

Mary Anna Garrett Rotz

July 29, 1925 ~ March 23, 2022

Mary Anna Garrett Rotz passed away on March 23, 2022 at the age of 96 after struggling with a series of health issues. She was born in Olympia, Washington to James Alvin and Iva Pearl Garrett. In 1928, at the age of 3, she and her family moved to West Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1944. Her first job was working as a telephone operator. During World War II, she worked as a keypunch operator for Lockheed and volunteered at the USO, where she loved to dance with the servicemen. Later, she worked as a clerk typist in the Engineering Department for the City of Los Angeles and as a service correspondent for State Farm Insurance. She was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker.

Mary Anna married her sweetheart, Stanley Adolph Rotz, on January 29, 1947, in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Together they had 5 children: Christopher Alan (Elaine), Michael Neil (Christa), Cynthia Anne Grover (Bryan), Rebecca Lynn Sibley (Bruce), and Deena Mari Goates (Michael). She is survived by her children, 21 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, with another on the way and two brothers David L. Garrett (Glonda) and Dennis M. Garrett (Valerie). She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, a son-in-law, and two granddaughters.

Mary Anna was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings throughout her life, including ward Relief Society president, and as ward chorister for many years in several different wards. She and her husband served two missions. Their first mission was to the Samoa Apia Mission where they worked in the mission office. The second was to serve in the Family History Department at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City, where they worked on the Ellis Island Immigration Project.

Mary Anna was a wonderful cook and was famous for her English toffee and peanut brittle. She loved sewing, traveling, playing card games, and doing family history work. Mary Anna loved her family and was a great example to her children of her love for the Savior and her faithfulness to His gospel.

Services will be held on Friday, April 8th, 11:00 a.m. at the Welby 6th Ward chapel, 8841 S. 4800 W., West Jordan, UT. Viewings will be held on Thursday, April 7th, from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. and Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the same location. She will be interred at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S., Sandy, UT. For those unable to attend, services will be streamed live at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118758254