



## Lucile Elizabeth Smith

December 20, 1927 - July 21, 2024

Elizabeth passed away at the age of 96 and went to join the heavenly choirs early in the morning of July 21, 2024.

Elizabeth was the sixth of eight children born to Ray Elroy Law and Elsa Pauline Reichart (Law). Elizabeth lived a life full of adventure. She was born on December 20, 1927, in Mapleton, Utah. When she contracted Pneumonia at 2 years old, she was not expected to live long, but God had other plans for her and she continued to overcome and eventually thrive, having relatively good health the rest of her life. She learned to work hard first on farms in Mapleton and Payson, then cleaning cabins and motel rooms, then in the gas station and auto repair shop where she took over for the boys when they went to war while growing up during World War II in Ogden. Elizabeth graduated from Ogden high school in 1945, and moved with her parents to Oakland, California that same year where she met and married Leon E. Smith in 1946. They moved to California, then to Seattle, and then to Alaska (while Alaska was still a Territory) and raised 6 children together. They remained in Alaska for 42 years, much of that spent carving out 2 different homesteads, eventually constructing the iconic Igloo Lodge along the Parks Highway. They moved from Alaska for the last time in 1996, and after Leon's death in 1999, Elizabeth spent her remaining years travelling with her sister Pauline, living in Spokane, WA, Libby, MT, and eventually settling down in St. George and Washington City, Utah, surrounded by her children and some of her

grandchildren. She is survived by her children Jenith Dorland, Margaret Sauer, and Susanne Staymates (Bob). She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, over 40 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She outlived all 7 of her siblings, and was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leon E. Smith, Children Jeanie Murphy, Marilyn Sauer, and Leon J. Smith.

Elizabeth was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, loved the Lord with all her heart, and exemplified her Savior in sharing her strong testimony of the Gospel and continuing to spread love and care for those who knew her, serving in the Temple and in other callings throughout her life. Elizabeth had a real knack for genealogy and dedicated thousands of hours in her later years to finding ancestors for herself and many others. She loved old Hollywood and early Disney movies. She had a beautiful singing voice. She loved humor and enjoyed life, always keeping a positive attitude. She was a hard worker and lived a frugal life, always using her money wisely.

We would like to thank nurses Michelle, Connie, and Preston from Renew Hospice, as well as the Spring Gardens Senior Living staff in St. George, for their compassionate, professional, and dedicated service.

Burial services will be held on August 5, 2024, where her remains will be placed alongside her husband who is buried at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com). Arrangements and memorial tree planting under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

# Previous Events

## Burial

AUG 5 (PT)

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
1900 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Boulder City, NV