



Luella Margaret Kurtz Faucett

July 5, 1932 - February 7, 2019

Luella was born on July 5, 1932 to Floyd and Bernice Nay Kurtz, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She passed away in her home in West Jordan, Utah on February 7, 2019 due to complications of congestive heart failure.

She lived in Salt Lake City until she was 18 months old, when her parent moved to Victorville, California. She had great memories of growing up there and was a proud graduate of Victor Valley High School. Through Facebook, she still stayed in touch with friends made there.

After she graduated from high school she met a handsome Air Force Airman, William Faucett, who was stationed at nearby Norton Air Force Base. The rest, as they say, is history. They were married on April 20, 1951 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They quickly began their adventure with a life in the Air Force by many moves throughout the next decades. First they moved to Killeen, Texas, followed by Bossier City, Louisiana. This is where they became parents of their only child, Marva Lou. When her husband was stationed to serve in Goose Bay Labrador, she returned with Marva to live with her parents in Victorville for a year. Following his return from Newfoundland, they were stationed in El Paso, Texas twice with a move to Riverside, California in between. He was then transferred to Moron Air Force Base in Sevilla, Spain. This was quite an adventure for the girl who was raised in the little town of Victorville, but she enjoyed every minute of it. She became very active in the NCO Wives Club which often took tours to nearby sites. They lived off base which forced her to learn some Spanish so she could communicate with the locals. The only downside was she was far away from her family back in California and letters took a long time to receive. She often commented on today's conveniences of FaceTime and Skype wishing they had those when she lived far away. After Spain, they returned to the States, choosing to live in Woodbridge, Virginia while her husband was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.. There they remained for the next 42 years, long past William's retirement. In 2007, they decided it was time to move closer to family and moved to West Jordan.

Luella was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In her younger days she enjoyed her callings in the Young Women, even going to camp and hiking the hills of Virginia. She also enjoyed serving in the Primary and Relief Society. In 1966, while living close to the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., she discovered her true calling in life of Family History. She spent many hours doing research in these buildings and ordering microfilms (that took weeks to arrive) from The Family History Library in Salt Lake City. She also took trips up and down the East Coast and to Minnesota to find those elusive relatives and ancestors. She served for many years in the calling as a Family History Consultant and Librarian. She has written and contributed to many books on her ancestors and their descendants. Her current calling at the time of her passing was as a Family History Consultant. The only thing she liked more than doing her own research was teaching others how to do their own. When the church switched to online Family Search Program, she spent many hours teaching herself how to become proficient at this new skill.

Luella was preceded in death by her parents, her infant sister, Afton, her brother, Marvin Kurtz and sister, Evelyn Jane Gibson. She was the oldest child of her family and often wondered why she was the last one left here on earth. We know there is a glorious reunion going on in heaven with her family and all of those relatives she spent decades researching!

She is survived by her husband, William (AKA: Bill/Buddy), her daughter, Marva Gneiting (husband, DelRoy), three grandchildren, Sara Rhodehouse (husband, Chris), Travis Gneiting, and Chad Gneiting. She is also survived by three great granddaughters, who she loved very much: Isabel and Amelia Rhodehouse and Claire Gneiting.

Funeral Services will be held at the Sunset Ridge 9th Ward Chapel at 11 am on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8134 South Echo View Drive (6261 West) in West Jordan. A viewing will be held before the services starting at 10 am. Burial will be at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.

Comments



“ I have only been in Luella's ward for a couple years, but have had numerous opportunities to take the sacrament to her in her home and go on a couple visits as well. She was an absolute delight to visit with. Her positive attitude was contagious! I loved talking to her about her family and her passion for family history. Nearly every week when a different brother went into her home she told them to remind the ward she would love to help with family history. She would say she couldn't go to people's houses but wanted to help any who needed it.

I loved how she complimented and spoke so highly of her husband. Her amazing "nurse" she would say "takes great care of me."

Luella, thanks for allowing us to serve you. Thanks for being so gracious and caring. It was an absolute delight to bring the sacrament into your home and get to know you even just a little bit.

Lance Jessup - February 13, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ She was a lovely lady and the ultimate genealogist, giving freely of her time to others trying to build their own family tree.

Lorraine Coughenour

Lorraine Coughenour - February 13, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ I love working with Luella doing the history on my Grandpa (Kenneth Lyle Nay) branch, I am going to continue what she had started in that direction. I will miss her, I am in hopes that I will get the pleasure to meet her family, and mine. My prayers are with you and tears will be happening. I loved her as if she was my direct cousin. Rest in Peace sweet lady and enjoy the family you are back with.

Dawnea Schollmeyer - February 13, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ "Lelo" was the sister I never had as well as my best friend. My prayers are with the family at this difficult time. You are missed and loved more than words can express.
Jennie

Jennifer Sheppard - February 12, 2019 at 08:22 AM



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Marva - February 11, 2019 at 08:19 PM



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Premier Funeral Services - February 11, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ I love this photo of beautiful Luella! It reflects the light and goodness and beauty of who Luella was, is, and always will be. So very thoughtful and caring of all people surrounding her, she was such a gracious, lovely soul. Her faithful dedication to the gospel of Jesus Christ guided her heart and her life. How grateful everyone in the Larry and Terri Jensen family is for the blessing of knowing and loving this remarkable woman!

Terri Jensen - February 11, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ I have no memory of when I first met Luella Faucett - I was three years old! Our two family's first became acquainted when my father, Del Barkdull was assigned to Moron AB, Savillia, Spain and we met Sister Faucett at church. We later reknewed our friendship at the Woodbridge Ward in Dale City, Viriginia here we attended church. I think there was always a "soft" spot in Luella's heart for Dad and Mom's kids, accept perhaps my youngest brother Thad who she had the miss-fortune of being his Primary Teacher when he was a little boy. I'm sure she has a few extra "bonus points" for not just surviving that experience but thriving as his teacher. She always radiated love and kindness and was always happy to see you and take the time to sit and talk and remember the "good ol days". The Faucett family was always highly regarded in our home with many fond memories. Until we meet again . . .

David Barkdull - July 09, 2019 at 11:57 AM