent destination for the children in her life where they were free to explore, cook, dress up, and invent to their heart's content. She always had a book to share, fresh homemade bread, and all the time in the world for whomever she was with.

Her impact will live on with all who were fortunate enough to cross her path.

We will hold her in our hearts as we, in her words, ‘keep-a-keepin’,’ and ‘just do our thing’ as ‘life goes on!’.

In lieu of flowers, take someone you love out for ice cream.

Funeral services: Friday, 11/15/19, 11:30. Viewing 10-11. 1750 N 900 W West Bountiful, UT. Interment: Jensen Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

West Bountiful Ward
1750 North 900 West
West Bountiful, UT 84087

Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Jensen Cemetery
5100 9000 E St
Jensen, UT 84035

Tribute Wall

Frances Young Duke Merrell

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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I knew Frances years ago in Vernal. She had such a beautiful singing voice, and was a really good person. My love and sympathy to her family.

Carma Richens - November 15, 2019 at 06:56 PM

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I love this beautiful lady!
I will miss her warm hugs, her beautiful smile, and her book recommendations.
I am blessed to have been loved by her!

Carol Carroll - November 13, 2019 at 08:08 PM