Marjorie Wilkinson

January 14, 1923 ~ June 30, 2018

Marjorie Nielsen Wilkinson passed away on June 30, 2018 at the age of 95 surrounded by her loved ones. She was an exceptional woman who lived and embodied the virtues of family, work, charity and faith until the very end. She was deeply loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Marjorie's life began on January 14, 1923 in Idaho Falls, ID. Born to parents George and Marie Nielsen and raised by her beloved paternal Danish grandmother, Sophia, after Marie's passing. Marjorie grew up on a large ranch in Idaho where she learned the value of hard work. She graduated from Ammon High School and later BYU with a degree in Home Economics, which she used to teach school. She married her college sweetheart, Ernest Ludlow Wilkinson, a cardiologist, who practiced at the Salt Lake Clinic, in 1945 in the Salt Lake Temple. They were married for 46 years and together raised five sons. They kept trying for a girl until they realized that 5 boys made the perfect basketball team. After Ernest's death in 1992, Marjorie met and married Milton D Evans in 1996. They were married for 18 years until Milt's death in 2015.

Some of her many talents included sewing, gardening, and a life of church service in ward and stake callings. She was always willing to take food to those sick, healing, or grieving. She would stay until the last dish was washed at church and other social gatherings. She often accompanied Ernest while he traveled overseas with President Kimball as his personal physician and was asked to participate at church conferences abroad. She traveled the world with Ernest, Milt, her girlfriends and the church.

She loved being active in the outdoors with her family and dear friends. She learned to snow ski behind a horse and skied into her mid-70s at Alta, PC, and Sun Valley. She enjoyed waterskiing, playing tennis and golf, camping, and boating at Lake Powell and Bear Lake, where she built her dream vacation home and spent many summers. She often toured Yellowstone Park and loved spending the winter months in Palm Springs.

Marjorie and Ernest were avid BYU fans and attended most BYU basketball and football games with their college friends and her father-in-law, Ernest Leroy Wilkinson, a former president of BYU, and lovely mother-in-law, Alice.

Marjorie is survived by her sons, George (Wendy), Leigh (Nancy), Bob (Mary), Steve (Lisa), and Michael (JB); 18 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; sister, Georgelean Olvera; and sisters- and brothers-in-law, Alice and Floyd Anderson, Tricia and David Wilkinson and Rosalie Wilkinson. Preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Ileane; father- and mother-in-law; husbands; twin brother, Morris; and sisters- and brothers-in-law, Marion and Gordon Jensen, Douglas Wilkinson, and Nettie Nielsen.

For the past seven years while suffering with dementia, Marjorie was well cared for by Stacy Vehar and Emily Masadah. Angels from heaven.

A viewing will be held on Friday, July 20 from 6 to 8 pm at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 E. 1300 S., SLC, UT 84108. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 11 am at The Salt Lake Country Club, 2400 Country Club Drive, SLC, UT 84109. A luncheon will follow for extended family. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Alzheimer's Association in memory of Marjorie (http://act.alz.org/goto/marjoriewilkinson)