

Betty Jean Willden Westenskow

August 29, 1928 ~ January 19, 2023

Betty Jean Willden Westenskow, our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2023, at the age of 94. She was born August 29, 1928, in Mayfield, Utah, to Florence Matilda Jensen and -Thomas Willden. She was the eleventh of thirteen children, having lived the longest of all her siblings. Betty grew up in Sanpete County and graduated from Manti High School. She met Clair K. Westenskow at a dance and they were married shortly after on January 14, 1947. Betty and Clair had five children, three girls and two boys.

Betty was a strong, independent, and determined woman who spent her life looking out for and serving people around her. She was the happiest when surrounded by her family, especially her many grandchildren. Betty developed countless talents in her life such as sewing, quilting, baking, and gardening, to name only a few, and used them to bless the lives of others. She was a big believer in traditions and established many that have continued through generations. Betty had a special way with children and could quickly form enduring connections that withstood distance and time.

Betty is survived by her children Donald (Briga), Jenny Culp, Carol (Kerry) Collings, Lloyd (Shirley), and Sandra (Bruce) Starley; as well as twenty-two grandchildren, forty-four great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, siblings, great grandson Brody James Gillespie, and step grandson Jacob Alma Christensen.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Bellview Ward, 1050 E. Galena Drive, Sandy. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 27th at 11:00 AM with a viewing from 9:30 to 10:45 AM also at the church. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd. (10600 S.), Sandy. To view previously held services please visit https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/rhbBja69TWqXpoXaEPzDJ1BR1QqanltYoOTXYMaPxIJJ5BhmLpoOcoUIjp1ZyM-K.Qr