



## Ruth Jones Lang

February 4, 1924 - November 30, 2017

Ruth Jones Lang passed away November 30, 2017 at the age of 93. She was born on Feb. 4, 1924 in St. George, Utah, to William Henry and Edna Canfield Jones. They moved to Cedar City and later to American Fork. They lived in a home at the top of a big hill with a barn at the bottom with a few milk cows and a big strawberry field and raspberry patch. The whole neighborhood enjoyed sledding down Jones Hill every winter.

Ruth attended American Fork Elementary School with her friends, Bernice Chadburn Liebhardt, Florence Dixon and Florence White. Ruth decided she wanted to become a nurse and worked for the American Fork Hospital as a nurse's aide. Ruth graduated from AF High School in 1942 and attended the U of U for one semester. She decided to get a job in California. She rode the bus down to St. George to spend the night at her cousin Golda Carter's, before continuing on down. However, she met handsome-just home-from-the-Army Dee Stevens Lang and never did finish that bus ride.

Ruth and Dee were married Nov. 29, 1944 in the Salt Lake Temple. Six weeks later, Dee left for the New England States Mission. Ruth lived with his parents, Parley and Mira Snow Lang and worked at JC Penney's six days a week. Ruth was able to join Dee for the last six months of his mission. They bought an old car, a '34 Chevy as they served together in Vermont. When their mission was complete, they drove home, stopping in New York, Canada, and

Niagara Falls and joked about finally getting a honeymoon.

On returning home, Dee attended Dixie College in St. George. They were thrilled to welcome Linda, born on Ruth's birthday in 1948. Nicholas Dee was born in 1950. They moved to Provo where Dee continued his education at BYU. They moved to Lund, NV where Dee taught fifth grade for one year and then to Richfield for a year. They relocated to Las Vegas, NV where Dee worked as a clerk in the Post Office in North Las Vegas and were happy to be near Dee's sister's family, Bernell and Emily Batson.

Meanwhile, Richard gladly joined the family in 1954. Dee and Ruth were frugal with their money and loved to go on camping trips, taking a tent and putting it up on the side of the road. They vacationed in Disneyland the first year it opened, 1955. They went to Yellowstone, Death Valley and visited family in Utah. They loved their family reunions— the Lang Reunion up Parowan Canyon, the Snow Reunion in Pine Valley and the Jones Reunion the Saturday before Easter in St. George.

Ruth suffered a brain aneurysm in 1958 and had multiple brain surgeries. The neurosurgeon actually told Dee that every patient he had operated on previously was either paralyzed or dead but there was no other recourse. However, Ruth had received a Priesthood blessing which told her she would live to see her children grown. She not only survived but came home and had another baby boy. The doctors had insisted she abort but Kevin Jay Lang is that miracle baby.

Ruth kept busy raising her children, serving in the Church, singing alto in the ward choir, teaching Primary and had a day care in her home. She loved being surrounded by children. Jeri Ann still calls her "Mama Ruth." Eight of the children she tended later joined the Church. Ruth loved her grandchildren as they came along.

Ruth and Dee served other missions—a family history one to New Orleans, Louisiana; a St. George Temple and another family history mission in Las Vegas. In 1992, Dee and Ruth built a home in Santa Clara. Ruth loved her grandchildren's comings and goings— their mission farewells and welcome homes, their weddings, the births of their grandchildren. She became "Grandma Great" and loved reading stories to them. Ruth and Dee went to the temple every Wednesday and also enjoyed their Dixie College ICL classes and field trips. It seemed too good to be true!

Alas, Dee's health deteriorated and he passed away on June 6, 2010. Ruth had been Dee's ears and he had been her memory. Without him, her short-term memory continued to unravel.

Special thanks to those who made Ruth's last years brighter: Cierra Jeppson and her dad, Dave, who installed a special mailbox for Ruth; Beverly Brimley who sent her a cute card nearly every week and Cat Poulson who wrote her long, newsy letters. Also, Delaine Anderson, a volunteer who became a trusted friend. Ruth also enjoyed visits from Katie Beacham. Thanks to Dr. Kent McDonald, Suntree Hospice and the staff and residents of the Mesa Palms Beehive Home.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Dee Stevens Lang, her parents, brothers: William Dover, Leslie, Francis, Kenneth and John Jones. Sisters: Amanda Fawcett, Bessie Allen, Viola Taylor and one great-granddaughter, Violet Gifford.

Surviving are her children: Linda (Ron) Beard of Diamond Valley; Nick (Lois) Lang of Santa Clara; Richard (Marianne) Lang of Las Vegas and Kevin (Melanni) of Kanosh, three sister-in-laws: Virginia Jones, Jeanette Jones and

Amy Jones and the only surviving sister, Pam Goddard. Ruth leaves 23 of the "very cutest grandchildren ever", 62 "darling" Great-grandchildren and one handsome great, great grandson.

Her funeral service will be in the Santa Clara 5th ward chapel, 3040 Santa Clara Drive on Saturday, December 9 at 11 with her home teacher and Bishop Tom Gubler presiding and conducting. A viewing will be held Saturday from 10:00-10:45. If you want to visit, you will need to come earlier.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Clara City Cemetery

3900 Ancestor Way  
Santa Clara, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Santa Clara 5th Ward  
3040 Santa Clara Drive  
Santa Clara, UT

## Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

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3040 Santa Clara Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Lang Family,

*Wish I would of known that Ruth passed. Marie and I were in St. George the weekend of the funeral and would of loved to have been there.*

*I have such fond memories of Ruth and Dee and their family, from when we all lived in North Las Vegas so many years ago. How important and close, our ward family was to so many of us back then. It's been fun getting the annual Christmas letter from Nick and Lois and being able to keep up on your family.*

*I can only imagine the great reunion that took place when Ruth closed her eyes in this life and opened them in the next, where, with out stretched arms, her beloved companion and soulmate greeted her and welcomed her to his eternal mansion that he had been building. Oh, what a great joy that must of been.*

*Remember the good times you all had with your parents. Cherish your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They are more precious than rubies!!! Strive to live as you should, so that one day, you too, will join your parents in eternity and live as an eternal family, forever.*

*May the good Lord bless you all and may you find peace in His Gospel.*

*With love for each of you  
Bruce and Marie Turner*

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**Bruce W. Turner** - December 21, 2017 at 11:13 PM

SW

“ Hi Lang family.

*We fully intended on attending the funeral on Saturday in Santa Clara. Sadly, Wayne and I both have colds and we have decided it better that we not share our colds with all of you and anyone we might come in contact with.*

*We love your mother. We have so many good memories of her and your dad. The Lang Reunion stopped being the Lang Reunion when you guys pulled out. Loved your parents and I know they are happy back together doing what they enjoyed doing, serving others.*

*May the Lord bless you all. Remember all the good things and have peace in the gospel of Jesus Christ and eternal families.*

*Love, Sandi (Murdock) and Wayne Warby*

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**Sandi Warby** - December 09, 2017 at 12:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Jones Lang.



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December 06, 2017 at 06:47 PM

CK

“ Carol and I share the sorrow, and send our sincere sympathy to the Lang family. I was only about 10 years old when Ruth came to visit in St. George right across the street from our home. But I remember her and Dee from their courting days. Dee was my teacher in Primary. Ruth and Dee were our friends in North LAS Vegas, where we were in the same Ward and we know all their children. We will miss Ruth, and always remember her kindness and friendship.

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**Carol and Jim Kemple** - December 06, 2017 at 05:41 PM

RT

“ I would love to have been a mouse in the corner, and watched as she arrived. I wonder if my Mom met her in the clouds before she made it, if she didn't it would have been because she was forbidden to do it. We send you our sympathy in your loss but rejoice for your Dad, her mother. and Dad as well as Grandpa and Grandma Lang, not to mention your Dad's mother she never met. Wow, what a reunion! It is going to be hard to get a word in with Aunt Ruth and Grandma Jones in the same room. We love you! Ron & Julie (Elder & Sister Taylor -Manila Temple Missionaries )

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**Ronald G. Taylor** - December 04, 2017 at 11:10 PM