



Elda Clark Christensen

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Our sweet, angel mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away peacefully on November 21 surrounded by her loved ones. Each of us was able to spend time prior to her passing talking with her, sharing our favorite memories, and telling her good-bye. This was a tender mercy that we will be forever grateful for.

Elda, along with her twin sister Alta, was born on August 7, 1923 at her parents' home in Pleasant Grove, Utah. She met her sweetheart, Howard John Christensen, while she was in high school. He joined the Army and spent many years away during World War II. After he returned home they were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on October 31, 1945. They were sweethearts and best friends until his early death in 1980.

Elda worked hard all of her life. At the age of 13 she helped work in her father's grocery store. For many years she was a secretary in Jordan School District. While working full-time and being an amazing wife and mother she took courses through BYU extension, and after many years completed her Bachelor's Degree. She then attended UofU full-time to complete her Master's Degree in Social Work. This was a great accomplishment especially for a woman of her generation. She began her career at LDS Social Services first working with unwed mothers, and later with adoptive parents. She blessed the lives of countless people through her love and service. She retired when she was 77 years old.

She left a legacy to her family, and taught us so much. She loved unconditionally, and we all felt of her love. She taught by example. We learned from her how to set our goals high, to work hard, and to serve others. Her daughter and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was generous and kind. As her daughter I considered her my best friend. What a blessing to her and to us that she lived for 93 years. Her mind was sharp and she had an amazing memory. She got her wish to



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live in her home until her passing. She always had a love of reading and learning, and over the last few years always had a book to read.

Elda is survived by her daughter Shari and son-in-law (who she called her son) Boyd Larsen, her grandchildren Brett (Lisa) Larsen, Cameron (Alyse) Larsen, and Alisha(Shaun) Arenas, and five great-grandchildren Avery, Logan, John, Elijah, and Kenzi. She is preceded in death by her parents Clifton and Rhoda Clark, three sisters, Orpha, Violet, and Alta; one brother, Romaine, and her Sweetheart Howard.

We will all miss her dearly, but so happy for her to be reunited with her husband and other loved ones. This will be the first Thanksgiving she and Howard will spend together after being apart for 36 years. Her memory, love, and example will live with us forever.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, November 26th, 2016 at the Sharon Park 5th Ward, 225 E. 200 N. Orem, with a viewing prior to services from 9:30 – 10:45 am. Interment, Larkin Sunset Gardens, Sandy.



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FL

Falene Loveland posted:

Your mother was so great to help our family enjoy those brand new babies in our home. I always enjoyed it when I could visit with her. I know she will be missed my family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Boyd and your family.

November 25 at 10:58 AM

GC

Gladys Clark posted:

To Shari and Family,I always admired your mother. She was always well-groomed and very refined. I have fond memories of her and my brother Howard. I love both of them. I am happy that they are together after a long separation. I'm not well enough to go the funeral, but my thoughts and prayers are with you.Love,Gladys

November 24 at 10:30 AM

BB

Barb Belman posted:

So Many Wonderful Memories of this Pretty Woman!What a Beautiful and successful journey this special lady has had. A True Inspiration!I am so grateful to have been a part of her life. Her Love and Friendship as an Aunt and Mother figure have been such a blessing. She has been there for me MANY times and I will always be Thankful! Memories of her and I on the phone for hours solving problems, laughing and going down memory lane will be for ever etched in my mind. I loved her cute laugh. Loved our 'play dates' and lunches. Her singing: "I'm so Pretty". Loved that She, Shari and family included me in so many family gatherings. Thank you for letting me be a part of your family. FUN TIMES!! will MISS you Auntie.....THANK YOU for everything!Love, Barbs

November 23 at 4:55 PM

CS

Carol C. Smith November 28 at 4:10 AM

It has been many years since our association with your beautiful mother but I have often wondered about her. In the 70s we worked with Elda as she placed 12 unwed mothers in our home. She was always so calm, professional and especially caring as she worked with these young women. I remember one time when she flew back to the mid-west to pick up the newborn of the younger sister of the girl we had living with us at the time. She made it possible for us to take our girl to the airport to see her sister's baby before it was placed for adoption. I always thought that a great kindness because it was so important to our young woman. She cared for each one and helped them through a very traumatic period in their lives. We are still in contact with several of our girls and they speak so kindly of the counseling they received from your mother. Elda was so easy to work with and was always there when I needed advice in handling any situation that came up. My love to you and your family as we celebrate a life of wonderful service.Carol C. Smith November 28, 2016



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Barbara Larsen lit a candle in honor of Elda .



November 23 at 11:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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