

Nila Ard Thompson

March 30, 1943 ~ September 16, 2025

Nila’s family, I am so sorry to hear about Nila’s passing. I worked with her at Beehive Elementary and felt so fortunate when she shared all her reading knowledge and personal stories with us. I loved hearing about her life growing by up in the west! She organized a fantastic reading room with many reading books, and a goal system for all the teachers and students. I always loved seeing her beautiful outfits with amazingly colorful, matching shoes. She was the most stylish teacher with such a passion for helping students and teachers. I will always remember Nila with such love and respect! She was an extremely special and one of a kind lady!!

- Kathy Moore

Nila was a wonderful woman, she will be dearly missed. Our deepest condolences to the families: Kellene, Nicole, Joey and families. Beth and Roger Murphy and Tommy Dudley

- Beth Dudley-Murphy

Nila and I taught together at Beehive Elementary. We talked often about ways to help children become better readers. I often brought my class to her stimulating reading room to pair up and read with children from other classrooms. Fun! We also talked many times about her growing up in the shadow of the Tetons, and the land her family owned there. I'm happy to hear she'll be interned in Tetonia. I also remember the times we met at her house dividing up Jazz tickets each season. NIla was delightful. Knowing her was a pleasure. Lee Jepsen

- Lee Jepsen

Kylie, Michael and girls, Your gram was a sweet and generous woman who loved you all so much. She constantly bragged about what a great family she had and was so proud of you all. I know how much you will miss her fun and crazy things. Just cherish those tender and beautiful moments. She lived a good life and I know she is smiling down on you. Sending our love and support to all of Nila's family.

- Denice and Jeff Walker