

Alice Creer Young Marsh

October 7, 1931 ~ May 13, 2023

Alice Creer Young Marsh passed away peacefully on May 13, 2023. She was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 7, 1931, the first child of Sara Dinwoodey Moyle and Frank Brockbank Creer. She was baptized by her grandfather, James Henry Moyle, who was the founder of the Utah Democratic Party and served in the administration of both Woodrow Wilson and FDR. Alice was the oldest of six children and raised primarily in the family home at 1229 East 100 South in Salt Lake City, a gathering place enjoyed by several generations.

Alice spent much of her summers as a young girl at the Moyle family farm in the Cottonwoods where she learned to swim in the pond, as well at a family home in Brighton where she rode bareback, fished and played with her cousins in the Big Cottonwood Canyon mountains.

Alice had many travel adventures in her full life and always enjoyed learning and experiencing different cultures. When Alice was 20, her parents sent her and her younger sister, Sally, on a grand tour of Europe and the Middle East, visiting 24 countries in four months. This cemented her love of travel and foreign cultures. In 1969, she shared that love with her young family, traveling through Europe for six months in a VW camper.

Alice was a gourmet cook and was never afraid to try new recipes and always seemed to perfect them. She was also a master knitter and left us numerous woolen creations to remember her by.

Alice attended Lafayette Grade School, Bryant Junior High, and East High School, and then the University of Utah (BS ‘52), where she was one of the first women to graduate with a degree in Accounting. At the U, she was president of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She taught high school in Utah and junior college in Boston, and later studied at NYU, where she received a Masters Degree in Retail Marketing.

She married John Cannon Young in 1956, honeymooning at the Young family cabin on the upper Provo River, before moving to Princeton, New Jersey while John studied for a PhD in Geology. While at Princeton, their first son, Richard, was born. Following graduation, they moved to Bakersfield, California, where she gave birth to her second son, Howard, before settling in Arcata, California, where John started the Geology Department at Humboldt State University. In Arcata, Alice gave birth to both Louise and David and was active in the small LDS Church congregation and local civic organizations. The family spent many wonderful days at the family cabin they built on the Trinity River swimming, fishing, gardening and enjoying time together.

The family returned to Salt Lake City in the mid 70’s, where Alice worked in the family business, Utah-Idaho School Supply. She went on to open a sock store in Foothill Village, Stocking Feat, where she loved greeting customers and friends. She always enjoyed the companionship of her Yorkshire Terriers over the years.

She was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a missionary for the LDS Church in Jacksonville, Florida from 1995 to 1996. Upon her return, she married Howard J. Marsh in 1999 until

his death in 2004, and for the rest of her life enjoyed the love of the large Marsh clan. She was a 5th generation Utahn and proud of her pioneer roots and rich Mormon history.

Throughout her life, she opened her home to people from around the world for extended stays, often for years. As a result, she had distant “family” from such places as Japan, Nigeria, France, China and Mongolia. She also taught refugee students English at a local elementary school.

In addition to the Marsh children and grandchildren, she is survived by her sister Caroline Creer Pinney and her “adopted”daughter Susana Del Valle Anderson (Jeff), as well as her four children: Richard Young (Lori) of Francis, Utah; Howard Young (Amy) of Salt Lake City, Louise Hill (Spencer - deceased 2006) of Sequim, Washington, and David Young (Raimi) of San Francisco, California, and her grandchildren Robert, Katherine, and Sara Young (Richard), Hannah and Emily Young (Howard), Caroline, Virginia, David, and Catherine Hill (Louise), Roan, Jackson, and Solomon Young (David) and Sophia and Isabella Anderson (Susana). Four siblings preceded her in death: John Preston Creer, Sally Grant, Elizabeth Buehner and David Creer.

Friends and family are invited to a viewing at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E 1300 S in Salt Lake City from 6 to 8 PM on Monday, May 22nd. A service for Alice will be held graveside at the Salt Lake Cemetery, 4th Avenue & 'N' Street, at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 23rd. In lieu of flowers, consider donations to Salt Lake Education Foundation Refugee Fund https://www.saltlakeeducationfoundation.org/get-involved/online-donation (select “Other” designation and type in “West High ESL Sponsorship”).