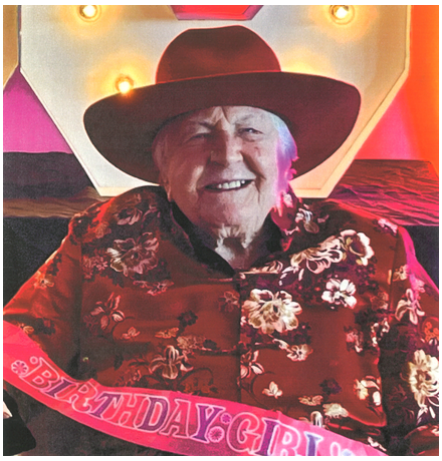

Alice Gailey Telford

January 8, 1924 ~ January 13, 2025

ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE

Notice to all of my friends and family: I HAVE FLOWN THE COOP!

My name is Alice Gailey Telford and I was born January 8, 1924 in Kaysville, Utah, the daughter of William E. and Julia Layton Gailey.

In those days Kaysville was the perfect place for an energetic tomboy and during my childhood I rode horses bareback and with wild abandon. In my spare time, I helped my dad herd the cattle down to pasture and back.

Early on, I learned the secret of a good healthy life was "don't stop moving."

I graduated from Davis High School in 1942. During WWII, I was an airplane riveter at Hill Air Force Base. I met Paul E. Telford, the love of my life, while at Utah State University. Paul left me all too soon, dying in 1950.

But I kept moving.

Paul had shared with me the greatest gift of my life, my dear son John W. Telford. I lost John in the Vietnam War.

But I kept on moving.

I was a real estate developer, building homes on 30 acres of my Dad's property in Kaysville. To get around quickly, I found it much easier to use a bicycle, rather than a car. This was the start of a passionate commitment to bicycling. In the following years, I bicycled throughout the West, as well as through China, Siberia, Canada, the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and France.

Yes, I kept on moving.

In 1989, I started the Little Red Riding Hood all-women's bike ride. Over the years it has grown from outings with a few of my biking buddies to an internationally-recognized annual event of 3500 women, riding for the Huntsman Foundation cure for cancer. Little Red is one of my proudest achievements.

And I kept on moving.

After retiring from real estate, I volunteered. Over the years I was on numerous advisory boards at the University of Utah. But I soon discovered, it was not enough. At 78 years old, I went back to work, because I felt I was losing my edge. And so for the next 13 years, l worked full-time for Zions National Bank in customer relations.

I kept on moving.

And now, I am moving still. This time, soaring into my greatest adventure yet. I have had a good —no, a GREAT life. And am ready for whatever comes next.

Utah landscape artist LeConte Stewart was my uncle. From childhood on, I loved his paintings. My home was filled with his work. I have sold them and put in place a number of University of Utah endowments to support programs I

most care about.

I leave behind my nieces Kathryn Dunn Stats and Judi Dunn Alder; my nephew John D. Dunn (and Terri); cousins David Layton (and Kathy) and Brent Layton; and Chris Helfrich (and Pete). And, of course, my many many dear friends.

I have reserved the University of Utah Natural History Museum for my last party on May 13th, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30. Although I will not be there, I want my friends and family to raise a glass, as they share all their crazy, happy, funny memories of me.

And remember, "just keep moving." Love ya. And goodbye.

Alice

Afterword:

Shortly after celebrating her 101st birthday, Alice shared laughter, memories and ice cream with her friends and family, once again reminding them, "Just keep moving. I know I will—as I bicycle through the stars".

We will remember to look up, Alice.

In recent years, Alice enjoyed being a member of the Educational Resource Development Council (ERDC) at the University of Utah Health. It was one of Alice's great joys.

Alice will be establishing endowments at the University of Utah for student scholarships that will benefit students for generations to come. These include scholarships for the College of Nursing, the Department of Orthopaedics, the School of Dentistry, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Health, and the John A. Moran Eye Center. Additionally, she will establish endowments to support the J. Willard Marriott Library Book Arts Program in Special Collections, and the Natural History Museum of Utah. She also donated art pieces to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

Alice's family would like to extend their gratitude to the caregivers and residents of Twin Oaks Assisted Living for their care and love.

In lieu of flowers, one may consider contributing to one of the areas Alice chose to support at the University of Utah. If so, please indicate which area you wish to help. Advancement Office, P.O. Box 58006 Salt Lake City, UT 84158