

Edwina Acker Bassett

August 28, 1939 ~ March 3, 2026

Edwina Acker Bassett, 86, passed away on March 3, 2026, in Riverton, Utah. She was born on August 28, 1939, in Bessemer, Alabama, to Evelyn Elizabeth Dickey Acker and Emery Oscar Acker. On August 1, 1948, she was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in a creek — a simple, sacred beginning to a lifetime of devoted discipleship.

She was bright, intelligent, witty, and deeply talented and cultivated those gifts throughout her life. She was an editor of her high school newspaper and a member of the National Honor Society. She had a gift for writing, poetry, theater, and journalism. She first met William Lynn Bassett while he was serving as a missionary in her branch. After his mission, they began corresponding by mail throughout her junior and senior years of high school while he served overseas in the United States Army. She later attended Brigham Young University and married Lynn on June 10, 1959, in the Manti Utah Temple.

Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and service. They lived in Utah, California, and Georgia. They raised five children: Laurie Gail, William Mark, David Brandon, Jennifer Lynne, and Clayton Emery.

Her devotion to her Savior Jesus Christ was evident in her lifelong service. She served in Sunday School, Young Women, Relief Society, and Primary. She served faithfully as a temple ordinance worker in the Bountiful Utah Temple and the Atlanta Georgia Temple for more than twenty years, including serving as an assistant to the matron of the Atlanta Georgia Temple from 2006 to 2011.

She loved singing and music, reciting and writing poetry, solving crossword puzzles, cooking for her family and loved ones, and gifting her famous fudge. But more than anything, she loved her family and her neighbors. She remembered birthdays and the smallest details that made each child and grandchild feel known and cherished. She was full of light, laughter, and joy.

She found great joy in her work with the Children’s Service Society of Utah, helping to place children with adoptive families. Many friends remember her as an angel on earth. That quiet holiness followed her wherever she went.

In her final moments, she bore powerful testimony of Jesus Christ, of God’s plan, and of eternal families. She spoke with joyful anticipation about being reunited with her recently departed sister, her mother and other siblings, and particularly her daddy who passed away when she was ten years old.

She is survived by Lynn, her husband of 67 years, and by her 5 children, Laurie Cooper (Mitch), Mark (Angie), David (Raina), Jennifer Moore (Sherman), and Clayton (Janelle). She leaves behind a legacy of 22 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and loved ones. Her life was one of steady faith, devoted discipleship, and Christlike ministering. Though we will miss her deeply, we rejoice in the promises she trusted so completely.

Funeral services for Edwina will be held at noon on Saturday, March 7, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building located at 5072 Roaring Road South Jordan, UT 84009. A viewing will be held that morning at 10 AM in the same location.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to the physicians and medical team at the Intermountain Health Riverton Hospital for their dedicated and tender care. They truly went above and beyond and treated Edwina with love and compassion. The family would also like to thank friends for the many kindnesses expressed over the past week.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xTjI_rkkg9dW8MBvZfMU9OUWnp58DjPoOPKi0NiRkXEITGImjdoiwwriL3fTUJU.BJx0a