Larkin

Lennox Larson Deem

November 28, 1926 ~ January 20, 2018

Lennox passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 20, 2018 of causes incident to age. Lennox was born November 28, 1926 to William Lennox Adamson and Laura Jane Rawson in Carey, Idaho, a small rural community near Sun Valley. She was the youngest of 8 children, 4 siblings and 4 cousins all raised by her parents. Her father, an Idaho statesman and LDS Church leader, and her mother, also a dedicated church and civic leader, instilled in their large family the importance of love for others, service and self-reliance. At an early age she showed uncommon musical talent. Music became her life. By age 8 she was accompanying church services.

Lennox had many fond and cherished memories of the simplicity of small town life. The family ran the Mercantile, the hub of the town. They tended sheep and had gardens and orchards. At age 16 her musical talents and desire for opportunity took her to Salt Lake to begin college during the war in 1942.

Throughout her lifetime as a teacher she mentored piano students. She performed with many artists throughout the Salt Lake Valley and received a variety of honorary awards. After graduating from the U of U and while teaching 7th grade at Uinta, she met Reed Larson, a handsome member of the Navy Dental Corp, just returned from WWII on Guam. They shared the same Idaho roots and fell in love. In 1948 they were married in the Salt Lake Temple with a reception at the Chi Omega house with many who became lifelong friends. The next 30 plus years she raised 4 children in homes on Logan Avenue and Chandler Drive and over time she became a professor of music at the U of U. Fifty-two years of marriage included exotic travels. Examples included trekking with machete through Mayan and Amazon jungles. They shared each others' professional activities and their joint love of travel. Affiliations included bridge clubs, Desert Island Country Club, Town Club, SL Country Club, Great Minds Book Club, Dinner Set, and they supported many arts, civic, university and professional organizations.

Lennox and Reed left a lasting legacy for the family as they built a haven on the shores of Bear Lake creating memories for extended family that has endured for 60 years. She was each of her grandchildren's greatest supporters.

In later years, they enjoyed spending winter in Rancho Mirage, California. Reed passed away in 2000, and in 2005 Lennox met and married Bill Deem in Palm Springs. His kind, gentle nature was good for her. They enjoyed 13 wonderful years together traveling the west, visiting extended families and enjoying friends. She has lived a full and abundant life.

Lennox is survived by Bill Deem, her 4 children: William (Robin), Brent (Mary), Ann DeMill, Eric (Lori), 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Steve (Jill) Deem, John Deem and 2 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by Reed, parents and all siblings and cousins. Thank you to caregivers at Sunrise Sr. Living and Jayne Delon.

Funeral is Saturday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m. at the Yalecrest Ward, 1035 South 1800 East. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South and prior to the service on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Interment SLC Cemetery.