

Maxine Pinegar Turley

March 31, 1930 ~ April 9, 2021

Maxine Pinegar Turley, 91, passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side on Friday, April 9, 2021. We can only imagine the reunion with her beloved husband there to welcome her after 51 years apart. Born March 31, 1930 in Provo, Utah, to James Emery and Effie Jolley Pinegar as the fourth of their seven children.

Growing up in the Utah County area, helping with the family fruit farm is where she gained her hard work ethic and appreciation for the simple things in life. From these experiences, she became involved in the 4H program where she found great success and true pride in her efforts. She attended and graduated from BY High.

Maxine spent years developing many talents and perfecting them. She was well known for her music ability, particularly playing the piano. She played many years for church meetings and musicals and shared her talents in teaching many others to play over the years. She gained a unique talent as a seamstress from her time in 4H which allowed her to receive a scholarship for her work.

Her mother, following the passing of her father when she was young, rented her basement to those young men attending BYU. One of the young men, O. Wayne Turley made quite the impression which led to their marriage on October 14, 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple. Together they were blessed with a wonderful family of five sons and a daughter. She was heartbroken with his unexpected and sudden passing in December of 1969. Making the tough decision to not re-marry, she showed her strength and perseverance in her ability to raise her family as a young widow at age 39 until her passing.

Following Wayne's passing, she completed her college degree at Westminster College. She directed and managed the Pied Piper Day Care Center for more than 20 years influencing and helping young children through her care and concern for each of them as her own.

Her love for her family fostered her desire to gather her family as often as she could find a reason to do so. One of the most memorable traditions was gathering the entire family for a reunion at Cherry Hill water park. Many long and lasting memories were made there and have carried on through the generations. Her family was her passion.

Maxine's love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ was something that was unquestioned to anyone who knew her. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and ensured her faith and testimony were clear in all she did. Her love for attending and serving in the temple, along with studying the scriptures created a sure foundation for her and became important to her family through her example. Her love of the gospel led to her desire to serve a stake mission with her husband and later a Family History mission following his passing. She always served when asked, serving to the best of her ability and doing many kind acts when prompted and seeing a need.

Maxine is survived by her five sons, Wayne (Becky), Craig (Janet), Reid (Linda), Scott (Dorina), Steven (Janet) and her daughter SueAnne (Doug) Oliphant. Also survived by her sibling James J. (Colleen) Pinegar, sister-in-law Patricia Pinegar, thirty grandchildren and eighty-seven great-grandchildren with some arriving soon.

Preceded in her passing by the love of her life, O. Wayne Turley, her parents, siblings Glen, Wanda, Wanita, Ed and Delbert.

A public viewing will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) in Sandy.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 19, 2021 at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary and will be limited in attendance to the family. A family viewing will be held prior to the funeral services beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment to follow funeral services at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

Masks and social distancing will be required while at the mortuary for the viewing and funeral services.

The family would like to invite all friends, neighbors, family not able to attend in person and any whose life was touched by Maxine to attend the funeral services virtually as they will be live streamed via Zoom with link above by clicking "Watch Service".

To view the previously held services, please use the "Watch Service" link above.