

Della Marie Bourse

April 17, 1933 ~ November 15, 2022

Della Marie Bourse was born April 17,1933 in Melba Idaho and passed away surrounded by her family on November 15, 2022 in Boise, Idaho.

Marie was born the seventh child of ten to her parents Orville E. and Minnie M. Birks. In 1942 she moved with her family to Nampa, Idaho where she went to school and graduated from Nampa Senior High in 1951. In 1953 Della Marie began nursing school at the Mercy School of Nursing in Nampa but when the school closed, she moved to Ogden, Utah to finish her degree.

Marie got her first nursing job at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City and worked there for a few years before moving to Primary Children's Hospital where she remained until retirement. She loved children and devoted her whole career to pediatrics.

Marie married Marcel Adolph Bourse on October 30, 1964 in Sandy, Utah. They soon bought a home in Salt Lake, just down the street from the hospital she worked at. They adopted their daughter Michelle who was born in 1968 and provided a loving home for her. In 2007 her husband Marcel passed away after a short battle with cancer. Marie continued to live in their home with her daughter Michelle (who has special needs) until November of 2018, at which time she and Michelle moved to Idaho to live close to the family that would continue to care for Michelle after Marie was gone.

Marie was a lover of the Utah Jazz and continued to cheer them on living in Idaho. Her nephew Reggie and her would watch games together and talk basketball. Rudy Gobert was her favorite as he was from France, just like her husband Marcel.

She was the best sister, aunt, and friend that anyone could wish for, always helping anyone in need and she was loved by all who knew her.

As a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served as Relief Society President and was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Marcel A. Bourse, her father and mother and 5 siblings; Ruby I. Loberg, Albert E. Birks, Delbert H. Birks, Rosella Moore and Orval J. Birks. She is survived by her daughter Michelle, and four siblings; George Boyd Birks of Woods Cross, Utah, Verda June Chess of Louisville, Kentucky, Clarence Robert Birks of Eureka, California and Ila Fae Henri of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marie spent her life being of service to others and a faithful servant to her Heavenly Father. She will be greatly missed by her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at the 21st Ward, 2nd Avenue and K Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. There will be a visitation on Monday November 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Larkin

Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. There will also be a visitation on Tuesday, one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be in the Salt Lake Cemetery. For those unable to attend, services will be streamed via Zoom. A recording of the service is available as well. Please click on the "Watch Services" link above.