



Lanore "Katie" Muir Link

July 4, 1917 - December 9, 2017

Spunky, independent, gracious, and delightfully engaged in life all of her 100 years, Lanore (Katie) Muir Link stepped gracefully through the veil on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at her home in St. George.

In the week before her passing, Katie was in her customary place at church on Sunday, with her friends playing cards on Tuesday, enjoying visits with family on Wednesday, and eating a hearty favorite meal on Thursday before settling down to the business of slipping away over the next 48 hours.

Entering this world on the Fourth of July, 1917, in Sunnydale, Idaho, Katie was the second of five children born to James LeRoy and Velma Chloe Wilcox Muir. Her mother later married Robert Lindsay Burt, and Katie's youngest sister Blanche was born.

Katie's early life was a hardscrabble existence, with her father getting work when and where he could – hauling coal and wood, farming, working in a silver mine, and riding shot gun for a stage coach. When Katie was ten, the family moved from Boise to Spokane, WA where they all worked together one summer picking fruit, sleeping in a large tent, and cooking meals over an open fire. Katie credited these tough times with keeping the family close to each other their whole lives.

She attended Park School, a one-room school in Pioneerville, Idaho, then fourth grade at McKinley School in Nampa, and then Libbey Junior High and Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. A first marriage to Lambert Peter Jansen in 1938 ended in divorce after four years.

During World War II, Katie worked in the Seattle Shipyards as a welder, and her supervisor at that job was Earl Elzie Link. They were married on April 19, 1945, and enjoyed 39 wonderful years together. They bought a five-acre farm in Kent, WA where they raised strawberries, raspberries, apples, and cherries for market. The farming business successfully expanded, as did commercial and charter fishing boat ventures. Earl passed away on February 21, 1984, and Katie first came to St. George in 1999 as a “snowbird” before becoming a full-time resident in Rio Virgin Estates.

A much-loved figure in her neighborhood, Katie was often seen driving around in her golf cart. Her 100th birthday was a grand celebration for the entire community, with Katie leading the parade. She was courageous, lovely, and treasured for her wit. “It’s tough to get old,” she told a niece recently, “but it’s better than not getting old.”

A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Katie came from early Mormon pioneer heritage on both her parents’ sides. She had an abiding love of the Lord throughout her life and later served in the Seattle Temple, as a visiting teacher, and as parliamentarian in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Cactus Rose Camp. Katie valued hard work, common sense, love of country, self-reliance, and generosity.

She was a member of the Century Club of Utah, and at a luncheon in August she was commended by Governor Gary Herbert for her wisdom, experience, and longevity. “I owe my longevity to working hard, eating healthy, exercising daily, and keeping my mind active by reading, doing puzzles, playing games of

cards and Scrabble, and avidly following professional sports.” Katie wrote. “But I really believe that the real way to be able to live a long and healthy life is to learn to love everyone, for love is the secret of everything.”

Katie was preceded in death by an infant son who died at birth, her husband Earl, her parents, her sisters Nola Phoebe Bradley, Mary Fern Sageser, Letta Fay Meddock, and Velma Blanche Headman; and her brother Jack Boyd Muir.

She is survived by Lynn Headman (brother-in-law), Colette Moser (niece), Corey Headman (nephew), and many beloved second nieces and nephews. Sincere appreciation to Lynn and Chris Headman and Katie’s dear neighborhood friends whose tender watchcare allowed her to live independently in her home until the week of her passing.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 16, 11:00 a.m., at River Ridge Ward chapel, 2435 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, Utah, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Graveside services will be Monday, December 18, 3:00 p.m., at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 E. 4580 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

River Ridge Ward Chapel
2435 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790

Service

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Graveside Service

DEC 18. 3:00 PM (MT)

Elysian Burial Gardens
1075 East 4580 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Tribute Wall

 Brenda
Bledsoe
Hymas

“ *Oh my Katie. She was my childhood babysitter but so much more than that. From daily treks out in the garden to trips down to the basement for canned salmon, I was her little shadow unless I was in the garage with Earl. We traveled all over in that Winnebago, as far away as Mexico. My first trip to the ER even started at their house when I swallowed a nickle left on the counter. She has forever been the best of my childhood memories and I love her dearly.*
Brenda Bledsoe Hymas

Brenda Bledsoe Hymas - December 18, 2017 at 09:33 PM

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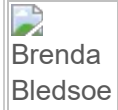
*Dear Brenda,
Katie shared fond memories of you with me. She loved you dearly. I never knew your last name or how to contact you. Thanks so much for sharing these memories. It has brought to my mind many treasures. Katie mothered and nurtured many even though she never had the blessing of raising children of her own. How wonderfully blessed are those of us whos lives were touched by her.*
Love, Colette

colette - December 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of Aunt Kate and Uncle Earl as a child. The farm hay swing in the barn, new house, coal stove, summer vacations, tractor rides, family get together's, laundry shoot to toss toys down. Can goods, Gardens .Winnabago rides, And most of all love. You made my child hood one to remember for the rest of my life Thank You. I love you and will miss you until we meet again.*
Sandy!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sandra McIntosh (Great Neice) - December 15, 2017 at 10:45 AM



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Brenda Bledsoe Hymas - December 18, 2017 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Sandra McIntosh (Great Neice) lit a candle in memory of Lanore "Katie" Muir Link*



Sandra McIntosh (Great Neice) - December 15, 2017 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Sandy and Courtney McIntosh Great Neices purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lanore "Katie" Muir Link.*



Sandy and Courtney McIntosh Great Neices - December 15, 2017 at 10:29 AM

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Sandra McIntosh (Great Neice) - December 15, 2017 at 09:38 AM

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Colette - December 13, 2017 at 01:27 PM



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