

Joyce Ellen Nance Alexander Short

October 23, 1928 ~ July 1, 2024

Joyce Ellen Nance Alexander Short, 95, of Providence, Utah ended this chapter of her life story on July 1, 2024 at McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

She was born October 23, 1928 to James Milton Nance and Ellen Alwilda Brady, the youngest of eight children. She was raised in Union, Utah on 10th East and 8300 South on a farm. Her neighbors were her aunts and uncles. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One of her favorite callings was writing to the missionaries of the ward. Joyce graduated from Jordan High School.

She continued her education to become a Registered Nurse from the University of Utah and LDS hospital. She had many jobs such as working at Camp Cloud Rim (a girl scout camp above Park City), Salt Lake Clinic, and lastly for Dr. Harry Fisher.

She met her first husband, James Edward Alexander, when he was in a railroad accident and she was his nurse. They had one child, Jamie. Later divorced. She met her favorite husband, Harold, on a blind date. They married in 1970 and were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

Throughout her life she loved people and taught Jamie to visit. She joined several organizations including Beta Sigma Phi which she was a member for over 50 years, holding several positions of leadership. As part of that group she was responsible for bringing a replica of the Liberty Bell to Memory Grove. She asked the elementary school children to donate money for the stand. She was a member of the Pioneer Theatre Guild raising money for scholarships in the theatre department.

Attending plays at the University of Utah or in New York City was a great passion and enjoyment. She joined the Women's State Legislative Council and learned about bills being debated in Congress.

Her favorite place to be was in the mountains. Harold and Joyce had a log cabin between Snowbird and Alta. They would use it once a week, every month. The grandchildren enjoyed skiing lessons and hiking. As payment for using the cabin, the grandchildren had to help around the condo Harold and Joyce managed... pulling weeds for a penny each (make sure you get the roots), vacuuming the common areas, sweeping the underground garage and pushing the garbage bins to the curb.

Joyce enjoyed traveling but not by airplane, her favorite mode of transportation was by train. She went to Washington State several times to see her sister. She even traveled by train all the way to New York City when Jamie lived in New Jersey.

Joyce loved the University of Utah in all sports. She and Harold had season tickets for football and basketball (even in the Einer Nelson fieldhouse). They traveled to several games outside of Utah including to Hawaii. The Mountain West tournament in Las Vegas was always a good time.

Harold and Joyce loved to golf. With a membership to Oakridge Country Club you would find them there any spare time they had.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Jamie Thoman, children by marriage: Judy Scharffs, Grant (Dona) Short, and Robert (Margaret) Short. Several grandchildren: Christian Thoman, Ashley (Aimee) Thoman, Lindsay (Bryan) Bishop, Kelsi (Jon) Peterson, Jason (Kathy) Short, Geoff (Karly) Short, Stephanie (Phill) Brown, Andrea (Jeff) Bingham, Jessica (Ashton) Hyde, Matt (Angela) Short, Brad (Allie) Short, Lacey (Ryan) Gatherum and Eric (Heather) Short. 39 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Short, siblings Lillian Nance, Averil Kreipl, Wesley Nance, Beryl Ekman, Alton Nance, Stanley Nance, and James Nance.

Viewing will be held at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Graveside service will follow at the Sandy City Cemetery, 9000 South 700 East.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED graveside service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Ybr5_gUrUCLgmhjJnepvvprsDoRYYmQMR4NWQ5CCcnMfx7fK04-oNBYPJuvcT25P.