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Our beautiful, loving, and cheerful mother, sister, and friend—Betty Serona Fowler (Curtis), 66, of Taylorsville, UT—passed away peacefully at her home on February 3, 2014. She was surrounded by many of her children and family, following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

Betty was born on February 8, 1947 to the late Clyde Walter and Lois (Thorup) Fowler, Salt Lake City, UT. She graduated from Granite High School in 1965, then attended LDS Business College. Betty married her missionary, Richard Curtis, in 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple.

After having four children in Salt Lake City, her family relocated to San Angelo, Texas, where their fifth child was born. A year later, the Curtis family moved to Sherman, Texas where her last three children were born. Betty's family remained in Sherman until 1991 when they returned to Utah. Betty was particularly close to her father, and was devastated when he passed away while they were in Texas.

Betty found her greatest joy in being a homemaker. Her eight children always kept her busy, but happy. Their home was always full of noise, fun, treats, creative activities, stories, board games, and a lot of laughter. Betty loved life, and truly made the world a brighter place wherever she went. Her contagious laugh could not be resisted, and she laughed easily and often. Watching movies or telling jokes and stories with Betty was an experience to be treasured. Betty taught us what mattered most in life, and she made the most out of life.

Betty was a talented seamstress, painter, singer, actress, and artist. She loved performing, whether it was singing or being in plays, from roadshows to high school musicals, where she played several major roles. One of her favorite and most notable crafts was making rock dolls for friends and family. Not surprisingly, she spent many happy years serving in the Primary organization, where she touched the lives of so many children. Betty loved all things that strengthened her testimony of the gospel.

One of the highlights of her life was traveling with Richard to China and Hong Kong, where she was able to climb the Great Wall.

After moving to Salt Lake in 1991, Betty was employed by the State of Utah Dept. of

Agriculture, Weights and Measures Dept., where she was an executive secretary. Always known for her smiling personality, she loved being around people, and people always loved being around her.

Betty relocated to Chicago in 2001 following her divorce, where she again worked as an executive assistant. After several years, Betty returned again to Utah much to the joy of her children. She resided in the Legacy House in Taylorsville, UT during her final years. We wish to thank the staff, as well as Alecia Vincent, for their great kindness and care. Betty is survived by eight children: Jeff (Melanie) Curtis, of Sandy, UT; Jennifer (John) Orten, of Highland, UT; Kristine (Brett) Thiess, of Louisville, KY; Teresa (Christian) Lazarte, of Sandy, UT; Kevin (Sheena) Curtis, of San Tan Valley, AZ; Mark (Yvette) Curtis, of Raleigh, NC; Scott Curtis, of Portland, OR; and Tim (Megan) Curtis, of Lehi, UT; and five siblings: Genene (Martin) Chamberlain, of Holladay, UT; Lana (Allen) Richardson, of South Jordan, UT; Susan (Lyman) Smith, of Clearfield, UT; Clyde W. (Stephanie) Fowler, of Sandy, UT; and Deanne Flurer. Betty was preceded in death by her father and mother, both of whom she missed tremendously. We are certain it was a joyful reunion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at youcaring.com/sunshinebetty

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service to be held in her honor, on her birthday, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the LDS Church, 7075 South 2245 East, Cottonwood Heights, UT. Betty is buried where she wanted most—near her beloved parents at the Elysian Burial Gardens in Murray, UT.

Heaven is even brighter now that Betty has returned. Thank you for everything, and especially for just being you. You are gone, but can never be forgotten. We love you, Betty!

Comments



“ Betty and I dated during our years at Granite and I had hoped that it would go on forever. One night at her home she sat me down and said that she had made a decision. She said that she had made the decision of who she was going to continue to date towards getting married. As you can easily see I was not the lucky candidate. I never stopped loving Betty. She truly could make anyone smile or laugh. I still remember some of the jokes that she told me. One in particular about the chef that used his armpit as a hamburger press. Never mind the details, she probably told all of you the joke as well. Betty was special to say the least. I started missing her after that unhappy (for me) night in 1965. I know that we will all see her again. A special hello and love to Susan. Earl Meyer

Earl J Meyer - March 10, 2014 at 07:10 PM



“ What a wonderful sister and friend. She will be missed, but we know she is happy where she is with her mom and dad. May the family find peace in knowing the Plan of Salvation. We must all live worthy to see her again. Our love to each of her family. You are strong and will survive. Trust in the Lord. We LOVE YOU ALL!!
Clyde and Stephanie Fowler

Clyde & Stephanie Fowler - February 08, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ Betty has been my friend for over 20 years. Not just because she is my husband's mother, but because she is the kind of person who you want to know. I will miss her every day that I am alive. We have had many adventures together and I am so happy that you were my daughter's Grammy. We love you. We miss you. But most of all we are so happy you are free. :)

Melanie White-Curtis - February 08, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ Teresa and Family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your sweet family at this difficult time. We hope you find comfort in your faith, family and love for your mother. She sounds like she was a wonderful, beautiful person.
Love, The Poulsons

Albert and Jenni Poulson - February 08, 2014 at 12:48 AM



“ To Kristine and family, We know your Mom raised an incredible family and feel blessed to know the Thiess family. Prayers for your whole family during this time. - Blaine and Jaimee Blood and family

Jaimee Blood - February 07, 2014 at 07:31 PM



“ Dear Jeff, Melanie and Valerie, I was sad to hear of Betty's passing. Not because I knew her, but because of my love for my dear friend Melanie and her obvious love for Betty.
Wishing you all peace and comfort at this time. You are never old enough to say goodbye to your parents. I hope the love and support of family and friends will help carry you through this time.
Love, Christine x

Christine Ikihega - February 07, 2014 at 02:00 PM



“ I miss you, Mom! I couldn't have asked for a better mother. Your laugh, smile, spirit, and testimony will be missed greatly. Thank you for all you did, and all you are.

Jennifer Orten - February 06, 2014 at 09:49 PM