



Marilyn Hegessy Moffitt

February 4, 1930 - February 16, 2014

Marilyn H Moffitt, 84, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of February 16, in St. George, Utah. She was born February 4, 1930, in Salt Lake City, to James and Eve Hegessy. Marilyn married Lavar James Moffitt in the Salt Lake Temple on August 30, 1951.

Raised in SLC, Marilyn graduated from East High School in 1947, was the Queen of Sugarhouse, 1949. Marilyn was an accomplished pianist early in life, and at age 17, began playing for vocal students of A. Lee Humphries. In 1949, a small town baritone/bass named Lavar chose Mr. Humphries to teach him vocal lessons, and well, you can guess the rest!

Marilyn was a beauty, a perfectionist, and strong willed. She taught piano lessons for many years. Marilyn was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, excelled in her church responsibilities, and was a member of the DUP. Marilyn returned to college (BYU) in her forties, where she earned a B.A. in Genealogy, long before Genealogy was cool. She travelled extensively doing Genealogy professionally and for family. Marilyn and Lavar served an LDS mission in Martha's Vineyard. She loved to travel, and be with her friends in study group.

She is survived by: her loving husband, children Scott James Moffitt (Sherry), Rebecca Huntsman (Calvin), Kelly Lavar Moffitt (Jackie), and Layne David

Moffitt (Anne), 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by: Parents and sister; Mercedes Hegessy Woolsey.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 22, 11:00 a.m. in the Hurricane 11th Ward Building, 452 North 2600 West, Hurricane, Utah. Friends may visit one hour prior to the Service at the same location. Internment will take place at the Tonaquint Cemetery in St. George.

Condolences may be shared online at: www.SereniCareofStGeorge.com

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Hurricane LDS 11th Ward
452 North 2600 West
Hurricane, UT

Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (MT)

Hurricane LDS 11th Ward
452 North 2600 West
Hurricane, UT

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Lavar,
We were sorry to hear about Marilyn. We enjoyed our association with you in the Granite area. You were always such a wonderful example of the Gospel. Bob had such good times fishing with you and treasures the memories.

Sincerely,
Bob & Carol Burton

Bob Burton - February 27, 2014 at 06:29 PM

LS

“ Dear Lavar,
What a nice obituary you wrote for Marilyn. I always enjoyed socializing with her.
First at the music store, where she played for Mr. Humphries and later when you moved out to Granite. She was an asset to our DUP meetings. She played for us at some of the DUP Company meetings. I' sorry to hear that it was her time leave this life. I'm sure you have a lot wonderful memories.

Sincerely,
LaRee Hart Sieverts

LaRee Hart Sieverts - February 26, 2014 at 06:21 PM

VS

“ Dear Lavar, We are saddened to hear of the passing of your beautiful Marilyn. We have many happy memories of our time together on Sunset Ridge. We especially enjoyed making music with you as Marilyn accompanied us. She is a dear lovely woman and will be missed by us.

Curt and Valerie Swenson

Valerie Swenson - February 24, 2014 at 04:23 PM

SK

“ *Shauna K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marilyn Hegessy Moffitt.*



Shauna K. - February 24, 2014 at 10:53 AM



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SK

“ We send our condolences to the Moffitt family at this time of your loss of your dear wife and mother Marilyn. She will be missed by all. We attended the funeral Saturday. What a blessing it was to be there. We were so blessed to be there. The Moffitt family has such a wonderful spirit about them. Lavar, I have always admired you. You are an uncle to look up to. You have that same kind and loving nature that my Mother had. You and Marilyn have raised a wonderful family. I am so proud to be a cousin to Scott, Rebecca, Kelly and Layne. It was fun to visit with all of you. I was so excited to see Scott. I used to play with him when all of you came to stay with Gran. He still has the same warm laugh and fun nature. Becky and I text each other now and then and it is good being in contact with her. I hope to get better acquainted with Kelly and Layne. Thanks to all of you for being who you are. I hope to see you again soon. We are only a few miles apart. Shauna and Robert Killpack

Shauna Killpack - February 24, 2014 at 09:40 AM

EG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing.. She was a wonderful lady and very sweet to me. I'm sorry I didn't get to see her and your Dad while I was in Utah recently. My dearest friend and sister, Becky, I love you and miss you always! Wishing you and your family the peace and comfort that only the gospel, family, and friends can bring during this sad difficult time! We understand as we just lost Ed's Mother in November...

Marilyn played the piano while Kelly and Becky sang at our wedding back in 1990.. Do you remember? Also, Fun Fun memories at Lake Powell.. Lavar showed me how to gut and clean a huge catfish back then.. LOL The Moffitt family always included me and loved me like their own! I love the Moffitt family! You have all been special and a blessing in my life! Sweet Blessings of love, support, peace, comfort and our sincere condolences from Eddie and I...heart to heart!! Wish we could have been there today for her services but we are with you in spirit for sure!! xoxoxo Love, Rachell (Shelley Lou) and Eddie too :) Crestview, Florida

Ed and Rachell (Ruesch) Green - February 22, 2014 at 06:42 PM

KM

“ We are saddened by your loss, Lavar. Your friendship over the years has meant a great deal to us. We came to see you while we were in St. George, on Sunday, 16 February 2014 at the Beehive place but no one knew where you were. Then we heard of this and we were more saddened. May the Lord bless you in these final years.

Ken & Betty Morrison

Ken Morrison - February 20, 2014 at 04:05 PM



“ A testament to the power of enduring love. A tribute to mom and dad:

It is often difficult to find the "silver lining" when faced with the death of a loved one, especially when the dark cloud is lined by Alzheimer's disease. Our dear mother and wife, Marilyn Moffitt, left us in the wee hours of Sunday morning after many years with this ugly, destructive disease. In this case, however, there is much of the precious silver to be mined. Mom's was not always an easy life. Not that she ever wanted for food or the physical necessities of life, hers was a life made difficult by emotional pain and deficits that only she could be aware of in childhood. She found true love when a handsome young man stole her heart with his attention and affection and the voice of a baritone/base angel. You know him as Lavar, but mom knew him as LAVAR! Sorry mom. Life in the Moffitt home was, as with any other, sometimes less picturesque than a pile of mulch. If mom wasn't happy.....well, you get my point. Our saintly father stayed on the ride, even when the bumps and turns were overwhelming in our little home. Time passed, children left home (sometimes with the sound of a slamming door and burning rubber!), and mom n dad turned 70, 71, 72... Somewhere in their seventy somethingth year, mom softened. Her words became more loving, less critical, more kind and gentle, with a special new flavor of caring for dad. Dad embraced the newness in mom, spoke of these being the happiest times of his life. He showered her with love. No hesitation, no conditions, no reservations. The past ten years have been a blessing, Alzheimer's be darned. We have seen miracles that have blessed our lives and theirs. They held hands, kissed, embraced and loved in ways that had previously seemed somehow uncomfortable. Mom passed away quietly in the night, her face covered by dad's tender kisses, one hand in his, the other in God's.

I have seen the darkness of Alzheimer's, but for dad, the clouds were removed, leaving only the Silver Lining.

Kelly Lavar Moffitt, February 17, 2013



Dick Johnson - February 20, 2014 at 03:45 PM

AJ

“ *Lavar and Family,*

I would like to give my heart felt sympathy and let you know I am thinking of you and your family. May the Lord be with you and bless you in your time of need.

*Sincerely, Alma Hue Jewkes
9226 S 260 E
Sandy, UT 84070
(801)255-7875*

Alma Hue Jewkes - February 20, 2014 at 01:55 PM

KM

“ I wish to add my thanks to everyone who has had a part in the life of my dear grandmother. She was such an amazing person and will be greatly missed. I am Kaylie Moffitt, daughter of Kelly Moffitt, granddaughter of Marilyn and Lavar and I am currently serving an LDS mission in Southern California. I know that my grandmother influenced many lives and that she will continue to do so. I know that I have a guardian angel watching over me, and I hope I can make her proud through my service. I love you and I miss you Grandma, but I know I will see you again and you will remember all the good times we had.

Love you family!!

Hermana Kaylie Moffitt, California Carlsbad Mission

Kaylie Moffitt - February 19, 2014 at 04:41 PM

GW

“ Dear LaVar and Family,
Sorry to read the news of marilyns passing. We have so many wonderful memories of you and your family. Great picture of you both. Would love to talk to you. Give hugs to your family. The girls send their best also.

Just know we love you all

Glenis burdette Welling Bountiful Utah

Glenis Burdette Welling - February 19, 2014 at 04:04 PM

GG

“ I read of Sis. Moffitt's passing in this morning's paper. I remembered her as a sweet, sweet lady who loved her family. As a teenager, her husband was my bishop. Then later, her son, Kelly and his family were our neighbors in Draper. Kelly, my sincere condolences.

Gerald Greenwood

Gerald Greenwood - February 19, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ Lavar and family wish to express our sincere gratitude to those who cared for mom and Lavar in their short time in St George.

Thank you Mary, for your help and attention as we (Lavar and Marilyn) transitioned from our home in South Jordan to the new environment of assisted living. You were always happy to help in every way with a smile and undivided attention.

Thank you Taylor, for your loving persistence in helping mom with showering, even in the face of a woman bent on discouraging you in your efforts! Your instant devotion to both mom and dad was both extraordinary and without end. It was about genuine love for people.

Thank you Tiffany. Your nursing skills and dedication to mom during her transition to Hospice care helped to save her life on December 30, 2013. Your attention from then until her passing seemed not about work, but about ensuring that she was treated as a whole person, body and soul. Your tornado-like presence fills not only the surroundings, but heals the hearts of everyone within range.

To Bernie; You are as the stars on a moonless night, filling the sky with unparalleled beauty. Your capacity to love without condition is rarely found in a world where "selfish" overshadows "selfless". You truly gave mom new life when she came to your home, and continued to serve her for the next six weeks. You provided an environment for the healing of her body and spirit, giving us precious time to prepare our hearts and minds for her passing. Having seen her mother suffer the affects of Alzheimer's disease, mom feared the same fate, the loss of dignity and self-awareness. You have a unique capacity to restore lost dignity, to earn the love of patients who are lost and afraid. Mom trusted and loved you Bernie, dad loves you, and those of the Moffitt family who watched you serve them both also love you. Thank you.

Kelly Moffitt - February 18, 2014 at 09:31 PM

TS

I feel so blessed to be a part of her life for such a short time. Thank you for sharing her with me and allowing me to be a part of your family. There are no words to express how you have all touched my life.

Tiffany Schwager - February 19, 2014 at 10:13 PM

CB

Kelly, I saw this in the paper and thought of you. Hope you are doing ok. You have my deepest sympathy.

Cindy Bull

Cynthia Bull - February 20, 2014 at 11:42 AM