



Lorna Cox Wood

February 28, 1932 ~ March 24, 2025

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lorna Cox Wood passed away peacefully on March 24, 2025, at the age of 93.

Lorna was born on February 28, 1932, to Melvin Eugene and Harriet (Hoyt) Cox in St. George, Utah. She grew up alongside her three siblings, Mona, Norman, and LoLeta, learning the value of hard work at the family-owned Arrowhead Department Store. Lorna met Lowell Dale Wood while visiting a friend who was attending Brigham Young University. They were married in the St. George Utah Temple on July 8, 1955. At their temple sealing, Lorna sang "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," a hymn that became emblematic of their life together.

After their wedding, the couple moved to Glenwood, Alberta, Canada, where Lowell worked on the family farm and where four of their five children were born. In pursuit of Lowell's education, the family moved to Bozeman, Montana, and then to Berkeley, California, before settling in Provo, Utah, where Lowell became an agricultural economics professor at BYU and welcomed their youngest child.

Lorna was a devout and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From July 1979 to 1982, Lowell served as the Mission President of the Johannesburg South Africa Mission and thus began their international life together. After a brief return to the U.S., Lowell's work and Church service took them to Auckland, New Zealand; Hong Kong; Manila, Philippines; and Sydney, Australia, as well as many other countries. Lowell passed away on March 7, 1997, and Lorna returned to the United States after many years of living abroad, continuing to go where the Lord guided her.

In the years following, Lorna made her home in Salt Lake City, where she was surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She developed a deep love for family history, spending nearly two years scanning and cataloging photos of her family and friends from across the U.S. and Canada, ensuring that future generations would have access to those precious memories. She also self-published a book about her life, filled more with photographs than text. Lorna loved to explore estate sales, cherished weekly Sunday dinners at her daughter's home, and loved attending plays and musicals with her children and grandchildren. She never missed an opportunity to bear her testimony of the gospel.

Lorna was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her beloved husband Lowell, and her daughter Paula Jean Wood Rowberry. She is survived by her children Kyle Rowberry; Alisa Wightman (Mark); Brett Wood (Allyson); Tony Wood (Cynthia); and R. Scott Wood (Aren); along with 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Legacy House of Taylorsville and Inspiration Hospice, specifically Wendy Selmos and Elizabeth Chela for their loving kindness and tender care of our mother.

Funeral services will be held at the Heritage Park 1st Ward building 4986 South Valois Drive, Taylorsville, UT on Monday, March 31, 2025, at noon. A viewing will be held at Larkin Mortuary 260 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 6 to 8 and again prior to the funeral at the church in Taylorsville from 10:30 to 11:30.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Services" or follow the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/65NwtoGAiOdt5xAcFGiFyRUtUvyWKly0nl7OFXuW5zcJ-eHVZ33ZCX2IbUMZRELM.m>