



Gertrude Swindler

March 21, 1927 - February 4, 2012

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 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.

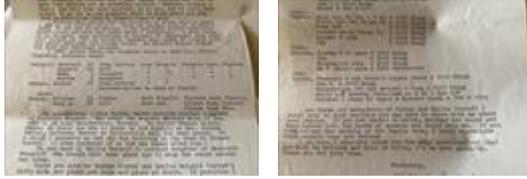
Words that describe our mother: sweet and gentle, beautiful smile, focused on the needs of others, unfailingly kind, hard working, diligent, strong testimony of Jesus Christ, and sincerely living His Gospel. Significant events in her life include her 1954 baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day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

CW

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



cathy watson - June 07, 2020 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ 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.

Debbie Swindler Boley - February 11, 2012 at 05:44 PM

KA

“ 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.

Kaitlin - February 11, 2012 at 04:47 PM

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“ Gertrude Swindler

Marianne McGee - February 08, 2012 at 01:40 PM