

Elna Elaine Brown Watts

October 16, 1932 ~ July 20, 2022

Elna Elaine Brown Watts passed away at her daughter's home in Kaysville, Utah, July 20, 2022, surrounded by the love of her family. Elna is the daughter of Frank Martin Brown and Jennie Lenore Pugmire Brown. She was born in the parlor of her home in Liberty, Bear Lake County, Idaho, October 16, 1932. Elna was born a little song bird. Like a meadowlark, her happy song has touched people throughout her life. She loved to sing and practice the piano for hours at a time and play softball. In preparation for raising eight children, she spent many happy hours playing house as a little girl. Elna attended Fielding High School in Paris, Idaho. She was in the marching band, musicals, a student body officer, and editor of the year book illustrated by her own sketches.

After high school, Elna attended BYU, where she met Ardean Walton Watts. They were married September 20, 1951, in the Logan Utah Temple. Elna dedicated her life to her busy husband, her eight children, visiting relatives, and a constant flow of friends of all ages. It was not unusual for her to offer anyone, including the repairmen, a glass of Tiger's Milk (predecessor of today's protein smoothies). She was nurse maid to many, a listening ear to all, and would always seek out whomever looked lonely in a crowd.

Elna lived her life simply and lovely, leaving a trail of beauty wherever she went. She was a beautiful seamstress, rug braider, flower arranger, and builder of fairy houses. Elna was tenacious and determined to accomplish whatever she set forth to do regardless of the challenge. This included learning to scuba dive in her 60's, attacking the weeds in Ardean's backyard wilderness, and her battle for survival after a pedestrian car accident in 2003. Against all odds, she not only recovered, but has brought delight to our lives for 20 more years. She loved watching the morning sunrise and the starry skies at night. She was active in her church and served in many capacities enriching the lives of those she served. She shared her love of music in quiet ways by encouraging young people, including her children, to sing, play music, and dance. She is remembered by her grandchildren for special dates, helping them make quilts, read stories, host tea parties, make mud pies, and indulge in ice cream. Her great-grandchildren enjoyed playing with her on the floor and making them laugh.

We are sure she has had a joyous welcome in the arms of her husband, parents, siblings, and loved ones waiting for her. Elna will be terribly missed by her children Mark (Helen) Watts, Marty (Terrie) Watts, Mitzi (Dale) Busath, Merrill (Shauna-deceased) Watts, Milton (Karen) Watts, Melanie (Mark) Robbins, Margo Robins, and Miriam (Greg) Stokes, her 54 grandchildren, and 41 great-grandchildren.

Services for Elna Watts will be held on August 19, 2022, 2:00 PM at the Monument Park Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1005 South 2000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. In lieu of a visitation or viewing, a reception will be held directly following the service. Elna will be interred at the Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, Bear Lake County, Idaho the following day.

The recorded service can be viewed by clicking the "Watch Services" button above.

In lieu of sending flowers may we suggest honoring Elna by giving a book to a child or a library in need. If you prefer the joy of flowers a happy alternative may be taking a simple bouquet to some one who needs cheering up.