



## Virginia Nielsen Braley

August 7, 1938 - June 20, 2015

Virginia Nielsen Braley, passed from this life on Saturday, June 20, 2015, in Spanish Fork, Utah at the age of 76. She was at home with her husband and her oldest son when she passed away.

Mom was born on August 7, 1938, in San Francisco, California to James “Jim” Wilson Nielsen and Margaret Nancy Thomas Nielsen. She grew up in Midvale, Utah, and graduated from Jordan High School. She then moved to Seattle, Washington, where she took a job with Boeing. After 5 years, she moved to La Mesa, CA where her parents were currently living. It was there that she met and fell in love with her husband Earlan and were married on May 3, 1963, in the Los Angeles Temple. While living in the San Diego area, they had two daughters, Jolynn and Janell. In 1966, while working for CalTrans, Dad received a transfer to the San Francisco Bay Area. After living in Hayward for two years, they purchased a home in Union City where their first two sons, Jerrod and Kalen, were born in the next couple of years. Then at the young age of 40, Mom had twin sons, Kurtis and Kordel. The Braleys made Union City their home for the next 33 years. In 2001, Mom and Dad moved to Liberty Lake, Washington, and eventually to Spanish Fork, Utah in 2006.

After spending years as a dedicated home maker, when the youngest boys got older, she began working for the school district for several years at James Logan High School where all of her kids would eventually attend.

Mom was a lifelong faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints. She served faithfully in several church positions. Some of her favorite callings included girl's camp advisor, early morning seminary teacher, and working with the youth in general. Mom and Dad also served a church service mission for the California Oakland Mission from 1999 to 2001.

As an active LDS member, Virginia loved planning parties and activities with several other ward members. She was often the life of the party and her social get-togethers were never to be missed. Her love of life and sharing everything was always on full display with both family and friends.

Mom and Dad also took the kids on numerous road trips to visit extended family from Utah to New England. Mom was extremely patriotic and loved music. Other hobbies included playing the piano, quilting, swimming, scrapbooking, family history, and planning family gatherings.

As grandchildren came along, Mom loved to spend time with them. She absolutely adored all of her children and grandchildren and spent most of her time planning activities and thinking about them. Once in Utah, Mom planned monthly activities at her home and helped keep the family together. She loved using e-mail, text, and Facebook to keep in touch with everyone.

Mom is survived by her husband of 52 years, Earlan Carroll Braley; her six children: Jolynn (Jay Clegg), Janell (Troy Adamson), Jerrod, Kalen (Paula), Kurtis (Jenni), and Kordel (Heather); 18 grandchildren: Emily (Brandon Jones), Bryce Johnson, Marissa Clegg, Mathew Adamson, Holly Clegg, Julianna Braley, Seth Adamson, Hayden Clegg, Tessa Braley, McKay Clegg, Corinne Braley, Ashton Braley, Shane Braley, Capri Braley, Elise Braley, Lyric Braley, Paige Braley, and Lawson Braley; two great-grandchildren Britain Jones and Charlotte Jones; her two brothers: Thomas Nielsen (Cathy) and Douglas Nielsen (Jennette). She is preceded in death by her parents (Jim and Margaret Nielsen), and her two sisters: Nancy Ann Jessee and Barbara Howe.

Viewing and Funeral Services will be held at the LDS chapel at 1470 East 130 North, Spanish Fork, Utah. The viewing will be held Wednesday, June 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, June 25, at

11:00 a.m. Interment will occur Thursday morning before the funeral at Spanish Fork Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the LDS Temple Patron Assistance Fund (<http://www.ldsphilanthropies.org/temple/funds/temple-patrons-fund.html>). We wish to thank our brother Jerrod, and our sister Jolynn, and her family, for their dedicated service to mom at the end.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **24.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Spanish Fork LDS Chapel  
1470 E 130 N  
Spanish Fork, UT

## Graveside Service

JUN **25.** 9:45 AM - 10:40 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Spanish Fork LDS Chapel  
1470 E 130 N  
Spanish Fork, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Nielsen Braley*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *When I moved to California, Virginia was the first person to greet me and make me feel welcomed. The Union City Ward became my home away from home. Virginia and I worked together in Young Women and teaching Early Morning Seminary. I just loved Earlan and Virginia. Their family became my family and her girls my babysitters. She had such a sparkle and joy of living. I cherish the time I spent with her and regret my smart phone did not notify me of Jared's message telling me of her passing. May you all be comforted at her life SOOO well lived. Virginia! I am sending you lots of love. Earlan, you had such good taste in marrying her. May you be comforted in the days ahead.*

*Karen Boren, Lehi ,UT*

**Karen Boren** - June 27, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ *Genet Orme purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Virginia Nielsen Braley.*



**Genet Orme** - June 25, 2015 at 02:07 PM




“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Nielsen Braley.*



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June 24, 2015 at 08:58 AM

 Tracy  
Girardelli

“ *I love Virginia...My Union City Mom. When my husband and I were newly married we were in the same ward in UC with Virginia and Earlan. When I was pregnant with my first child, Kelsey, Virginia and I would do water aerobics in her backyard pool in the mornings. Later, as Kelsey reached nursery age, Earlan was the grandpa of the nursery. We still even have the tie quilts she made for our children. Virginia has always been so kind, supportive, and caring to me and my family. She has blessed my life in so many ways and will be greatly missed.*

*With all our love,*

*Tracy & Gary Girardelli*



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**Tracy Girardelli** - June 23, 2015 at 08:35 PM

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“ Thinking of you all and sending our love and prayers to all during this difficult time.

Love,

Sherry, James and the Kids

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Sherry - June 23, 2015 at 03:45 PM

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“ I loved your mom, she was so much fun at Girl's camp back in the 80s. She always had a smile on her face, and a kind word for everyone. She will be missed. I know she is a great blessing to those she is with in Heaven. May your family be comforted, and know that one day, the reunion will be spectacular when you are all together again.

Much love,  
Joann(Kelly)Silva

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Theresa Joann (Kelly) Silva - June 23, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ We really enjoyed getting to know Virginia and Earlan through our PALS group (empty nesters) in Sunny Ridge. Virginia was always so kind and cheerful. She loved her children and grandchildren and was proud of each one. It was fun to meet at Earlan's and Virginia's home because of all the beautiful photos of their family members that were on display.

Our love and condolences to Earlan and the rest of the family  
Julie and Earl Jorgensen

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Earl N Julie Jorgensen - June 22, 2015 at 10:42 PM

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“ While still in high school, I was in invited for a meeting. It was an opportunity to become a distributor for Amway. I thought it was a bit strange for a high school student, since I was planning on serving a mission. I also remember I was given the opportunity to drive the red Volkswagen bus to an activity. I was a bit scared, but knowing how to drive a stick shift, I think it went well. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.  
Craig leatham.

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**Robert Craig Leatham** - June 22, 2015 at 09:17 PM