

Betty LaJune Bouck Stewart

March 25, 1935 ~ February 28, 2021

Betty LaJune Bouck Stewart, 85, passed away peacefully in her home on February 28, 2021. LaJune was born on March 25, 1935 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

LaJune grew up in Salt Lake except for a short time during WWII when her family lived in Pocatello, Idaho. After completing school, LaJune worked as a governess in Washington D.C. where she met a handsome young Army officer, Gordon Stewart. They were married in the Manti Temple in 1957. Gordon went on to get a PhD, after which they returned to Washington D.C. with their boys where Gordon did research for the Department of the Interior. Later, they accepted a professorship at the University of Massachusetts and the family moved to Amherst. They lived there until Gordon's passing in 1976, when LaJune returned to Utah to be close to family.

LaJune filled her time working with her hands. She was meticulous--she had handmade creations for every occasion and purpose, uniform vacuum lines were always present in her carpet, her yard was maintained with exactness, and her daily schedule was impeccably consistent. Her grandchildren recall a sleepover at grandma's always meant a precise bedtime that was preceded by the 10'clock news (or Lawrence Welk) while grandma "put her hair up" sitting on the living room floor. She was a gifted seamstress--bell-bottomed leisure suits made for her sons, blessing outfits for her grandchildren, and countless other pieces will be long-remembered. LaJune shared her talents teaching others to sew and craft, and as the owner of a ceramics shop in Holladay for a time. She mastered the culinary arts of the 60s and 70s and loved sending visitors away with a baked treat from her kitchen. Her snickerdoodles and banana bread were known far and wide. A dinner at LaJune's was always eaten at a formally set table and most meals were accompanied by surprising gelatin creations.

She was a life-long faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many church positions during her 40 years as a member of the Olympus 7th Ward. Ward members and neighbors demonstrated exceptional love and generosity to her, notably in her later years as her needs increased. Her family wishes to express their deep gratitude for all that was done, seen and unseen, for her. In her final weeks, LaJune received care from compassionate and skilled hospice professionals that was a tender mercy to her and her family alike.

She is preceded in death by her husband Gordon Stewart; parents Joseph and Rosina Bouck; brother William Bouck; and brother Joseph Bouck. She is survived by her sister Edith Jacobson; brother Richard (Judy) Bouck; and children Bradley (Janet) Stewart; Douglas (Julee) Stewart; Rodney (Kathy) Stewart; Kevin (Caren) Stewart; as well as 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Friends and Family are invited to attend virtually via zoom. The link to the Zoom recorded service is: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/GbBCD4Bt9Jw67sAKvfOgu-CZ8WECE-6CgUolBdHxh0dOzYQMdiem_ztcq_l5-UVh.a