



Maxine Lois Hansen Cook

September 3, 1928 - November 8, 2014

Maxine Lois Hansen Cook passed away on November 8, 2014 at the age of 86 in St George, UT. Maxine was born September 3, 1928 in Riverside, California. She married Bayliss Herschal Cook on Jan 19, 1952. They were later divorced.

Maxine grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing, while simultaneously raising her children. As her husband was disabled, she received assistance and support from her parents with raising the kids while working and going to school. After graduating she worked as an R.N. for much of her life. She loved playing the piano, and was quite a good artist in her younger years. She was a devoted member of the L.D.S. church throughout her life.

One of her passions in life was swimming and she went as often as she could to the local swimming pool. When she was 74 she had the opportunity to travel to China to teach English. It was one of the highlights of her life. Maxine had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed having fun with her grandchildren, reading and cooking.

Maxine is survived by children Benjamin Lawrence Cook, Provo, UT, Steven Ray Cook (Pat), Hurricane, UT and Anne Marie Millett (Hal) Cane Beds, AZ, siblings Ralph L. Hansen Orem, UT, Gloria Hansen Los Angeles, CA, and Joy

Basso (Chuck) Queen's Creek, AZ. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Hansen and Leona Lewis Hansen, Brother Grant Hansen, children Michael Jaron Cook, Sharon Louise Cook, and Grandson Tell Artemus Millett.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to Kindred Care Center for their attention and care of Maxine since she became a resident there. We would also like to thank Zion's Way Hospice for their attention and care for her the last week of her life.

At the request of family, Maxine was cremated. If you wish to share comments or memories of Maxine, you can do so at www.SerenityStG.com.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ To Ben, Steven and Pat, Anne Marie and Hal, Ralph, Gloria, Joy and Chuck, Children and Grandchildren,

Our deepest sympathy to all of you.

No we did not see one another often. Sometimes at Thanksgiving at Grandma and Grandpa's house in Maywood, occasionally in Los Angeles and San Diego and sadly, most recently at my Dad's funeral (Grant Hansen) a few years ago. Since my family moved to Virginia in 1969 and personally later in 1975 we have been separated by a great distance.

But those few memories of long ago remind me that Maxine was a kind woman with a servant's heart. I remember her in the background setting the table and hurrying around doing a thousand other things when our big family of seven would visit Maywood. In the foreground was Grandpa and Grandma pronouncing those memorial words respectively, "How's the weather up there?" (Grandpa-to three tall boys; Alan, Brian and David) and "Oh, for land sakes!" (Grandma- to every new piece of news that she heard... which Google tells me was a pretty common term with her generation!).

God's comfort and strength to each of you as you progress through this difficult time. We share your grief. Both Karon and I, have lost our parents at least temporarily (Iris, Imogene, Bob and Grant) and still feel the ache. Our great hope is to be reunited in Christ in just a short generation of time.

Please do stop by whenever you are near our Nation's capital. We are 10 minutes north of Dulles Airport in Potomac Falls, Virginia (703.444.6638).

With love,

Alan and Karon Hansen

Alan Hansen - November 16, 2014 at 06:17 AM

JO

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Joy - November 14, 2014 at 01:19 PM



“ *I remember the tomato juice/milk. She had some weird food ideas. Remember when she'd take us to the grocery store for a treat? She'd say we could pick any canned fruit or vegetable we liked. She taught me how to do nurses corners on a bed. The swimming pool was the best though. Oh oh. Remember the thing in her van that would cook soup. Such industrial and such a problem solver. She could really think out of the box on something's.*

Marlo Helquist - November 14, 2014 at 09:31 AM

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“ My cousin would always light up the room. She. leas such a fun spirit. At times, it seems she would disappear..then unannounced she would be at our front door or a family reunion. When she said she was going to China, I thought 'Are you crazy? Do you speak Chinese? (no) Do you know someone there? (no) ...but then I thought, that is Maxine. Always fun and full of life! Heaven will be a better, happier place. ..Cousin, Darrell Lewis

Darrell Lewis - November 13, 2014 at 09:03 AM

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“ We are sorry to hear of Maxine's passing. We sure enjoyed having her attend our ward in California. Even though she was having health issues, she was full of life and spunk. Her desire to keep learning was evident in everything she shared with us.

*Kari Mitchell
La Crescenta 1st Ward, La Crescenta, California*

Kari Mitchell - November 12, 2014 at 06:43 PM

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Hal Millett-Maxines Son-in-law - November 12, 2014 at 03:39 PM


Jessica
Helquist
Huntington

“ We love you grandma. I will always cherish memories of swimming at snow college, and the Manti pageant. Thanks for bringing my mother and wonderful aunt and uncles into the world. May you live the joyously in the afterlife.

Jessica Helquist Huntington - November 12, 2014 at 02:49 PM



“ we love you grandma.

Marlo Helquist - November 12, 2014 at 02:45 PM



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Dick Johnson - November 12, 2014 at 12:54 PM


Jessica
Helquist

This is where mom and annie get their beauty!

Jessica Helquist Huntington - November 12, 2014 at 02:52 PM



Love you grandma

Tav Millett - November 12, 2014 at 04:54 PM



Thanks for all the good, funny and sometimes odd memories Grandma. Sorry that I didn't drink the milk mixed with tomato juice that you served me one day when I was getting ready to go to kindergarten. Thanks for all the times you took us to Snow College to go swimming, for trying to teach me piano, how to properly clean glass with newspapers, how to properly fold a plastic grocery sack and for all the times that you took us to the Manti Mormon Miracle Pageant. May you rest in Peace Wether we want to admit it or not, we all (her descendants) have a little "Grandma Cook" syndrome in us, it gives us character.

Shannon - November 13, 2014 at 04:23 PM



Since Grandma Maxine entered the care center in St. George in May 2013 we have been able to make several visits to see her. On Christmas Day we wheeled her into the visiting room and sat around the piano and sang Christmas songs. On our visits we would ask questions about her life history. Before she married she was a nurse and during marriage received her advanced degree of bachelor in nursing. Before marrying a Cook relative had said to her they hoped she could help her future husband. She thought that was strange comment. Her and Bayliss married in the Long Beach Stake Center and were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They were divorced in July 1966 while she lived in Lincoln, California. When living in Lincoln she worked as a nurse in a elementary school. Ben remembered his mother Maxine buying treats of junk food to eat. While I remember her bringing to the grandchildren a present of a bottle of apple juice. She was thoughtful and tried to contact her grandchildren through mail, phone, and visits. She was kind and sweet. Our last visit to the care center was in October. We woke her from her nap and visited her. Upon leaving we gave her her usual hug and she looked peaceful laying on the bed with a smile on her face. On one visit I asked if time heals. And she replied, Yes time heals. We look forward to one day of seeing her again and seeing that smile on her face. Roxanna Cook & grandkids

Roxanna Cook - November 15, 2014 at 10:30 AM

LS

I was in Maxine's ward in California when she lived in a care center in Montrose. I would visit her occasionally and take my viola to play music for her. She loved that! She would conduct with her hands and she especially loved the primary songs and would sing along.

Leticia Strong - November 16, 2014 at 09:25 PM

EC

Maxine is my sister's mother-in-law and I have several memories of her growing up. I am eternally grateful to her because she became friends with a young woman and invited her to dinner at my sister's house. Five months later that young woman became my wife and we are so happy. If it had not been for Maxine, we would not have met. Her loving, caring, and free spirit will be missed, and I agree with the comments above that Heaven is a happier place now that she is there. Thanks Maxine.

-Eldon and Pilar Clark

Eldon Clark - November 16, 2014 at 10:34 PM