Pauline Hanks Christiansen

May 27, 1927 ~ January 10, 2015

A cherished daughter of God, Pauline Hanks Christiansen, 87, left this mortal existence on January 10, 2015. She is free from a body that no longer worked. She crossed through the veil to be embraced by her loved ones who were eagerly waiting for her. We wish we could have seen the wonderful reunion.

Pauline was born May 27, 1927 to Douglas "J" and Eva Hanks in Salt Lake City, UT. She attended South High School where she made friendships that have carried on through the years. She also attended the University of Utah.

She met and fell in love with her sweetheart, Dave. They were talking marriage when Dave chose to serve a mission. Mom joined a group of girls who were also waiting for missionaries but she then chose to serve her own mission. So while Dave was off in Denmark, Mom was serving her mission in the upper Midwest. Mom got off her mission first. Then she, her parents and sister, drove to New York to meet Dave when he came off the ship from Denmark.

Dave and Pauline were married on September 14, 1950 in the Salt Lake Temple. They purchased their one and only home in Rose Park where Mom lived for 63 years. In this home they raised their five children, then welcomed spouses and grandchildren. She loved to gather family and friends around them. Mom was a gracious hostess and loved to have visitors.

Pauline was always busy. She loved to sew, garden, bake, work on genealogy, go camping and fishing. She was a faithful servant in her callings in the LDS church. She served in Primary, Young Women's (back in her day it was MIA) and Relief Society. She served as teacher, chorister, counselor and President in all of the auxiliaries at some point in her life. She was always happy to be serving in her callings or to help someone in need. She had a great testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ and His work. She now leaves her legacy of service with her posterity.

Mom was a one man woman. Dad passed away over 26 years ago and for all those years she missed him. She is now reunited with the love of her life. Rog lived with mom all these years and helped in so many ways. We are deeply indebted to Rog for all he did for mom. His being there allowed her to remain in the home she loved. It was also our privilege as her children to care for her in her own home until she passed away. She will be missed.

She is survived by her children: David (Lynda) Christiansen, Linda (Andy) Newren, Larry (Jill) Christiansen, and Roger Christiansen, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren with 1 more arriving in March. She is survived by her sisters, LaFonda Grover and Ruth Cardon, and brother, Doug Hanks and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dave, her daughter, Paula, and her grandson, Jake.

We would like to thank those from Brighton Hospice (Lori, Allen, Maria, Kami, and Alisa) who came and helped us care for mom and their concern for us. They were wonderful and caring and helped so much in our time of need.

Funeral services for mom will be January 16, 2015 at 12:00 in the Rose Park Stake Center. 760 N 1100 W, SLC, UT. Viewings will be January 15th at Larkin Mortuary from 6-8 p.m., 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT, and at the Rose Park Stake Center on January 16th from 10:45-11:45. She will be interned in the Salt Lake City Cemetery next to Dad.