

Jane Merrill

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Jane was a dear friend. We were blessed to have the Merrill family here with us in Paul for so many years.

- Derith Orton

My aunt Jane was one of my favorite aunts had so many talents. It was so fun to see all the things she could do. She lived just out of Paul and we got to see them quite often her and her kids she'll be missed and loved Kay Merrill Chidester.

- Kay & Ken Chidester

Jane and Jay were dear friends. Jane you will be missed by your family and friends but you have joined your beloved Jay again. You really missed him. Love Judy and Richard

- Richard and Judy Scott

Karen, I am so sorry for you loss. Your mother was amazing! I still have and use your cookbooks that you created, and I love them. I remember as a young woman with our ward staying at your parents and having such a. Great experience there. She was so passionate about helping others. Truly inspiring. I hope you can feel comfortable and peace during this difficult time. I love you!■

- Julie Henley (Hadley)

We are truly going to miss Jane. She was like a second mother to Susan. She was my 4-H leader and helped me learn how to sew and cook. She taught me how to make whole wheat bread and how to cook and eat healthier. Jane was such a spiritual giant and whenever we went to visit her we never left her home until she had shared her testimony and taught us spiritual truths. Our prayers are with her family at this time.

- Michael and Susan Barclay

What a "classey" lady! So sorry for your loss. We feel the loss, too because she was an awesome friend and so special to our family. Looking forward to the grand reunion in heaven when we all meet again.!

- Bud & Karen Marie Whiting

Reading of the passing of your mother brings sweet memories of the years we spent living in Paul, of the wonderful Paul ward, the Minidoka stake and the Minico seminary. My life is better because of the influence and example of your family. May God bless you always, David Mills

- David Mills

Jane is my cousin just three months older than my twin brother Terry and me. We had many fun experiences with Jane and her cousin Carol. We lived in the little town of Virden and would ride our bicycles up the valley to her home and go on hikes up Riley Wash. We took a canvas water bag with the understanding that I would carry it up and Terry would carry it back. On this occasion we saw honey hanging from a cliff wall and thought it would be smart to throw rocks at it and see if we could get some of the honey to fall. In the process the bees came after us and stung Terry in his left eye. The girls used the water to treat Terry's eye. Guess who carried the water bag back. We will miss Jane and the many fond memories of being with her as we all grew up in Virden. We are happy for her knowing that she has now retuned to the arms of her husband.

- Tim and Shirley Lunt

I had the privilege of getting to know your mother at the Auberge as her Relief Society President. I grew to love her from the first moment I met het her. She was so proud of her family and loved to share her pictures and her memories. She had a great love of the gospel and shared her sweet testimony. I miss her beautiful smile and her love of the gospel of Jesus Christ. May God be with you during this time of loss. I know she is happy today being in the presence of our Father in Heaven.

- Mary Ann Hill

When I think about Jay and Jane Merrill, I have very fond memories of two people who were committed to principles of the gospel. Uncle Jay often would answer questions about gospel topics that I had as a teenager in ways that made the gospel clear and simple. Aunt Jane was the ideal homemaker who knew how to cook, manage her home and between them they were like the north star because you always knew that they had a far-away goal that they were pointed toward for not only themselves but their family as well. Aunt Jane invited Marian and I to come spend a weekend at their home in Paul after we were engaged. It was a quiet example for us to see first hand a home where the gospel prevailed - something that now that President Nelson has passed on, who taught "Let God Prevail" was clearly a focus in the Merrill home. I am sure that the Payne family now is complete on the other side of the veil where all nine children have returned through the sealing powers of the priesthood. Isn't it wonderful how Grandpa and Grandma Payne lived the gospel in such a way that we all knew that they would end up this way. We have to be thankful to be part of such a wonderful legacy which was totally centered in the gospel. May the peace which was taught by Him when he said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 May that peace be felt during this time by the Merrill Family.

- Lynn Johnson

We were fortunate to have the Merrill family as neighbors and part of our ward family in Paul, Idaho. When I had surgery many years ago, Jane came and stayed a day with me and our little ones, cooking a delicious meal and baking some of her amazing bread. We have never forgotten that kindness. She is truly an Elect Lady and we were blessed to have had the privilege of knowing her. Our very best wishes to all of her family.

- Monte and Carole Dayley

We are so sorry about the passing of your Mother. I loved visiting your Mom with my Dad…the last two of the wonderful Junis and Sara Payne kids. Your mother lived a good life and now is with your Dad! Love, Ed & Karen Payne

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