



Jennie Nevitt Ney Barber

October 20, 1921 - September 12, 2016

Jennie Nevitt Ney Barber, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2016 in Orem, Utah at the age of 94. She was born on October 20, 1921 in Vermillion, Alberta, Canada to Joseph Williams Nevitt and Edith Dixon Nevitt.

Jennie grew up in Canada and England learned the values of hard work and loyalty from her family. She worked her entire life as a dedicated caretaker for the elderly as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). While in Canada Jennie married and had two daughters, Evelyn and Gloria. In 1950 she met and married Joseph James Ney and began making her home in Payson, Utah. In 1968, Joseph passed away leaving Jennie to be the primary breadwinner and nurturer of their four children Larry, Sheila, Kim and Michael. As another testament to her family love and loyalty, she was not only a grandmother, but also a mother to four of her grandchildren Becki, Aimee, Ryan, and Kassie. She spent her entire life in constant devotion to her family.

All that knew Jennie would describe her as spirited, quick-witted, and caring. As portrayed by her grandson Ryan, "I never had a better friend than her my whole life. She was there for me when I had no one. She was there for me when I had everything. My daughter Jennie carries on her name and memory of being a sweet, funny, and sassy woman with more love than this world could contain. Grandma's arms now spread through the Universe and are hugging us now."

Jennie is survived by her children, grandchildren, and 94 years worth of countless friends.

Jennie is preceded in death by numerous family members and her adored daughter Sheila.

Thank you to the various family members who have supported Grandma over the many years. Also a very special thank you to the wonderful staff at Canyon Breeze Assisted Living Center in Orem – in particular thank you to her aides Victoria and Jill who made her feel so very special. Another special friend to Jennie was Dick Hunsacker of Springville, Utah. Dick was a neighbor and friend without measure who assisted Jennie with so many household tasks when she was living independently for many years.

A private family graveside service will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Payson City Cemetery.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Payson City Cemetery
400 North 800 East
Payson, UT 84651

Tribute Wall



“ *Jennie Nevitt Ney Barber*

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“ *To me, Jennie was a beautiful woman, who was never afraid to speak her mind, even when the truth hurt. Some people distanced themselves from her for this reason. She had no filter, and I loved that about her.*

She helped me understand this wonderful man I married. She always welcomed me into her life, which was truly an honor. Being loved by those who are not obligated by blood to put up with us is such a blessing. I treasure my memories of her. Long talks over tea, in the deep night, while she was living with us. Seeing her with my babies, listening to her talk about her loved ones who had stepped out of her life for a time. Even in the middle of those struggles, she shared the best memories of their young lives with me.

The love she had for her children, grandchildren, and friends never waivered. She was many things to many people. To me, I am so thankful for the 14 years I had the privilege of calling her Grandma.

Kimberly Thompson - September 16, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ I never had a better friend than her in my whole life. She was there for me when I had no one. She was there for me when I had every thing. She was hilarious and sweet, and spicy! I can't believe I haven't gotten to come see her in so long. I miss my grandma Jennie Barber .

Her granddaughter Jennie carries on her name, and my family will carry on her memory of being a sweet, funny and sassy woman with more love than this world could contain.

Her arms now spread through the universe and are hugging us right now.

She took care of so many. Her whole life she spent as a care giver and a provider. Even now, I feel her comfort.

If anyone learned anything from this wonderful lady, it was how to be honest, and direct. She wore her heart on her sleeve, and this is what I loved most about her.



Ryan Thompson - September 14, 2016 at 01:01 PM