

Jane Bassler

October 8, 1924 ~ January 18, 2021

“Remember me in the beauty of the world, the laughter of a child, the warmth of the sun and the gentle stirring of the wind.” - Jane Bassler

Jane Josephine Kirkham Bassler passed away January 18, 2021. She was 96 years old.

Jane was born October 8, 1924 in Salt Lake City, the eighth and youngest child of Ida Murdock and Oscar Ammon Kirkham. She attended Uintah Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High and East High School in Salt Lake City. Jane spent two years at the University of Utah where she enjoyed friends in Delta Gamma sorority. Jane then earned a degree in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University. Teaching became her life’s work.

On September 9, 1948 Jane married David Steele Bassler, Jr., with whom she shared life for 53 years.

Jane loved teaching and writing. She spent 40 years in the classroom teaching 5th grade, most of the time at Municipal Elementary School in Roy, Utah. With no children of her own, Jane’s family included the many students she taught. She was as proud of each student as if they were her own and made a totally positive difference in each of their lives.

Jane was unique, creative, loving and a life-long positive influence. She loved people and animals and was beloved by both. She was especially devoted to her brothers and sisters and was a loving and generous support and friend to her nieces and nephews. A master bridge player, Jane loved to laugh and spend time with friends.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, David, her parents and all of her siblings. She is survived by adoring nieces, nephews and many friends.

Jane will be laid to rest in the Roy City Cemetery. At a later and safer time, a family gathering will be held remembering and honoring Jane’s memory.

“Do you want to be happy? Then learn to give from the heart in everything you do.

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Keep a promise. Find time to do what you should. Gladden the heart of a child.

Henceforth, you will have a rich and rewarding life. You know, the one you have been looking for. Just like the one I have just had.” - Jane