



"Winkie" Ola Ruth Mobley Rush

June 21, 1923 - May 8, 2022

WINKIE RUSH

Ola Ruth Mobley Rush, 98 years and 47 weeks, passed away on 8 May 2022 at Legacy Village in Taylorsville, Utah. She was born in 1923 in Adams, Oregon. Nicknamed "Winkie" as a child for her love of a song her father sang to her. The refrain was: "Lolly wo Winkie doodle lolly wo lolly wo winkie doodle lolly wo."

She was born on June 21, 1923, the longest day of the year. She married Edwin Lewis Rush. They were married in Eugene, Lane, Oregon on 24 July 1945. They were sealed in the Oakland Temple in 1968.

Winkie's life as a military wife spanned over 20 years and took her to Japan, the Philippine Islands, Washington, Oregon, Texas, and California. Winkie was also an artist who hung her charcoal drawings in her home. Other hobbies included gardening, sewing, doing crossword puzzles, and reading. She was able to travel to England and France with her oldest sister Ladelle Mobley Houglum. Until retirement she was a nurse who worked in Urology. Winkie received her Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics from San Jose State College in California.

She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1965 and was

endowed in 1967. Winkie served in the Church in many capacities including Primary Teacher, Sunday School teacher, and Cub Scout Den leader. She was a genealogist and was a Savior in Mt. Zion. One of her last callings, at age 98, was to write monthly letters to ward missionaries. According to her granddaughter, Alysa Leigh, she read her scriptures and prayed daily.

In the community, she served 17 years as a volunteer in the Special Ed Department of Bennion Junior High School and also served as a substitute teacher who the students addressed as "Grandma."

She is remembered by her family as a homemaker who kept a very clean household; she baked lemon bars, brownies, black candy, taffy, fixed homemade orange rolls and chocolate mint cream pie from scratch.

She is survived by her three children: Nancy Jean Rush Wing (divorced Thomas David Wing), (Livonia, New York), Terrill James Rush Lewis (Lynette Nielsen) (West Valley City, Utah), and Carole Joyce Rush Dehnel (John G Dehnel) (Taylorsville, Utah). Also survived by six grandchildren: David Jonathan Wing, Aleta Narelle Wing Leigh (Michael Eldon Leigh), Nadine Renee Wing Bailey (Travis James Bailey), Yvonne Michelle Wing Lyon Hawkins (Chase Lee Hawkins), Kirk Edward Dehnel, and Laura Jean Dehnel. At the time of her death she had 12 great grandchildren: Alysa Narelle Leigh, Keven Thomas Leigh, Keeth Eldon Leigh, Sage Vivian Lyon, Violet Rae Lyon, Memory Rose Hawkins, Ember Bay Hawkins, Autumn Harley Hawkins, Zoe Karen Bailey, Megan Elayne Bailey, Miranda Gwen Bailey, and Veronica Selene Bailey.

Winkie was preceded in death by her eternal companion Edwin Lewis Rush and the entire Mobley family which included her parents: John Franklin Mobley, his wife Florence Nina Terrill Mobley and her five siblings which are: Angela Ladelle Mobley (husband Roger Houglum), Chester Marshall Mobley

(wife Bessie Mae Roberts), Mary Belle Mobley, David Terrill Mobley (wife Irene Bernice Oakes) and Bruce Justin Mobley (wife Martha Narelle Porter). Also, a granddaughter: Vivian Lorraine Wing, a niece Rhonda Denise Mobley Hass and a grandniece Kendi Delyse Hagans Highland. She was the longest living Mobley in her genealogical history.

Thank you to Legacy Village of Taylorsville who gave Winkie such kind care during her stay and subsequent passing. Winkie was an extrovert who was remembered by the staff as a spunky individual who let them know she was going to be 99 on her birthday in June. She had a vibrant testimony of Jesus Christ.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serentiyfhs.com .

Cemetery Details

Los Gatos Memorial Park

2255 Los Gatos Almaden Rd
San Jose, CA 95124

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 13. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 255-2801
<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

West Valley Stake Center
3676 South 4700 West
West Valley City , UT 84120

Tribute Wall



“ *"Winkie" Ola Ruth Mobley Rush*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I remember "Mrs. Rush" from my high school years in Sunnyvale CA. She was always vivacious and attentive, and she and her husband, "Mr. Rush", treated me with consideration, love, and humor. I was a bit of a loose canon, and they were very helpful at keeping me on track. They were a nurturing couple, and allowed we kids to be ourselves. Everyone spoke their minds. They allowed some crazy adventures, while still keeping a bit of a handle on things. They bought Nancy a large military class Willys station wagon as her first car for her safety. Nancy said Winkle had a thing about cars breaking down in those days. The moment anything went wrong in the family car, even a broken ashtray, she would insist Edwin buy a new car - and he loved her enough to do so. Winkle, Nancy and her young ladies, had a reunion of sorts with my wife and I and my mom at a campground in Southern California some 30 years ago. She and my mom always got along great, were both fantastic people-persons, and both had that special equanimity that comes with being a military wife. She dearly loved and respected her husband, and it is a comfort and joy to know they are reunited in Heaven.*

Les Trejo - May 17, 2022 at 02:04 PM



Brings back memories laying dormant in my mind

Nancy Rush Wing - May 27, 2022 at 07:10 AM



“ Today my friend, Winkie Rush passed away on Mothers Day. I was very sad when she passed away. She almost made it to one hundred years old. She was 98 years old.

I have many memories of her. One of my memories of her is when in 2018 we moved into our new house. She lived 2 houses down. When I walked to her house she welcomed me to sit with her under her walnut tree. We talked all day long about random topics. One time she even gave me pizza while I was there. She liked to smile a lot when I was around and when I was not.

We became best friends and I sat with her at church while we listened to the speakers. She also gave me bags of delicious candy and walnuts for sitting by her. I did not tell Mom or Dad about the candy. I also have memories of her son Terry and Terry's wife Lynette. They were awesome. Terry was the one that did all the work for Winkiy and Lynette. Terry helps us with our flower bed and trimming the tree and lots of other things.

- James Scarber 10 years old

Lindsey Scarber - May 15, 2022 at 03:15 PM

BM

“ An appreciated memory I have Aunt Winkie was visiting her from time to time in Santa Clara, California with my family after she lost Uncle Eddie. She was adapting to her loss. Part of how she was adapting was by taking classes in pursuit of her nursing degree. A challenging class was anatomy and physiology. My dad knew little about anatomy and physiology, but on a family visit Aunt Wink had him sit down and quiz her on different body structures and functions from her textbook. I was inspired by her resilience despite the loss of Uncle Eddie at a relatively young age.

Terry, the eulogy you delivered in memory of your mom at her memorial service gave us more insight into her life and character. You did a fine job. Our respects to you, Carole, Nancy, and your families. Marj and I share your grief and send you our love.

Brent Mobley

Brent Mobley - May 14, 2022 at 07:15 PM

AL

“ Grandma was a very loving individual who was always willing to help everyone at Bennion Jr. when she served as a volunteer. She was very loving to students and they all loved her. She will always be remember by students as well as the faculty at Bennion Jr. high.

Alex - May 14, 2022 at 10:47 AM

TR

“ Winkie is my only reliable Utah Jazz fan to watch games with in the family I joined. I loved talking to her about how her garden was coming along. I was always happy to visit her.

Travis - May 13, 2022 at 06:13 PM

ZO

“ I remember Grandma Winkie telling me where she got her nick-nacks on the days we got to have sleepovers at her house.

Zoë - May 13, 2022 at 06:12 PM

NI

“ I really liked her red glass figures in her kitchen windows.

Nica - May 13, 2022 at 06:12 PM

MI

“ Grandma would tell me stories as I sat in her front room. They made me happy!

Miranda - May 13, 2022 at 06:11 PM

ME

“ We picked cherries what I thought was a lot of them. Then I found that Grandma Winkie had boxes full and I realized how little I had done.

She let us become garbage in her garbage bin so we could jump up and down on branches we had stuffed in the bin. She also had a spring rocking horse she let us ride.

Megan

Megan - May 13, 2022 at 06:11 PM

TW

“ The first time I met Winkie was when she came out to Provo to meet me and visit after the first snow fall. It was then that Nancy and I wanted to show her where I proposed to Nancy at Cascade Springs. We almost reached the turnoff on the Alpine Loop when the snow got so deep we had to turn back. But not before having to get unstuck in a foot of snow..

It was then that I realized that Winkie did not fluster easily. A few grunts and pushes and I managed to free the car and we started back down the Loop to Provo.

Over the years I have marveled at her stamina and persistence. At the Salt Lake Temple, when Nancy and I were to be sealed, Winkie somehow was unable to recover her name, Thus she and Nancy have the same Temple name.

She will be missed. I was hoping she could make it to the big 100. But I am sure the Lord has work for her to do. I can still hear her pleasant cackling.

Tom Wing - May 12, 2022 at 11:48 PM

SM

“ 98 years! Wow! I remember Winky saying, when her husband passed so young, that she knew she would lead a long life and she would miss him so. What a grand reunion!💕 I love you, Winky! Between your nurturing love and opening your home to me for two summers when I was in college and my best friend, Nancy teaching me so much, I would be baptized. The last time I saw you was on my way to the airport in February of 2018, in West Valley, Utah. You were as vibrant and energetic as always! You have always been an example of the pure love of Christ. I will eternally be grateful to you, Nancy and your amazing family. Say hi to my Grandma!💕 I love you!💕 Love, Suzanne Myra

Suzanne Myra - May 12, 2022 at 10:16 AM

KL

“Grandma winkie was someone who shaped my life. She would always hand out brownies whenever we showed up, always welcomed us with a smile and a hug, saying things such as "wow you look so big" and "soon you'll be taller than me". She always appreciated the effort i put into things and helped to teach me to push myself even when Im feeling lazy or Depressed. She taught me how to enjoy the quiet moments on sunny days when all the work was done and just sit out and see your hard work paying off. And when we needed a place to stay when moving out of my childhood house she took us in, and helped make the transition easier. Im going to miss my grandma. I really am

Keven Leigh - May 12, 2022 at 12:39 AM

TW

“Grandma”, as the students at Bennion Jr. High called her was a kind, compassionate lady. She had a special way with the students. Her service was so appreciated.

Terri Van Winkle

Terri Van Winkle - May 11, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KC

“Wink's husband Eddie was a huge prankster. As she told me once, "I could channel my craziness right through him." One time they went to visit Wink's brother Bruce, who lived in an upscale neighborhood. First, they both put on some outlandish clothes. Then they walked around ringing peoples' doorbells, pretending that they needed help finding Bruce Mobley's address. As Bruce later remarked in my hearing, "They caused quite a sensation!"

Karen Cohen - May 11, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ *Grandma Winkie was my amazing helper and friend. I was a very young mother and had 2 children under 3 yrs old and pregnant with my 3 and this baby decided to sit on my nerve for 9 months. Grandma would drive out to Tooele once a week to help me go Grocery shopping she would push the shopping cart with my 2 youngest children children and I would be it would be in the drivable shopping cart I'll tell you we were quite a sight considering she's the older and has my 2 young children in the shopping cart and here I am sitting in a shopping cart because I couldn't walk far. That was the type of woman she was she could work and run circles around me And had still energy to spare.*

Aleta Wing Leigh - May 11, 2022 at 08:53 PM