

Mary "Marlene" Gorton

July 10, 1932 ~ January 6, 2021

Marlene Cooley Gorton passed away January 6, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ surrounded by her Son Jim and family and Ward Ministry Brandon & Alayna Slinker.

Born on July 10, 1932, in Grace, Idaho to Ernest and Thelma Mendenhall Cooley. She was delivered by her Great Grandmother Mary Ann Turner. Which she was named Mary Marlene Cooley. She lived most of her young life in Soda Springs, Idaho. Her family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1944. Soon after Marlene contacted Polio leaving her with paralyzed of the right arm and 70% use of the left arm. After 7 months in hospital and lots of physical therapy, she graduated from West High School and attended the University of Utah and then Business School. Marlene received honor in excelling on the typewriter with her left hand. Before contacting polio, she played the piano, accordion and danced. She was very musical and loved music and encouraged her family to develop a love for music. The family moved back to Soda Springs where she met and married the love of her life, William George Gorton on October 3, 1951. The happy couple was blessed with 2 sons. On February 28, 1966, the family was sealed together in the Logan L.D.S Temple for eternity.

Marlene was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many positions. Her favorite calling was the teacher of the Mia Maids. She loved each one of those girls.

After her retirement, she and Bill spent their winters in warm Yuma, AZ. During this time, they moved to Salt Lake City, UT for the warmer climate. It was here Marlene made the life histories and genealogy books for each of her grandchildren, her two sons, and her Dear Mother. They all treasure them.

Bill passed away on January 27, 2006, after a long hard battle with esophagus cancer. Marlene moved to Soda Springs to live with her son Jerry and Kathy Gorton. In 2009 she moved to Phoenix, Arizona to live with her son Jim. The warm weather gave her a new lease on life.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William (Bill) and one son Jerry and a Grandson Nathan. She is survived by one son Jim (Stephanie,) daughter-in-law Kathy Phoenix, Arizona. Grandchildren: Bill, David, Michelle (Rich) Gamble, Mark (Sandy) Bryant, Nicole (Byron) Armstrong, Shaun (Dawn), Holly (Cody) Smith 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Two brothers Ralph (Myrna) Cooley, Vernal, UT Glen (Annette) Cooley Pocatello, Id

Funeral services will be held in Soda Springs at the Bailey Creek L.D.S Church, 361 S 3rd E. Burial in the Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs, Idaho