

Betty Jean Sawyers Lorenz

January 2, 1928 ~ April 23, 2022

Our wonderful mom, grandmother, aunt and friend, Betty Jean Sawyers Lorenz, passed away on April 23, 2022.

Betty was born on January 2, 1928 in Joseph, Utah to William “Bill” Mac Sawyers and Irene Miller Sawyers, the fifth of eight children. Her family moved from Joseph to Richfield, Utah in time for her to graduate from Richfield High School in 1945 as one of the most popular and definitely tallest girls in her class. The day after graduation, she moved with her family to Tooele. Shortly thereafter she graduated from the Quish School of Beauty Culture and “beautified” the population of Tooele for eleven years.

Betty married Louis Lorenz on May 26, 1956 after an eight-year courtship. Together, they ran L. Lorenz Grinding, a Salt Lake City institution, for many years, providing loyal customers and friends with “everything that cuts”. She also worked side-by-side with Lou in his activities as a ski instructor and founding member and president of the Intermountain Ski Instructors Association. Lou established and managed many ski schools for Salt Lake City youth including the Greater Salt Lake Ski School, and Betty was the bookkeeper, supply chain manager, banker and always-friendly support system for all of Lou’s endeavors.

Betty loved to read, cook delicious meals, and ski (both water and snow) but more than anything, she loved talking and laughing with her family and many, many friends. She was generally recognized as the “president” of the Sawyers family and she loved the family reunions and world travels she shared with her sisters and brothers and their families. She never missed a Richfield high school reunion and even became an honorary West High School alumni through her work on their scholarship committee with Lou. She was a fun and loving “Nena” to her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Edi Lorenz (Jim Turner), Julia Cook (Carter), grandchildren Carson Cook, Gates (Chelsey) Cook, Courtney (Kyle) Wait and Abram Turner, and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by Lou, her granddaughter Mali Turner, and her seven siblings.

A special thanks to the residents and caregivers at Legacy House of Park Lane for their kindness and friendship to Betty during the last months of her life.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 30, at 11:00 am at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E South Temple. Viewing from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday and one hour prior to services on Saturday. Interment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1342 East 500 South.

For those who wish to join via Zoom, may do so here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908425554

Please note that a Zoom account is necessary to enter. For those who do not have a zoom account, when clicking

the link, a dialogue box will appear. Click on "sign up" and follow the prompts from Zoom. If there are any questions, please call Larkin Mortuary to walk you through the process. No passcode required. Host will begin meeting 5 minutes prior to services. Access to mic and camera will not be given. A link to view the recording will be posted here the following business day.