

Bette J. Clayton

“I am so fine!”



Our dear Mom, Grandma, Gee Gee, aunt and friend passed away suddenly and unexpectedly early Saturday morning, July 9, 2011.

Bette Jean Schmitz Clayton was born on April 13, 1923 in Anderson, Indiana to Pauline Hartley and was lovingly adopted by Henry and Anna Schmitz. She was raised in Anderson with her brother George. She graduated from Ball State University and came "out west." She married William H. Clayton and later divorced.

Bette worked for many years at the Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. When she retired she filled her life with traveling, knitting, quilting, collecting and making dolls, and being with her family and friends which was her favorite pastime. Bette made friends with everyone! She was a member of the Olympus Doll Club and enjoyed attending the Women's Legislative Sessions, the University of Utah Retired Staff events, plays, the opera and the symphony. Bette had a very full social calendar!

She found great joy in her fellowship with the Christ United Methodist Church, where she volunteered her time and expertise wherever it was needed most. She was loved in her neighborhood and was always looking out for others. Bette loved and appreciated life and was grateful to be a breast cancer survivor. She was an avid birdwatcher, gardener and photographer and could always be found reading a good book, or many good books!

Bette is survived by her daughters, Courtney Montgomery (Robert) and Barbara Bradshaw (Cal); her much loved grandchildren, Erin Jack (Sterling), Tara Bradshaw, and Clayton Bradshaw (Laura); and her five precious great-grandchildren, Emma, Natalie, Christian, Preston and Landon. She also leaves behind her wonderful nieces and nephews; her dear, life-long friend, Meredyth Dickerson; and countless beloved friends. We will all miss her so much!

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 2375 East 3300 South. There will be a viewing Wednesday 6-8 p.m. at Goff Mortuary, 8090 So. State, and also at the church Thursday from 9-9:45 a.m. Interment will be in the Midway City Cemetery.