



Rae Woolsey Smith

November 30, 1925 - August 8, 2019

On August 8, 2019, our sweet, beautiful mother passed from this life. Mom was born 30 November, 1925, in Escalante, Utah to Tillman and Alcea Heaps Woolsey. She was the 4th of nine children. Mom was 10 years old when her mother died and consequently she was raised by her maternal grandparents, Thomas and Susannah Alvey Heaps.

After graduating from high school in Escalante, she went to work as a waitress at Foy's Café in Panguitch, Utah, where she met her sweetheart James Welker (Jim) Smith, who was hitch hiking from his home in Idaho to his old home town – Henrieville, Utah. They were married that same year in St. Anthony, Idaho, 17 December, 1945. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple, 10 March, 1950.

Mom and Dad raised their three children while living in Henrieville, and a short time in St. George, Utah. When her kids were mostly raised, mom went back to work to contribute to the family income so they could finish the home they were building with their own hands. Mom was the best Cabin Maid that the Lodge at Bryce Canyon ever had. She was meticulous about cleanliness. When dignitaries visited the park, they were assigned to one of her rooms.

Mom was a kind, thoughtful person; always thinking of others. She always remembered everyone's birthdays. Her best pies, her biggest cinnamon rolls

and the freshest, prettiest loaves of bread went to the widowed and her neighbors.

Mom is known and will be remembered for her dill pickles and the hundreds of doilies she has crocheted that grace homes and temples around the world. No one left her home without asking them if they wanted an ice cream bar. If someone was going shopping and asked her if she needed anything, her reply would be, “a soft ice cream cone”. Mom never met a sweet treat she didn’t like and she never met a weed that she did like. At 84 years of age, her yard was still weed free.

Mom was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings, including the ward Relief Society President. She and Edith Barker were visiting teaching companions for over 50 years and had 100% reporting for all of those years. She loved her family and taught us correct principles in both word and deed. She faced with courage and a strong testimony that “Families Are Forever”, with the passing of Dad, 15 January 2000, and her favorite son, Jim (Coach Smith of the Escalante Moquis), 5 June 2001.

She was a fan of basketball. It didn’t matter who was playing; the Moquis, the Mustangs, or the Jazz; she wanted to be watching. She was always interested in the youth, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren – each one being her favorite.

At the age of 85, the decision was made by her family that it was time she share the remainder of her life with them, in Parowan, Utah, with her favorite daughter, Barbara, and in Surprise, Arizona, with her favorite daughter, Dorothy.

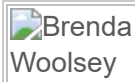
The family expresses their sincere appreciation to all the family members who

provided a loving and caring environment for her final years, and Rae's hospice team: Nicole, Faelynn, Bob and Craig, and Dr. Marshall for all their gentle caring.

Rae Smith is survived by: her daughters, Barbara (David) Gray and Dorothy (Don) Burkhardt; daughter-in-law Margo Smith; 10 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren; sister Mona Gene Sorensen; brother Warren (Kathleen) Woolsey; and sister Sharon (Bill deceased) Francisco.

She is preceded in death by: her husband, James Welker (Jim) Smith; her son, James W (Jim) Smith; her parents, Tillman Woolsey and Alcea Heaps; her siblings, Rula (Leavitt) Christensen, Bud (Wanda) Woolsey, Wells (Beth) Woolsey, Dewey (Ramola) Woolsey, Elnora (Reed) Williams, Billie Deen (LaDon) Ellett, Phyllis Woolsey, and Milton (Joyce) Woolsey.

Tribute Wall

Brenda Woolsey

“ *Barbara, So sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet mother. So glad I got to visit one last time with her. She was always so kind and sweet to me. May you find comfort in your memories... Brenda Woolsey*

Brenda Woolsey - August 19, 2019 at 01:41 PM

KP

“ *I am so grateful that I grew up in Henrieville where I was fortunate to know Rae. I always loved her cheerful laugh that she shared and brightened our lives with. I was blessed to receive one of her elegant doilies for our wedding, which I truly treasure. She had such a kind and gentle spirit that made you love to be with her. So sorry I wasn't able to be at the service to give you all a hug and personally express my love. She blessed all who knew her but know she will be rejoicing to be reunited with special loved ones
Kathryn Pollock*

Kathryn Pollock - August 18, 2019 at 10:13 PM

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“ *When I think of Rae I remember her laugh, her smile, and the sparkle in her eyes. She was truly a joy to be around. She gave me one of her exquisite hand-made doilies several years ago which I will always cherish. Our world has been better and brighter because this special daughter of God was in it. May you have joy in your sweet memories. Love, Brenda Rose*

Brenda - August 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM

JJ

“ *Barbara and Dorothy*

My mother, Virginia Wilcock Bauer, was a teacher in Cedar City. Ruth and Janine and Danny were her children. Mother was from Escalante and knew Rae. She was out of high school and mother needed someone to tend my baby brother while dad and she taught school. Rae agreed to come and live with our family during that year.

She was very kind and did a wonderful job. We would stop and see her in Henrieville many a time after she married your dad. She was a special person, and we loved her. Kathleen married Warren Woolsey, so I have asked Warren about her since she went to live with you girls.

May you remember many memories and have her close. Janine (Evan) Jolley

Janine B Jolley - August 16, 2019 at 02:38 PM

KC

“ *Klinton Cassie Chynoweth lit a candle in memory of Rae Woolsey Smith*



Klinton Cassie Chynoweth - August 14, 2019 at 08:29 AM

JJ

“ *Jeff And Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rae Woolsey Smith*



Jeff and Kim Johnson - August 13, 2019 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Barbara and Dot*

So Sorry for the loss of your beautiful mom. She was such a special person. I still have a doilie she made years ago. She was always so kind and always had a smile on. It is really hard when we loose our moms, but so thankful we know she is rejoicing with your dad and Jimmy.

Sending our love - Martin and Carla Ramsay

Carla Ramsay - August 13, 2019 at 12:37 PM