



## Laraine Jane Bodily

September 13, 1933 - March 21, 2018

A lovely lady named Laraine Jane lost her beau, Norman, 13 years ago. She missed him and missed him but then her mind became cloudy and she didn't remember. One day, Norman came and asked his fair lady if he could pick her up and take her to Heaven. She must have remembered him once again because she went with him and now they are on a date for all eternity. Once again dear Laraine can walk as much as she wants, she can dance all night long. She remembers each of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren again. She has no need of wheelchairs. What a beautiful day for her and her sweetheart, Norman!

Her children, Mark (Holly), Noralee (Wayne) and Leisa (Ted), along with her 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, love her and will miss her dearly but look forward to seeing her again someday. She is reunited with her father (Orson Anton Christensen), her mother (Rae Noble Christensen), her brothers (Norman and Raymond), and her sister (Mary Rae).

Laraine was born in Brigham City, UT on September 13, 1933. She graduated from Utah State University in education. She married Norman W. Bodily on August 24, 1956. She and Norman traveled the world, overcame many hard times, and loved their family through it all. They served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in St. George, UT. They had a deep and abiding testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father. They believed and we believe that families are forever.

A viewing and celebration of life will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 625 E. Center St., Ivins, UT on March 31st, 2018 from 11 am to 1 pm. A graveside service will be held at the Ivins Cemetery for family members where Laraine will be laid to rest next to her dear husband, Norman W. Bodily.

# Comments

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“ I became acquainted with Norman and Laraine Bodily when they were members of the Ivins 3rd Ward. At this time I was Ivins Utah Stake historian and assigned to take pictures of missionaries. I took a picture of Elder and Sister Bodily when they served in the Utah South Mission. They served from October 1996-Oct 1997.

Laraine Jane Christensen Bodily was a member of the Ivins Anasazi Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Her DUP Reg.#80058, allowed her to serve as Docent in 2006 under DUP Captain Zenetta Hunt, 2nd Vice Captain in 2007 under Captain Helen Furr, Registrar from 2008-2011 under Captain Norma Langford. She began to attend less and less due to due to illness. Although unable to attend our meetings, unless someone brought her, she always came with a smile and a friendly nature. She loved her pioneer ancestors.

My heart and prayers are with you, her family. May the comforting spirit of the Holy Ghost be with you. Although I was unable to attend her funeral on Saturday 31 March, my thoughts have been with you, her family. I had no idea where she had moved, but as soon as I saw her picture in the paper I knew who she was due to her smile. Love, Emma Hafen Fife, Ivins Anasazi DUP Camp secretary.

**Emma Hafen Fife** - April 03, 2018 at 01:28 PM

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“ Hello, My name is Lynette McKittrick from Cedar City. I knew Laraine from my calling in the church. My husband and I are in the Branch Presidency and Relief Society Presidency at the Beehive House. We've been going there on Sundays for about a year. When I first got there and began meeting the people we were called to serve, I was immediately drawn to Laraine. She had a beautiful smile and a sparkle in her eyes. I could tell she was a beauty in her day. I know she couldn't remember me from one Sunday to the next, but she was so happy and friendly towards me. As a presidency, we always tried to spread out among the people during Sacrament meeting, but I pretty much made it a point to always sit by Laraine. I watched her decline over this past year, at first she could sing the familiar songs. I would offer her the song book but she would say she couldn't see the words. These last months she did not sing, she barely talked, but she always aroused when the Sacrament was being passed. She could not pick up the Sacrament cup, but it was my pleasure to help her get the cup to her lips. I shed many tears of gratitude for this humbling experience. I want to share my last experience with Laraine on the Sunday before she passed. She was very drowsy from the very beginning of the service, her head drooped, eyes closed. She didn't respond to me at all. Then as the Sacrament hymn music began to play, she sat up a bit and opened her eyes. Her shaking hand reached towards the hymn book I was holding and I knew she wanted to hold the book. I sat it in her lap open to the hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." She stared down at the words - unable to sing or say a word. I want you to know that she was singing those words in her heart. I had such a confirmation that it was one of her favorite hymns. I knew this was a woman who loved the Savior. I thought at that moment that she was not going to be here much longer. That brief moment was a tender mercy from God that I was allowed to experience. And then the next Sunday when I arrived at the Beehive House, my husband told me Laraine had passed earlier in the week. My heart ached for a moment because I will miss her. But, I am so grateful she is with her dear husband and freed from the body and mind that had given out. I loved this precious woman. I wish all of you, her family, the best.

Sincerely, Lynette McKittrick

Lynette McKittrick - April 02, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ As daughter of Sylva Bodily Godwin, oldest in the family of Norman W. Bodily, I was not much younger than Norman. Consequently, enjoyed many fun times with Laraine and Norman when they were first married and raising their young family. As my parents grew older, Laraine and Norman spent many happy and loving hours visiting with them in St. George. I'm forever grateful for the love and attention they shared with me and my parents. Laraine was and still is, I'm sure, a special daughter if God!

June Godwin McAfee - March 30, 2018 at 05:30 PM

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“ Going to Wendy’s for a Chocolate frosty & Chicken Sandwich. Laraine would always say “I can’t believe this is \$2, who eat anywhere else?!”

**Ted Selden** - March 30, 2018 at 12:34 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laraine Jane Bodily.



March 29, 2018 at 04:07 PM