



# Joyce Lenore Burr Brown

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Joyce was born April 28, 1934, in Logan, Utah, to Clifton Ray Burr and Emily Mazel Bryan Burr. She possessed a joyful, resourceful, optimistic, intelligence that marked all she did. When diagnosed with Alzheimer's she adopted the motto "Come what may, and love it!" She truly did just that through her final journey. Joyce was the eldest of 8 children, two of whom died as infants. As such, she was a natural caretaker. She was known for being helpful and raised to practice the concept that if a job was to be done, it was to be done well. She was a gifted academic who served as valedictorian of the first graduating class of Union High in Roosevelt, Utah in 1952. She then worked at the Tooele Army Depot after high school and lived with her beloved Aunt June.

Joyce was attending BYU when she met and married her great love, Jerry Brown, in the Salt Lake LDS temple on January 22, 1954. It was the blind date that led to 60 years of incredible happiness. Together they raised 7 children. Her stewardship as a mother brought her her greatest satisfaction and meaning in this life. Joyce loved her Savior and serving others. She and Jerry served missions in Thailand, Armenia, the LDS Humanitarian Center, and the LDS Addiction Recovery Program. Joyce loved genealogy and enjoyed her work as a family history librarian and missionary. She was pragmatic, proactive, creative, and hardworking. These mad skills made her an excellent seamstress, gardener, baker, accountant, and the best latrine builder in camp.

Joyce believed anything could be accomplished and she empowered her children to see their own abilities as limitless. She never wasted time on guilt, blame, or gossip. Her life mirrored her advice that "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." Her influence came through respect, trust, kindness, compassion, and encouragement. She was the epitome of unconditional love. Everyone grew in her sunshine. Her appreciation for mountains, red rocks, roses, and all nature was



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spiritual. She enjoyed playing games, going dancing with Jerry, holding babies, and learning any and every new thing. One of her greatest joys was her monthly “sibber” dinner with her siblings and their spouses. She exercised regularly for 40 years, ate bran muffins daily, always flossed, enforced seat belts since their invention, watched her cholesterol, cleaned behind the fridge, and was a Zumba goddess until her last months. She also loved chocolate chip cookies, thrill rides, fireworks, travel, hiking, and was as buoyantly unsinkable in life as she was in the pool.

Her last words were “thank you” and her final food was See’s candy. She is survived and forever revered by her beloved husband; her children, Vicki Armantrout (Mark), Karen Bludorn (Rich), Randy (Laurie), Cliff (Irene), Renae Haddadin (Muhannad), and Diane Moore (Christopher); 24 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and 4 siblings, and their spouses Wesley Burr (Ruth Joy), Edna Prigmore (Marv), Bryan Burr (Gayle), and Brenda Baird (Allan). She is now rekindling precious relationships with her son, David; her sister, Ruth; 3 grandsons; her parents; and many others. The world will never know another soul like Joyce.

Come and celebrate her life with us on Thursday, February 13th at 11am at the Union Fort 3rd Ward, 6710 S. 1300 E. Viewing at 9:45. Additional viewing will be on Wednesday, February, 12th 6:30-8:00 pm. The family expresses gratitude to Jolene, Lisa, and the staff at Solstice Hospice for their exceptionally loving care.



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MM

**Mike Morrow** posted:

i got thinking about my dear friends the browns the other day and decided to look them up as we had lost contact for several years. so sad to hear of Joyce's passing. i will always remember and have mentioned to my children many times how Joyce gave a talk in sacrament meeting that had the pulpit ablaze. she called the ward to repentance for ignoring our temple duties and helped us refocus on what mattered. her passion for the gospel was obvious and i ate it up. i don't remember too many church talks over the years but I'll never forget her passion for the gospel or the support she was to her husband in his calling. she was truly one of a kind.andi loved her zeal. she'll make a great missionary on the other side of the veil

July 27 at 4:34 AM

TF

**The Kindred Family** posted:

Our heartfelt thoughts are with you and the family at this time. God promises strength and help (Ps.34:18) during times of sadness to help us cope with deep losses. Joyce touched the lives of others and will be sadly missed.

March 12 at 10:07 AM

JS

**Jennifer Stahle** posted:

Diane and family, I am so sorry for the lose of your dear Mother. She sounds like a wonderful woman, just like you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care and I know that your family has a new guardian angel watching of your family. It is comforting to know that we will see our loved ones again someday in the hereafter. Your friend, Jen Stahle & family

February 18 at 9:55 AM

KB

**Karen Bryan** posted:

Joyce was a beautiful lady, and a great friend of my late mother, Ruth Bryan. Alzheimer's is a cruel way to go, but I'm sure she is at peace now. She was at all the Bryan reunions back in the sixties and seventies, and you had no choice but to love her.

February 14 at 8:58 AM



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MD

**Maxine Davidson** posted:

It has been such an honor to have been called a "friend" by Joyce and Jerry. Both my husband Richard and I love both of them dearly. They taught us how to play the game of "Wizard" which we in turn taught so many other people. When we moved from UT to MO they were the first visitors from UT we had. I will never forget how much Joyce loved swinging in the big swing that was hanging on a rope from the limb of an old oak tree. It was delightful watching her. Joyce will never be forgotten. She was a shining example of family, love and service. She has graduated from this life now, but one day we will see her again in all her glory. May God Bless Jerry and all their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Love, Maxine Davidson

February 12 at 8:55 AM

JM

**Jan Martin** posted:

Everything mentioned in her obituary is wonderful and she did it all. What I will always remember is her cheerful spirit and beautiful quilts. I can still see in my mind her doing zumba at our quilt retreats. We quilters will miss her so much. She had a very special spirit that we all loved.

February 12 at 5:58 AM

MP

**Michelle Porter** posted:

We were fortunate enough to meet Jerry & Joyce through soccer. What great grandparents, parents, & friends!!! We enjoyed their enthusiasm & love of life. We're so sorry for your loss and send you our deepest condolences. The Porter's

February 11 at 6:08 PM

CB

**Charri Brummer** posted:

Diane and Family, I am so deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. Please know that you are in my heart and prayers. May you and your family find peace and solace at this time. Charri Brummer

February 11 at 5:25 PM

LH

**Laura Haddadin** posted:

Please accept our condolences for such an amazing women. So happy I had the opportunity to meet Joyce when she was visiting you. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

February 11 at 5:11 PM



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**Marilyn Carothers And Family** posted:

Always loved my Aunt Joyce. She was always smiling, never said anything bad about anyone, dealt with the hands she was dealt (literally lol) and was always graceful and joyful. I will miss her greatly.  
Love, Marilyn

February 11 at 4:40 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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