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On October 14, 2024 our beloved mother passed away and returned home to her sweetheart and heavenly home. Patricia is survived by her children, LeeAnn (Rick) Klemetson, Richard (Tiffany) Cobia, and Kathy (David) Jacobson, their 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Patricia was born July 12, 1931 in St. George Utah to William Arthur Whitehead and Clara Myrtle Watson. When Patricia was two weeks old her mother Clara passed away and Patricia moved to Salt Lake City and was adopted by her aunt and uncle, Leah Whitehead and Nathaniel Libby Smith. Her father Nathaniel then passed away when Patricia was four years old.

Patricia grew up in a loving home. Due to the loss of her father she particularly enjoyed her close association with her uncle George Albert Smith. Finances were a struggle for Patricia and her mother in her growing years. Therefore they moved a lot and often lived with family. In her grade years she attended Uintah and Hawthorne Elementary Schools, Irving Jr High and South High School. She never liked going to school because it was difficult for her. Despite this, Patricia attended

LDS business college and received secretarial training. She then became the breadwinner for her and her mother. Patricia worked for a number of different

businesses ending her career working as secretary to the Vice President of The University of Utah, G. Homer Durham.

Pat met her sweetheart, David Woodruff Cobia, at church when he was serving as Elders Quorum President while Patricia served as MIA president. They were married on August 28, 1961, days before they needed to move to Lafayette, IN so David could attend Purdue University to obtain his doctorate degree. While there their first two children were born to them, LeeAnn and Rick. Upon graduation, David and Pat moved to Fargo, ND where Kathy was born and they raised their children.

Pat was very active in her faith and church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held many callings, including ward and stake Relief Society President. She was also very supportive of her husband's callings as he served as District President and later typed almost 1,000 Patriarchal Blessings as David served as Patriarch. In 1998 both David and Pat served an office mission for 18 months in the Melbourne West Australia Mission.

After their mission they moved to Provo, Utah where they lived for 24 years. While there they loved the friendships they developed in their ward and neighborhood, as well as serving in the Provo Temple together each week. Pat was well known for her love of BYU football. Every year, David would display a countdown of how many days till the first BYU football game.

Pat was very artistic. She was very studious in learning various types of art including but not limited to Bavarian Folk Art and pencil drawings. She became very proficient in these areas.

Pat displayed a very fun sense of humor which lasted up until the end. She also had the kindest heart. She loved and showed interest in anyone who came across her path. All of her children and grandchildren felt so loved by

her. Her grandchildren in Utah never felt like they could get married until they got the approval of their grandma.

Pat's effect on the world will go on through the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Timpanogos Memorial Gardens

1000 N. 400 East
Orem, UT 84057

Previous Events

Viewing

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

Oak Hills 1st Ward
1038 N 1200 E
Provo, UT

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Oak Hills 1st Ward
1038 N 1200 E
Provo, UT

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Oak Hills 1st Ward
1038 N 1200 E
Provo, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ *The first image that comes to mind of Sister Cobia is her eyes being innocent & accepting.*

I remember Sister Cobia in the early 1970's teaching me in Seminary and Sunday School at the small Fargo, ND Branch on 17th Ave and 16th St.

I remember her bearing testimony every Fast Sunday. This was when you stood up where you were sitting and gave your testimony. She would wait for others, but if there was a long pause, she would stand.

I am fortunate to have known such a comforting spirit as hers. Nice to know she is reunited with Brother Cobia.

~David Hanks

David Hanks - November 17, 2024 at 09:35 PM

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“ *When Pat and David first moved into the Oak Hills First Ward in Provo, JoAnne Hickman and I were privileged to be her visiting teachers. We loved her immediately and thoroughly enjoyed our visits with her. When we were asked to trade her for another sister, (we were already visiting five) we begged and pleaded to keep her, and gladly added the other sister to our list! Pat became one of my dearest friends. She and David were loved by everyone in our neighborhood, even when he would bring us huge zucchini squash from his garden! Carol Lee. November 9th*

Carol Lee - November 09, 2024 at 01:42 PM

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“ I recall her as a very caring women in the Fargo Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Her husband would later become the Branch President. But she remained caring for anyone she came to know for how ever short or long she knew them. I will forever love her and Dave. I will miss her in mortality but I will look for her in the eternity's. I will Charish that reunion forever there with her and Dave.

Roger Wimpfheimer - October 28, 2024 at 12:36 AM