

Mildred Lucy Butterfield Crane
1916 ~ 2011



Mildred Lucy Butterfield Crane has completed her mission in the earth. She died Aug. 7, 2011 and passed into the waiting arms of her eternal companion, family, friends, and eternal heavenly parents. She was born in Herriman, Utah on July 24, 1916, the daughter of Thomas Solomon and Martha Bowlden Butterfield, the fifth of eleven children.

She lived her youth and young adulthood in Herriman, her life long hometown, through the Great Depression and World War II wherein she learned frugality, industry, and sacrifice. She married Nathaniel Crane in Salt Lake City on June 7, 1934, and together they raised five children, Bruce N, Ronald Earl, Doris, James Lynn, and Carol. She was proud and loyal to her family which she considered her greatest achievement in life. She will forever be a positive influence in their lives.

A life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she loved and served the Savior and her Eternal Father. She was an active participant in the organizations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as a student, teacher, and leader. She loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ and influenced many throughout her life. She was also active in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and literary guilds.

Mildred was blessed with a wonderful appreciation for literature. She was an avid reader and writer. She articulated the wonder and beauty of the human spirit in story and verse. She shared her talent with moving poetry and stories. She loved language and words and was an expert with word games, puzzles, and trivia. She was a primary resource for her children, grandchildren, and

others with homework assignments and school projects. She enjoyed helping and was always pleased and gracious when asked.

She was preceded in death by her eternal companion, Nat; son, Bruce; daughter, Doris; and son-in-law, Denton R. Johnson; her parents, and eight siblings. She is survived by children, Ronald Earl (Sylvia), James Lynn (Suzanne), and Carol Ewell (Leon), all of Herriman; twenty-six grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Merrill Butterfield (May), Rupert, ID; and sister, Hazel Sorenson, Herriman.

Memorial services to reverence her life will be conducted on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Fort Herriman Utah Stake Center, 12737 South 6000 West, in Herriman. A viewing will precede the funeral service from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., with the funeral service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Herriman City Cemetery.

The family acknowledges with appreciation the compassionate service and care rendered by staff at Alta Ridge Assisted Living, Rocky Mountain Hospice, and LDS Branch leaders at Alta Ridge.