

Hanna VanTielen

March 31, 1927 ~ September 30, 2024

Hanna Van Tielen, 97, passed away peacefully September 30, 2024. She was born March 31, 1927 in Arnhem, The Netherlands as the fifth child of six children of Stephanus Flink and Hanna Westerhoff Flink. Hanna's family were all active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and she was blessed from a very early age and throughout her life with a deep love of family and an unshakeable faith. These qualities helped her endure many hardships during her early teen years in the dreadful events of World War II.

After the war, she married Arie Van Tielen on December 14, 1945 in Arnhem. Shortly after the birth of their first two children, Art and Ella, Hanna and Arie decided to follow the path of her parents and siblings and emigrated to America in November of 1949 to settle in Salt Lake City and enjoy the blessings of attending the temple. They solemnized their marriage and sealed their young family together in the Salt Lake Temple in 1950 and added their third child, Hanna, that same year. They bought a small home in the 26th Ward of the Pioneer Stake where they raised their family.

Hanna was a dedicated wife and homemaker who filled her family's life with many happy memories of camping and vacationing in National Parks. She taught her children the value of hard work and obedience through her own personal example. Her children will never forget the images of her working long hours beside their father digging foundations and hauling dirt to expand their home, sewing clothes for school and church, baking bread for lunches, or planting and weeding the garden to help feed their family. Hanna loved music and was blessed with a beautiful singing voice. Despite not having any lessons, she was selected to sing with the Salt Lake Oratorio Society and sang in productions in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. She sang in the ward choir her whole life and could often be heard singing songs or hymns out loud at home. Family was so important to her and she always ensured they remained close with regular visits to extended family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren will remember her playfully scaring them with her false teeth. Above all was her deep faith and love of service to others. No one was ever forgotten or ignored by her when in need of help or comfort. She served faithfully for years in the Primary and as a Relief Society President. She will forever be a great example of love, compassion, and kindness to all who knew her.

Hanna is survived by her son Art (Charlotte); daughter Hanna (John); brother John (Rula); 15 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, and 19 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Arie; daughter Ella; 4 brothers; and 1 sister.

Funeral services will be held at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing prior to the service from 9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m..Interment will be at the Salt Lake City Cemetery, 200 North Street E, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom by clicking the blue "Watch Service" button above.