



## Maxine Maybelle Barger

July 18, 1926 - February 11, 2023

Funeral Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97201370613>

Maxine Maybelle Robinson Olmstead Barger (Micki), 96, passed away on February 11, 2023, in Spanish Fork, UT. She was born on July 18, 1926, in Myrtle Point, Oregon to Herbert Harry Robinson and Laura Belle Newland. She married Thomas H. Olmstead on April 21, 1943, in Vallejo, California. They had two daughters, Sharon Lynn and Michele Laura. They were later divorced. She married Wayne P. Barger on March 1, 1949, in Reno, Nevada. They had two daughters together, Denise Narna and Vicki Lee. They were later sealed in the Los Angeles, California Temple. Wayne also brought his three children from a previous marriage into their family: Lynn, Ida and Jimmy Barger. They looked to Micki as their mother and she loved them the same as her own children.

Micki's dad was a logger and her mom cooked for the logging crew. In the summers her family lived in a boxcar cabin (similar to the Boxcar Children) in the woods 25 miles outside of Klamath Falls, Oregon. One year an orphaned fawn was found near the camp and some of the crew captured it and gave it to Micki to raise. She shared fond memories of using a beer bottle with a nipple attached to feed the little deer, which she named Skeezix, after a popular comic strip at the time. It followed her around camp, and came running to her when she called it. When Momma was gone running errands as

the camp “roustabout”, Micki was left to do the cooking. Her younger brother, Ramie, had to help her lift the heavy iron cookpot onto the old wood burning stove. She always remembered baking her first cake--the heat was inconsistent in the wood stove, making it very tricky. Her family moved around a lot--they just rented whatever house was available in town when they went back each fall so Micki and Ramie could go to school. She attended schools in Klamath Falls, Oregon and Vallejo California. To earn money, Micki started babysitting at age 12 for 50 ¢ a night--that included doing the dishes, ironing, housework and putting the kids to bed. She was saving for a pair of Chicago roller skates. She loved her Chicagos! They had removable wheels, so you could walk home in the cute white boots after an day of skating. Micki loved to roller skate! She met her first husband at the skating rink. Even into her later years, she still had dreams at night that she was skating! Micki and her second husband, Wayne, moved around a lot, and when Micki was 41, Wayne had his first heart attack. He could no longer work, so Micki went to work at the Brown & Haley Candy Company in Tacoma, Washington. They lived in nearby Olalla for 16 years. Finally Micki got to sink some roots! Giving gifts and cards was very important to Micki. Every family member and all her friends received specially chosen gifts, birthday cards and Christmas cards each year. It was a hard time for Micki when she was no longer able to shop for gifts and cards personally. Micki & Wayne lived in Alaska from 1983 to 1988 where they built a beautiful new home at Peter’s Creek, just outside of Anchorage while Wayne was working as a Contractor building homes. Micki loved life in Alaska! She worked the front desk at a Boy’s & Girl’s Club in Anchorage. They lived in many other places including Grants Pass and Grangeville, Idaho, where they were living when Wayne passed away. When Micki was about 70, she decided she wanted to get her GED since she never graduated, so she went to the local High School to find out what to do. They gave her some workbooks to take home and complete. She said they weren’t hard, so she kept working on it until all she had left was math. The math “freaked” her out so she decided not to finish. Micki had always wanted to

drive the 1,382 mile AlCan highway, so the summer she turned 75, Micki and her friend Ruthann, (traveling with Ruthann's family) took a road trip and drove an old pickup truck from Grangeville, Idaho to Eagle, Alaska, where she stayed for the summer, then left the truck with her daughter, Vicki, who was living there. Micki was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held many callings through the years. Micki always wanted to be a better dancer. She also wanted to learn to swim, but was terrified of the water. She finally joined a water exercise class and became comfortable spending time at the shallow end of the pool. Micki had three wishes: more knowledge, awareness and education as a young woman; solidarity and continuity in her life as a young mother; and peace of mind now. Her advice to young people today: "It's what you learn after you 'know it all' that counts."

Micki is survived by her four daughters: Shari (Philip) Bloomfield of Spanish Fork, Utah; Michele (Val-deceased) Afemata of Bellflower, California; Dede Aune of Eureka, Montana; and Vicki Roberts of Tacoma, Washington; two sons: Lynn (Gloria) Barger of Benton City, Washington; and Jimmy (Judy) Barger of Grangeville, Idaho; twenty-six grandchildren, eighty-two great-grandchildren and many, many, many great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; son-in-law, Vailesami Afemata; step-daughter, Ida Haines; step-son-in-law, Sam Haines; step-grand-daughters, Lynn Marie Deggs and Becky Haines; her parents; siblings: Richard James Robinson, Raymond Duane (Ramie) Robinson and her sister Francis Elvira McKeehan.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Spanish Fork 14th Ward Chapel, 1750 East 750 South, Spanish Fork, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to the funeral from 9:00 to 10:30. Burial will be in the Spanish Fork City Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Hearthstone Manor and Utah Home Health and Hospice for the love, dedication and excellent care they gave to Micki over the past four and a half years.

To view the funeral via live stream please use this website: <https://zoom.us/j/97201370613>

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Spanish Fork 14th Ward  
1750 E 750 S,  
Spanish Fork, UT

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Spanish Fork 14th Ward  
1750 E 750 S,  
Spanish Fork, UT

## Burial

FEB 17. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Spanish Fork City Cemetery  
420 S 400 E  
Spanish Fork, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Maybelle Barger*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Micki was my Young Women's teacher and friend while she & Wayne lived in Olalla, WA. They were both so loved! She used to bring us “seconds” from the Brown & Haley company as treats for our week night MIA class. We loved getting the delicious chocolates. I would also spend time with her at their home where I'm sure she taught me some of her cooking skills. I loved being with she & Wayne! They both showed so much love to the youth in our small branch / Ward in Gig Harbor. When Wayne had a heart attack, I remember her taking me to the hospital with her so I could see him. When I graduated from high school, Micki and Wayne gave me a small wooden chest (I think they got from furniture store Wayne worked at in Tacoma) filled with chocolates. I still have that little chest 50 years later and think of them every time I look at. She was always kind, supportive and loving. I am blessed to have known her while they lived in the Gig Harbor, WA area. She will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️. I'm glad that she is now blessed to be able to spend eternity with her sweetheart, Wayne. Love you, Micki 🥰. Pam Ingalls Elliott Matson*

Pam Ingalls Elliott Matson - June 10, 2023 at 03:22 PM

SB

“ Grandma barger was my great grandmother. I was so incredibly blessed to have her in my life. She was so a kind and caring and I got spend many of my childhood summers together with her and my grandma Vicki in Alaska. These are some of the greatest memories as a child that I hold dearly. I know I got on grandma barger’s nerves at times haha! Staying up too late watching TV or not listening. But I know she loved me so much and I love her and miss her every day. She will always have a special place in my heart. I’m very grateful that my son was also able to meet his great great grandmother, she was amazing. We love you grandma.

Shalece Butler-Woods - February 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM

HU

“ Grandma was one of a kind truly! There are so many things i could say about her , her beauty , her compassion , her loving spirit and her quiet wisdom! Anyone who knows me , truly knows me will tell you that she was my angel on earth! My best friend my confidant and my cheerleader! When i was little and my grandpa was gone i would sleep over with her in her big king size bed and stare at her picture on grandfathers night stand in awe of her beauty! When i was older i would stare at her in awe of her love for her family. She never left anyone out , not spouses or boyfriends or girlfriends just love and accepted all! You are and always will be my hero gram! Always your special girl as she would say! i hope to be half the grandmother, mother, sister , friend that you were to so many! Love you more than infinite grams!



Heather Uribe - February 17, 2023 at 10:36 AM

DJ

“ Grandma was a true lady; gracious, kind, loving and charming in all ways. She spoiled all her grandchildren and we each only ever felt love and acceptance in her presence. I have wonderful memories of her and I am so fortunate that she was able to watch me become a Nana and get to spend time with my Kyaire. I will miss her greatly, but I am comforted knowing she had such a great impact on us all over the years. Love you Grams!



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**Desiree Jones** - February 17, 2023 at 03:30 AM

SB

“ My grandma Micki always took special care into looking after her grandchildren she made us dresses for Christmas when we were little and I remember Sunday dinners all the time growing up in Washington. I did not have any children of my own but I am a dog Mama and Grandma was always really good about acknowledging that she'd send me mother's Day cards and wish me happy mother's Day and would send Stella Mae who is my dog, my baby, birthday cards on her birthday. She was so greatly unique in so many ways and I love her very much and will miss her tons and tons. I love you Grandma, Schantel and Stella Mae!!💖🐶💜

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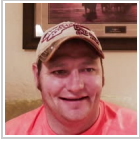
**Schantel Butler** - February 17, 2023 at 02:51 AM

CB

“ I remember spending a summer with Gramma in Idaho. She had beautiful horses and a peaceful atmosphere. She had a very kind and gentle spirit about her. Every time I called her on the phone, she was very happy and so loving and encouraging. She was very grateful. And enjoyed taking walks.

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**Cristy D Barger** - February 17, 2023 at 12:40 AM



“ Grandma Micki was one of the sweetest, kindest individuals I've ever known. You could call on her for almost anything and she was there for you. I am so thankful for the years she and Grandpa Wayne lived in Grangeville. Living in such a small community with them allowed me to get to know her so much more than I would have ever imagined. As a young teenage boy, you quickly gravitate towards those warm homes where the meals are hot and plentiful. Some of my fondest of memories are around the dinner table partaking in some of Grandma Micki's finest dishes. She will be missed by many, but we are all better off having known her. Thank you God for bringing this woman into our lives!

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**Rodney Barger** - February 17, 2023 at 12:39 AM

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“ My Gram means so much to me. She was always there for me. I would call her when I had the best day and when I had the worst day. She could make any day the best for me. She had the best advice and was so wise for us kids. I visited her several times over the years in Idaho and Utah. I was so blessed to have her at my high school graduation and first wedding. I remember my last visit with her in June 2021. She asked me why Jesus was keeping her here and didn't want her yet. It broke my heart. I told her because she just wasn't done yet on earth. I find so much peace in knowing the my beautiful Gram is dancing with our beloved Jesus now. I was lucky to have lived with her as a kid and to always have her a phone call away. Even when she couldn't remember as much anymore, she always knew who I was. I know she always knew how much I loved her. Save a place for me grandma. Until we meet again. I love you so much ❤️



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**Michelle Smith** - February 16, 2023 at 08:57 PM

DA

“Micki is my mother, my mentor, and my best friend. She also was my cheerleader, always there to encourage me in life. I remember her telling me that a day doesn't go by that she didn't think of her mom, I'm sure it will be the same for all of us. She was an amazing person and her family was so incredibly blessed to have her for so long. I want to thank my Utah family for all the care and love you provided her, much love to all of you. Dede

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**Denise Aune** - February 16, 2023 at 05:48 PM

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“I have so many fond memories of my Grandma Mickie. I always remember her being so very kind and gentle. She loved all of her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. I was so fortunate to know her growing up. She made the best shake-n-bake chicken and chocolate sheet cake. When we lived in Alaska, we would go and stay the night with her and grandpa and they would let us stay up very late watching HBO, Then during the day we could watch MTV. Grandma was able to be at our wedding and also be here for the birth of our twins, Karys and Haley. Not every child gets to know their great grandparent, and I am thankful that Karys and Haley did. So many things to be thankful for with Grandma Mickie. I love her very much and she will be so very missed. Love-Kressent, Mike, Karys and Haley



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**Kressent** - February 16, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Mickie is my mother. She has been a constant source of love and strength and support to me throughout my entire life. She is a gentle spirit who is always looking out for everyone. God could not have blessed me more. Such a loving , kind, generous Mama and grandma. I was a very young mother and could not have done it without her strong support and love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her* 💕💕🙏🙏

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**Vicki Roberts** - February 16, 2023 at 02:17 PM