



## Phyllis Florene Hoer

February 4, 1933 - August 19, 2019

Phyllis was born 4 Feb 1933 in North Ogden, Utah, to Horace Russell and Elta Iona Blodgett Russell. During the depression her dad worked on the windy plains of Wyoming laying a pipeline where Phyllis and her brother Roy and mother lived in a tent from 1934-1937. She often said, "We had more sand in our pancakes than syrup." She attended grade school in North Ogden and Weber High School in Ogden. She loved school and was quite popular. There are 14 pictures of Phyllis in her 1951 high school yearbook, more than any other girl in school, mostly because she was involved in so many things.

She loved to sing and dance from her earliest years and performed in several pageants including All Faces West in 1951. She was a very beautiful girl with a loving personality and was in four different beauty contests including the Miss Ogden pageant where she was one of the finalists in 1952.

After high school she went on to attend night school at Weber College where she met a handsome airman named Cletus Hoer from Hill Air Force Base who was also attending night school. They were engaged shortly before he was transferred in January 1952 to Texas and then to Japan during the Korean war. They wrote letters to each other for two and a half years during which time she worked at Hill Air Force Base in Personnel. During this time she also taught dancing for Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Salt Lake and Ogden. Phyllis and Cletus were married 29 Sep 1954 in St. Joseph Catholic church in Ogden just one month after he was discharged.

After their marriage they made their home in Denver for one year where she worked for the Air Force Finance Center. While in Denver their first child Michael was born. Then in Sep 1955 they moved to nearby Boulder for Cletus to attend the University of Colorado. Phyllis worked in Boulder at the National Bureau of Standards until Cletus graduated in 1959, taking time off to have two more children, Marilyn and Steven. While in Boulder Cletus joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was baptized on their 2nd wedding anniversary. They and their three older children were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple 1 Apr 1958.

They were flat broke after Cletus graduated and all they could afford was an old farm house east of Boulder. There their fourth child Stanley was born. Then in 1961 they bought a nice new home in south Boulder where three more children were born, David, Diane and Rodney. They continued to live in Boulder for over 50 years. Their children all went to schools in Boulder where Phyllis was always active in helping out with school activities. The children all went away to college and settled outside of Colorado.

Phyllis was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints all her life, holding many different positions including a successful stake mission. When Cletus retired in 1989 the two of them went on four senior missions for the church which they really enjoyed. Their first senior mission was in the Arizona Temple Visitors Center in Mesa, Arizona. They then served 3 more missions in the Family History Mission in Salt Lake City. Two of those missions were in the Mission Training Lab where they helped train 20 to 40 other senior missionaries who came into the mission each month. Their example as missionaries has greatly inspired their descendants who, along with spouses, have spent over 100 man-years in missionary service.

In 2006 they moved to Grass Valley, California to be near the family of their son Stan. Then in 2013 when her health began to fail they moved to The Seville senior living community in Orem and finally in 2018 to Spring Gardens in Lindon where Phyllis passed away on 19 Aug 2019. She is buried in Ben Lomond Cemetery in North Ogden, Utah.

Phyllis' family numbers 130 souls with 37 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Cletus of 65 years, seven children; Michael (Laurie), Marilyn (Mark) Keys, Steven (Cynthia), Stanley (Carolyn), David (Pam), Diane (Mark) Olson, Rodney (Chantre') and a brother Roy (Pat) Russell.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 31st, 11:00 AM at the Orem Timpview LDS Church, 1050 N. 600 W. Orem, with a viewing one hour prior to services. Interment will be at Ben Lomond Cemetery, North Ogden.

# Comments

---



“ I grew up about 8 houses away from the Hoers and I was friends with Dave & Stan from grade school, boy scouts, and church basketball. Clete & Mike (later Clete & Steve) were our family home teachers, and Clete baptized my mother when she converted. My mother was good friends with Phyllis, and our families did a lot of stuff together. My condolences go out to Dave, Stan, Clete and all the other Hoer kids I grew up with. Your mom was a nice lady

**Paul Kent** - August 31, 2019 at 12:13 AM

---



“ My sincere condolences to the Brother Hoer and the Hoer family. Sister Hoer was such a dear lady. She was one of the many wonderful women I looked up to growing up in the Boulder 1st Ward. I pray that all of your happy memories of this amazing woman will lift you and sustain you in the days and years to come until you can be with her again.  
Much love,  
Lori Livingston Hanby

**Lori Livingston Hanby** - August 28, 2019 at 01:06 AM

---



“ I am so grateful for the opportunity to have known Sister Hoer. Her influence in my life has been greater than she will probably ever know. She was one of the Stake Missionaries that taught our family the new member discussions. Later she was my Merrie Miss leader and her love for all of us girls was so evident. She welcomed us into her home, taught us to crochet, and loved us unconditionally. I still think of her every time I hear the Primary song "I Will Follow God's Plan." Later, she helped me earn money for my mission by allowing me the opportunity to help transcribe her family history. She was a remarkable lady who touched my life for good. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family. - Cheryl Gerdy

**Cheryl Gerdy** - August 27, 2019 at 11:42 PM

---



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Gerdy - August 27, 2019 at 11:37 PM

---



“ An incredibly exemplary woman with the gift of teaching a lesson with a specific thesis and encouraging participation from the students in a friendly environment, Phyllis represented the best the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has to offer for someone skillfully and humbly prepared. It was a joy to be with her, to see the rock solid support she gave her husband, also a very gifted teacher and exemplary man of integrity, wit, and charm. Always friendly, courteous, accommodating, and filled with the joy of life and the breadth of vision for a future filled with happiness and longevity, she became someone for us that we wished somehow to have her and Cletus stay in our geographical area to allow their influence to be felt by us much longer. We cherish the time it was our privilege to be in her midst and pray the Lord's comforting influence to fill Cletus as he adjusts to this new journey he has been called upon to take in this great plan of Happiness, so wonderfully organized by Christ in whom our faith resides as we await our chance, too, at joining those who have gone on before. David and Eleanor Dickson

David Dickson - August 26, 2019 at 12:21 AM

---



“ 8 files added to the album Cletus & Phyllis Hoer age 57



Premier Funeral Services - August 23, 2019 at 02:23 PM