

Judith Jardine

April 15, 1932 ~ March 20, 2022

Our sweet mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Judith Cannon Nelson Jardine, passed away peacefully on the appropriate evening of the first day of Spring, March 20, 2022.

Judith was born on April 15, 1932, to Nora Morris Cannon Nelson and Joseph Smith Nelson, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She had the fondest of memories while being raised on Logan Avenue until she married. She attended Emerson Elementary, Irving Junior High, and East High Schools in Salt Lake City, where she was chosen at EACH to be Vice President, not because she had aspired to the position, but because others had encouraged her to take on the leadership role.

Judith was known for her beautiful singing. She was asked to sing a solo for grade school graduation because she had sung every Friday by command performance for the music talent show. She sang a duet with a young man for the Spanish assembly at Irving, in a trio at East for assemblies, and at many other events.

Attending the University of Utah, she was in the Chi Omega Quartette with precious friends and enjoyed singing for Songfest each year and leading the Songfest her senior year.

She lived in New York for three months with her aunt and uncle, Howard and Marian Bennion, to study voice, then came home to finish college and graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music and a minor in Secretarial Training from the U of U.

She was very grateful to inherit from her parents their progenitors' English and Danish heritage and the blood in her veins from the Smiths, Richards, and Cannons who had given their lives for the Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She grew up with a loving family and a good older brother, Fielding, who allowed her to follow him and his friends everywhere, until he found a perfect wife. Fielding helped Judith to have a very happy childhood by cheerfully taking her for wagon rides daily and even having tea parties their mother would set up for picture-taking. He taught her how to climb out of the second-story window to march around on the roof (which we don't recommend anyone ever doing).

Her elder sisters Nonie and Marian made every day enjoyable by practicing the piano, even letting Judy sit on their laps with her little hands on top of theirs as they flew across the keys, and providing the opportunity for their wonderful children to become good friends with hers as they all grew up and had families. Later in life, her sisters "allowed" (as she put it) her to sing with them in several of her sister Nonie's wonderful musicals.

She married Leo Arnold Jardine, Jr., in 1954 and devoted herself to lovingly rearing a family and teaching her seven children to love the gospel, work hard, and sing and laugh often. She later accompanied Leo on missions to Frankfurt, Germany (Directors of Humanitarian Services in the Europe East Area), to Moscow when he was asked

to be Supervisor of Church Legal Affairs in Russia (helping to secure real estate for the Church), and then to New Zealand when he served as Executive Secretary to the Pacific Islands Area Presidency.

Judith loved the gospel and served heartily in scores of church callings, including being called to be president of each of the Church auxiliaries in different wards, serving as Stake Young Women's President for seven and a half years, Relief Society President, Primary President, Primary Chorister, Primary Teacher, Den Leader (while a mother of only five girls), and other callings. She was the wind beneath our father's wings for several missions, mentioned above. They also served together at the Humanitarian Sort Center, as inner-city missionaries, and in the Salt Lake Temple. Mother said, "Heavenly Father allowed me to try to be a leader," and she fulfilled these opportunities with integrity.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Leo, siblings Fielding and Marian, daughter Karrie Ellen, and granddaughter Kathryn.

Her greatest joy was and is her children:
Lynnette (Jeff) Peters, children: Hillary, Hailey, and Heidi.
Jennifer (Eden) Vera, children: Daniel and Aimee.
Karrie Ellen-deceased (Clark) McKee, children: Spencer, Lani, Stephanie, Trevor, Scott, Casey, Kris, Mindy, Jana, Nick, and Alyssa.
Jacquelyn (Brigham) Meyers, children: Jacob, Natalie, Cody (deceased), Bethany, Nathan, Noelle, and Ace (LCG III).
Kathryn (Glenn) Seninger, children: Clark, Sierra, Savannah, and Hank.
Julie (Tim) McKeon, children: Abby, McKenzie, Cassidy, and Jimmy.
James (Becky) Jardine, children: Kathryn (deceased), Sam, and Cannon ("Mo").

And all of the above children's spouses and posterity.

Judith loved her friends and family deeply and was grateful for their good influences in her life. She leaves behind over 80 posterity, the newest of which was born just two days after her passing. Surely there was a joyful interchange between the two in passing realms.

She also leaves behind a beautiful legacy of great faith in Christ, serving not only in her callings, but offering Christlike service to all around her! She genuinely loved everyone she met. She loved being a mother and was completely devoted to her children, grandchildren, and greats. She was constantly sending cards and notes to let people know she was thinking of them, even leaving impressions for feeling valued on some who barely knew her.

Finally, her beautiful body, which served her so very well in this life, and which she took great care of, is able to rest from a life well-lived.

A visitation will be held in her honor on Thursday evening, April 14, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Her funeral will be held on what would have been her 90th birthday the following day, April 15th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Prior to the funeral service, there will be a viewing from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All events will be held at the Bonneville Stake Center at 1535 East Bonneview Drive (1050 South), Salt Lake City, Utah. To watch the services online, please click on the blue "Watch Services" button to the right of her picture.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the charity of your choice, or plant a tree.