

Beverly L. Turnbow

March 28, 1928 ~ March 24, 2021

A Tribute to Beverly Louise Bain Turnbow

Beverly (Bev) Turnbow was born in Elko, Nevada on March 28, 1928 to Charles Keith Bain and Aletta Viola Paul Bain. She had one younger brother, Boyden (Boyd) Keith Bain. Her father had dreams of being a rancher, and when Bev was three years old, the family, moved to LaPoint, Utah. At that time LaPoint was a remote plot of land far from any town. They lived in a tent for the first few months and then her father built a chicken coup and they lived in the chicken coup until their home was built. They had no electricity and no running water for many years. Eventually, the Bain's house was the first place to get electricity in LaPoint.

Beverly and Boyd loved growing up in LaPoint. It was a child's dream, where they could run free and barefoot. There was always somewhere to explore, dirt to dig in, and chickens to chase. LaPoint was home to a thriving host of skunks, and for the rest of her life Bev enjoyed the smell of skunks because it reminded her of the wonderful time growing up in LaPoint. There was no school near them, so Aletta taught them at home when they were young. Bev loved to read and learn new things. Even as an adult, she daily learned a new word and its meaning.

When Bev entered high school as a sophomore, she was able to ride the school bus to Alterra High in Fort Duchesne.

In 1943 when Bev was 15, at the end of her Sophomore year, the family moved to Seattle, Washington where her dad's brother lived. Her dad had secured a job in the shipyards building Navy ships. Bev enrolled in Queen Anne High to finish her Sophomore year. The next year she went to Highland High School in West Seattle and graduated from there.

After graduation, Bev worked in the Seattle Swedish Hospital for a tumor/cancer specialist. During that time, in 1946, her parents moved back to Elko, Nevada and Bev and a girlfriend moved to Salt Lake City.

Beverly applied for a job at Woolworth's Five & Dime Store in Downtown Salt Lake and was hired. On her first day to begin working at Woolworth's, she decided she didn't really want to work there. She passed by the Bell Telephone Company, also called Ma Bell. Bev went in to apply for a job and they hired her on the spot. She worked for the telephone company for 25 years in accounting and 10 years in computers, she retired in 1992 at age 64. She loved working and was sad to retire.

After moving to Salt Lake City, she met the love of her life, Dale Robert. Turnbow. They met at a club playing Bingo, and it was love at first sight. He asked her to marry him just a couple of weeks after they met and were married soon after, on July 11, 1953. They were married 67 years.

Not long after being married, they purchased their first home which became their life-long home and Beverly passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, just 4 days before her 93rd birthday.

On March 8, 1954, their daughter, Robyn Louise was born. Two years later a son, Kip James, was born on March 6, 1956. Their third child, Wendy Sue, arrived on March 28, 1959. Dale's birthday is on March 5, making all five of the family with March birthdays. A few years after Wendy was born, the Salt Lake Tribune ran a picture and story about the Turnbow's, all with March birthdays.

Beverly enjoyed people and easily made friends with everyone she met. She continued lifelong relationships with friends from school and work. You could often find her outside at the fence or across the street visiting with neighbors. Dale was part of the Lions Club for many years, and Bev was proud to be a Lady Lion. Later, when the Lions Club closed down, they joined the 49ers Club at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church and enjoyed social gatherings, trips to Wendover, and Bingo. Dancing to big band music was another of Bev's favorite things to do. She also enjoyed the opera, especially the Phantom of the Opera.

Camping was another pastime Bev enjoyed. Many weekends in the summer were spent at Moon Lake, Cedar View Reservoir on the Indian Reservation, and other remote spots in the Uintah Mountains.

Beverly was always there for her family. Even her grown kids could go to her for help and encouragement and she continually supported them. Her leaving has left a hole that will not be able to be filled.

When grandchildren came along, they became her life's joy. Grandma Bev was a wonderful, loving grandma, always having gummy bears or cookies ready for when they came to visit. She had seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Beverly is survived by her loving husband, Dale, three children: Robyn (Floro) Saupan, Kip (Rose) Turnbow, and Wendy (Michael) Galpin; and all her grandchildren.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, March 30 from 11-12:15 pm at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, followed by a graveside service at 1 pm at Holladay Cemetery, 4900 S Memory Lane (2000 E).

For those joining via Zoom, please note that the meeting will not begin until 5 minutes prior to the service starting. No passcode required. Permission to use mic and camera will not be given.
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