

# Margaret Adams Thorne

*November 24, 1925 ~ December 20, 2024*

Margaret Adams Thorne passed away on December 20, 2024. She succumbed to the vagaries of her ninety-nine years of living. A joyful, kind, loving, serving mother of three children. She remains the epitome of motherhood.

She was born November 24,1925 in "Mayberry" like Pleasant Grove, Utah. A town that had been settled by Mormon pioneers-a mere 75 years earlier. Her family was of that Mormon pioneer stock that secured a life from hard work, sacrifice, diligence and perseverance. She was the last surviving child of Ben and Margaret Adams. Her nine siblings include: Bernice, Cameron, Ellen, Dewey, Dezzie, Nathan, Ardie, and Laura- a close knit clan. Her family made their living from a successful fruit farm after wrestling the land from rocky soil and sharing it with the usual critters of the time including rattlesnakes. Two of her siblings died early in life: Cameron to a drowning in Utah Lake and Dewey to the probable effects of rheumatic heart disease.

A product of the Pleasant Grove Public School system, Margaret enjoyed academics, sports, cheerleading, playing the clarinet, school musicals and earned the title of 'Best Personality'. She had an enduring set of friends that her children heard about often as we grew up. She lived through the Great Depression and became a part of the Greatest Generation. No doubt this historical period shaped her personality and values. However, our mother was no hippy of the sixties. And in retrospect, we believe our mother in truth was a reluctant farmer of her youth.

Post high school she attended LDS Business College, worked part time at the Social Security Offices and became a war-time accountant worker at Geneva Steel Plant. An American steel company which has since become an anomaly.

In 1947 she married Joseph Leroy Thorne Jr. **in** the Salt Lake City Temple. She supported his education in Logan, Utah, then Ithaca, New York and finally Salt Lake City. Fortunately she became program director for KUED at the University of Utah. In this position she was pleased to work with gentleman such as Richard Engar, Rex Campbell, and Dale Ogden.

Retirement gave her time, finally to pursue a life that she relished. That included being a Service Missionary and volunteer at Temple Square for 27 years. She finally retired from these activities at ninety-years young. But most of all, she became a stay at home mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a friend to all.

She traveled often, usually with Kaye to Utah County to visit her siblings and friends, then back home to her children and grandchildren.

Our guileless mother is survived by her three children: Kaye Ann (Tom) Swallow, Dr. Kent (JoAnna) Thorne, and Dr. David (Liz) Thorne She has 9 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and a special niece Jan Tuomisto and many nieces and nephews. We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Margaret Lunt and Dr. Stephen Aslami for their exemplary care of our mother. The incredible service to our mother by Laura, Sarah, Pete, Rory, Drake, and

Wendy from Aspen Ridge Hospice is genuinely appreciated. We would like to thank Hannah's team for their loving care. A special note of gratitude to our sister Kaye and her husband Tom for the many years of dedicated care of **our** mother.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at the Larkin Mortuary at 2350 E. 1300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah, with a viewing at 9:30 am prior to the service at 11:00 am. Interment will take place at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. You may watch a recording of the service online through Zoom using the "Watch Service" button above.