



Maxine L Swenson

September 9, 1929 - July 15, 2018

Maxine Swenson, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 15, 2018 in her home in Murray, Utah. Her funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 21st at 6350 Rodeo Ln., Salt Lake City, UT 84121 at 11AM, following the viewing at 10AM.

Maxine was born on September 9, 1929 in Eugene, Oregon. She married the love of her life, Robert Tanner Swenson, on July 2, 1956 in the Logan, Utah temple. Together, Maxine and Robert had four children; Sally, John, Joanne (married to Dennis McCombs) and Carolyn (married to Todd Riggs). Her children have gone on to provide 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Maxine graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in History. Following her schooling, she worked as the executive secretary to Utah's Governor J. Bracken Lee.

Though she loved her schooling, Maxine dedicated most of her time to her family and the LDS church. Maxine held a variety of church callings and served two missions; Columbia, South Carolina and Vancouver, Canada. She regularly spoke of her experiences on her missions and her love for those she served. Maxine's' favorite calling in church was as a teacher for early morning seminary in Cut Bank, Montana.

For all those who knew her, Maxine was absolutely extraordinary. She was the friend who was always ready to lend a willing hand, a mom who taught her children through her own exceptional example, and a wife who loved purely and eternally. Maxine was always the first to extend herself to those in need. Her unconditional love and service are a small part of the wonderful legacy she left in this lifetime. Maxine will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Memories abound as I recall our many connections to Maxine and Bob Swenson. Bob was a classmate of my deceased husband, Robert H. Hales from elementary school through Medical School at the "U."

I give Bob Swenson credit for introducing me to my husband when I was a freshman at BYU. and Bob Hales takes credit for lining Bob Swenson up with Maxine.

Maxine was a great comfort and friend to me when Bob Hales died quite suddenly 30 years ago. Although our paths have not passed often since those days, Maxine's kindness, compassion and understanding of others are fundamental in my mind to all that is GOOD!

I send my love to Bob and Maxine's family.

Janette Callister Hales Beckham

Janette Callister Hales Beckham - July 18, 2018 at 09:40 PM

KS

With indulgence my favorite Aunt Maxine story....In about 1965 Uncle Bob and Aunt Maxine decided to take all the nieces and nephews along with their kids on a Colorado River float trip. We all drove to Moab and readied for the grand adventure. We drove up the side of the river and put the rafts in like a herd of cats, 4 to a boat. In time Bob decided that we should do some cliff jumping. Pulling the rafts to the side we all scurried to the top of a rock that we had now named "chicken rock"
. Wanting an audience we patiently waited for other boaters. Finally! Here they came and we readied for the big show. The boats floated closer and we all were excited to say the least. Ready...set...goooo...Bob takes two running steps to be first... Aunt Maxine throws her arm out like a rail road crossing blockade!!! Robert, she says, "you have no idea how deep the water is or if there are rocks, let Kenny go first" Like a good scout I scurried out, jumped, and came to the top laughing..."no rocks everybody...go ahead and jump" Aunt Maxine laughed many times about that trip! I sure love Aunt Maxine.

Ken Swenson - July 19, 2018 at 09:52 PM

PC

To the Family of Maxine Swenson:

Maxine Swenson lived next to me in our condos. She was the very first person to introduce herself to me when my husband and I moved in. She met me in our garage with my pile of boxes from our move and said, "I'm Maxine, and I live right there." pointing to her garage of her condo. If there is anything you need please knock on my door. She and I have been great friends ever since then. That was 13 years ago. On the Valentine's day following my husband's death, she gave me flowers. She said since my husband wasn't here to give me flowers she would. What a beautiful concept and a lovely beautiful friend. If her children are anything like Maxine, you are the best in the world!

I applaud her children that took such good care of her. love, Peggy Carey (across the alley)

Peggy L. Carey - July 21, 2018 at 12:19 AM

JM

That is a great story. Thanks for sharing it Kenny. I'm glad you're still with us. We love you

joanne mcombs - July 21, 2018 at 08:56 AM

JM

Thank you Sister Beckham. Likewise, when dad passed away your family was so helpful to us. We love hearing the story of how Bob introduced mom and dad to each other. We are eternally grateful for that introduction . Thank you for sharing that memory with us

joanne mcombs - July 21, 2018 at 09:00 AM

NR

“ *I am so sorry to learn about Maxine's death. I really dropped the ball this past year. She was a dear friend. I will be there on Saturday. Love to the family.*

Norma Dee Ryan - July 18, 2018 at 02:24 PM

JM

Thank you Norman Dee. You were a dear friend to mom. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday

joanne mcombs - July 21, 2018 at 08:54 AM

JK

“ *My condolences to the entire Swenson family-JordanKrahenbuhl*

Jordan Krahenbuhl - July 18, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JM

Thank you Jordan

joanne mcombs - July 21, 2018 at 08:53 AM

NW

*I will always cherish Maxine's friendship and our close association in Village III. She was a dear friend to me and my late wife Gayle. You have my condolences.
Nelson Wadsworth*

Nelson Wadsworth - July 21, 2018 at 10:23 AM