

Kathleen "Kay" Jensen Brown

July 4, 1925 ~ February 11, 2021

Kathleen Jensen Brown passed away on February 11, 2021. Kathleen was born on July 4, 1925 to Hans Christian Jensen and Eunice Greenwood in Union, Utah. She grew up in East Midvale during the depression years, when her parents couldn't afford to buy a Christmas tree for 25 cents, yet Kay and her sisters woke up in awe to a homemade, two-story doll house with matchsticks for bannisters.

She met Ray Brown at Jordan High and dated until Ray left for WWII basic training. They decided to get married on Ray's furlough and had three frantic days to plan a reception, send out invitations, and find a wedding dress. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple and Ray was deployed to Europe. They didn't see each other for almost two years. Kay kept busy with college and working for Jensen Brothers Construction. Ray returned home, enrolled in college, and four children soon followed. They settled in Midvale Utah, where they served in many church callings and made friends that lasted a lifetime.

Kay graduated from the University of Utah and became a teacher in the Jordan School District when her youngest child started school. She taught school for 23 years.

Ray and Kay moved to Sandy in 1975, where they turned a stony lot into a verdant garden. They square danced, enjoyed trips, honed talents, and served family and neighbors.

An avid learner, Kay took her inheritance and bought a set of the Great Books, hoping to study and learn from them. An artist with words and with paint, her beautiful watercolors enhance the homes of her children and grandchildren.

Kay loved her posterity. All of them have special memories of her individual attention, delicious family dinners and magical Christmas Eves with a fire blazing, scented candles and exquisite decorations. She gave thoughtful presents, often the result of individual shopping trips with each child. Even on camping or fishing trips or jaunts to Lake Powell, she managed to provide gourmet food.

She endured to the end with a sense of humor and a determination to not complain. At the age of 95, she told her daughter, "Since I am going to live forever, maybe I better buy some new clothes!"

Several years before she died, she generously gave her grandchildren the money she had saved up for redecorating her house, and more importantly - a beautifully written copy of her strong testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kathleen is survived by children Byron (Jennifer), Valerie (Doug) Dyreng, and Paul (Michelle); 18 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren. Her husband Ray and son Randall preceded her in death.

A service for immediate family will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021. To join the services online, please click on the blue "Watch Zoom Service" box to the right of Kay's picture. Interment Larkin Sunset Gardens.

The services were recorded and can be viewed here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/dxvonWR-sVuHkf8on71ecHvjCuQfgABelOfPHW_fMX64A4jCKsf1iYMSg7-xwIWK.fkIX