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GERTRUDE SWINDLER 1927-2012

Gertrude Evelyn Hansen Swindler, age 84, passed from this life February 4, 2012 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was preceded in death by husband Calvin E. Swindler, baby daughter Linda, a much-loved daughter-in-law Marjorie Swindler, her parents, 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Surviving are 3 siblings, 7 children, 41 grandchildren, and 43 great grandchildren.

The children are Iris Tobler (Bryan) Springville, Utah, James C. Swindler (Nancy) Bountiful, Utah, Allen K. Swindler (Joanne) Provo, Utah, Marlene Sagers (Richard) Fort Worth, Texas, Norman O. Swindler (Michele) Neptune, New Jersey, Linette Terry (Byron) Salt Lake City, Utah, and Phillip J. Swindler (Julie) Provo, Utah. Her beloved siblings are Ruth Rodewald (Alfred), Betty Shoemaker (Erman), and Hank Hansen (Greta). Mom sincerely loved Calvin's sisters Mary Ena Sloan, Arlene Garrison, Adalene Briggeman (Homer), and her brother-in-law Eugene Swindler (Bonnie), who also survive her. These relatives live in Missouri, Kansas, and Indiana. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Provo Canyon Ward Building at 4300 North Canyon Road, Provo, Utah. Viewing will be at the same location from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, February 11. Burial will be at East Lawn Memorial Hills, Provo, Utah. Our beautiful mother was born March 21, 1927 in Wallis, Texas to H.M. and Mary (Bates) Hansen. She spent her childhood in a tiny, close-knit community in the Arkansas Ozarks. Her father, the pastor of the Lutherville Lutheran church, was her schoolteacher throughout grade school. Mom is 5th of 10 Hansen children. The Hansen family moved just outside Jefferson City, Missouri in time for Mom to attend high school there.

She married Calvin Swindler June 6, 1948 in Vallonia, Indiana. Dad and Mom operated a wheat farm for 20 years in Southwest Kansas and built a home there. In 1969 the family relocated to Provo, Utah. Mom spent the next 3 decades raising



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children, welcoming sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren into the family, and doing a multitude of projects. After 49 years of marriage, Mom lost husband Calvin in 1997. She spent 7 years in Salt Lake living next door to Linette who provided loving assistance. We gratefully acknowledge the care given to Mom by Canyon Creek Assisted Living Center for the past three years and the sensitive and loving care given by Joan Pfau of Hospice for Utah for the past year. Most of all, we thank Linette for countless deeds and years of devoted service to Mom.

Words that describe our mother: sweet and gentle, beautiful smile, focused on the needs of others, unfailingly kind, hard working, diligent, strong testimony of Jesus Christ, and sincerely living His Gospel. Significant events in her life include her 1954 baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the 1956 temple sealing of the family.

Her favorite activities included vegetable gardens and flowers, family history, creating beautiful handwork, and attending the temple. She created 2 books of family history, sharing her extensive genealogical research with generations of relatives. She and Calvin both loved their parents, siblings, and in-laws, communicating often by letter and regularly attending family reunions.

She is known as a good cook, prolific gardener, expert seamstress, dedicated homemaker, and thorough family historian. Most of all, she is a terrific grandmother and a patient, caring mother, referring to her children as “our treasures.” Mom, we love you!



Tribute Wall

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CW

Cathy Watson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I did not know Gertrude but after my father died I found this letter from her. I think we may be related.

June 7 at 8:23 AM



DB

Debbie Swindler Boley posted:

I have many good memories of times with Aunt Gert and Uncle Calvin and you children at the farm and in Pratt at Grandma and Grandpa Swindler's house. My heart grieves with you at your loss, but am confident that you are comforted by all the precious times you had with your mother. She had a kind and gentle spirit that always made me feel loved. I look forward to seeing her again in heaven. I love you all and ask God to hold you close and give you peace today and always.

February 11 at 11:44 AM

KA

Kaitlin posted:

Gertrude touched my life in so many ways while I was working as a caretaker at Canyon Creek. Just one smile from her melted my heart and my day always seemed to go so much better. She truly made an impact on me and I will miss her beautiful heart and smile. My heart goes out to her family.

February 11 at 10:47 AM



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June 7 at 8:23 AM

Some information found in Little Rock City Directories:

1913: Herman R carp r (resident) 1410 Bragg
Conrad, Emma opr S W Tel & Tel Co. b (boards) 1410 Bragg
Ida b 1415 Bragg
Inax, submgr b 1022 Center
Marguerite, stenogr b 1022 Center
Maude r 811 W Markham

1915: Conrad, Herman R carp r 1410 Bragg
Elsie E. clerk Gus Blass Co b 1410 Bragg
Alma b clk Gus Blass Co b 1410 Bragg
Ida C b 1410 Bragg
Maude b 703 E 4th

1916: Conrad, Alma opr SW Tel & T Co b 1410 Bragg
Elsie clk Gus Blass Co b 1410 Bragg
Emma clk b 1410 Bragg
Herman messr Crane Co b 1410 Bragg
Herman R carp r 1410 Bragg
Ida b 1410 Bragg

1930: Conrad, Herman R Jr mech r 1410 Bragg
Ida r 1410 Bragg
Marguerite sten r 1410 Bragg
Mm F (Mary) mach n 2701 Washington

1956: Conrad, Fredrick W clk Pratt's Liquor Store r 1410 Bragg
Ida C h 1410 Bragg
Margaurite ofc sec Artemus V Doan r 1410 Bragg
Emilly clk Haverly Furniture Co r rd 4, Box 238
Herbert J (Mary E) supvr A Karcher Candy h 709 E 15th

Are these all descendants of Herman and Emilie Conrad? I would love to know anything you may care to share with me about your family. If you are unable to write, perhaps you could put this letter into the hands of someone who could help me. If you know of any one working on the family tree, I would appreciate that persons name and address.
I do hope I have not asked you too many questions and that you will be willing and able to write, I'd be most grateful.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gertrude Swindler
Mrs. Gertrude Swindler
52 E. 2050 N.
Provo, Utah 84601

April 30, 1976
Provo, Utah

Dear H.R. Conrad,

I am quite excited to find your name in the 1975 Little Rock telephone directory. You must be a son or grandson of Herman Conrad who at the age of 31 married Miss. Emilie Weigelt, age 20 on 18 Dec. 1897. I think that you are a relative to our family and I hope for your help in making the connections clear.

It is fascinating to search out ones family tree. Our oldest daughter has had this hobby since her days in high school. Just recently my husband and I have become involved and find we have been missing out on something special. However, raising a family has been even more important up to now, and we still have a ways to go yet as our youngest child is seven years old and five grandchildren drop in several times a week.

Several days ago we had the pleasure of being able to spend a day in the library in S.L.C. Since my parents grew up in Little Rock, it was fun to go through a few available Little Rock City Directories and pick out names which I recognized. I also found to my delight, some microfilm of Pulaski Co. Marriages from 1898-1921 filmed in 1964 by David W. Bizzell Dep. Clerk in Little Rock. The above marriage was listed there. An Albrecht Reisman signed the Bond for Marriage License.

A 1880 census which our daughter found in Yell Co., Wilson Township, Arkansas reads:

Weigelt, Reinhold	45	farm laborer	born Prussia	Parents born Prussia
Augusta	40	wife	" "	" " " "
Emma	7	daughter	" "	" " " "
Bertha	5	daughter	" "	" " " "
Reisman, Albert	27	farm laborer	" "	" " " "

also:
Reisman, William 33 farmer born Prussia Parents born Prussia
Mary A. 25 wife born Ark. Mother born Ireland

My grandfather - Hans Madsen Hansen married another daughter of Reinhold Weigelt. Her name: Ida Augusta Weigelt born 17 Dec. 1865 in or near Reichenbach, Germany. My father Herman Melvin Hansen is their son who is known by his kinfolk as Rev. Melvin Hansen, Lutheran Pastor in Lutherville Ark. for many years. As a child I remember my Dad and Mom visiting at the home of Herman Conrad. (I even wondered if my Dad was named after him.)
Do you know if Emilie Weigelt is another daughter of Reinhold Weigelt? She should have been about age 13 when the above census was taken.
Could you send me Herman Conrad and Emilie Weigelt Conrad's birth date and place and date and place of death. If possible I surely would like to have their childrens full names, birth dates, marriages and place of marriages, and if any - death dates and place of death.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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