

Maxine Telford Beckstead

September 21, 1931 ~ October 1, 2024

Maxine (Telford) Beckstead of Salt Lake City, passed away peacefully at home, on October 1, 2024, under the loving care of her family .

Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho in September 1931 to her parents, Winona and Byron Telford, she was one of six children. Childhood days were full of academic pursuits, home responsibilities, church activities, fun times with her neighborhood friends. She and her sisters were well taught, nurtured and cared for, not only by their mother, but their Grandmother and Aunt Norma as well.

She attended Brigham Young University, graduating with a degree in elementary education. It was there she met her future husband, John Wesley Beckstead and they were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on August 25, 1953. John attended dental school in Cleveland Ohio, where Maxine taught elementary school. Upon graduation they made their home in Northern California where they raised their 3 children, Debbie, Mark and Paul.

Maxine had many talents and passions and shared them with all around her. She was the epitome of elegance, grace and style, with a flair for making everything beautiful. Always the gracious hostess, she loved gathering people together and entertaining them in her home, with her infamous ‘themed’ parties. Without fail, there were always decorations in Maxine’s home for every holiday!

She was known as a good friend, with a bright smile, and her thoughtful acts of service and remembrance brought great comfort to many. She made it a lifetime pursuit to focus on the worth of souls ..*…“Remember the worth of souls is great in the eyes of God.” D&C 18:10*

However, her greatest legacy was her service to church, community and family.

Throughout her life she faithfully served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including Primary, Relief Society, and Young Women organizations. She also served in the Temple and was a hostess for the General Church Office Building. She thoughtfully magnified her callings with absolute dedication, time and effort, always going the extra mile. Her favorite service was working directly with young children, benefitting them with her love and joy of teaching.

She had a great love of the arts and was an avid patron of the Ballet, Opera, Symphony and Musical Theatre.

For many years, she energetically volunteered in leadership roles with Utah Symphony Guild, Classic Club, Opera Appreciation Club, Daughter of the Utah Pioneers.

She deeply loved her family and received much joy from staying close to them and being involved in their lives. She relished opportunities to be with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and never forgot a birthday, or special occasion. Family gatherings and traditions were important, and thoughtful tireless effort went into making them memorable and meaningful for everyone over the many years.

She is preceded in death by:

John Wesley Beckstead (husband)

Winona and Byron Telford (parents)

Keith and Max Telford, Afton (Ball), Harriet (Woolley)- (siblings)

She is survived by :

Her 3 children: Debbie (& Paul) Grewal, Mark(&Kevin) Beckstead, Paul Beckstead

Her 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren

Her sister Joanne Stone

Donations can be made to:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Department.

Philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org

Funeral Service:

Friday October 11, 2024

11am

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

225 West 500 North

Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Internment:

Saturday Oct. 12, 2024

12 noon

Rosehill Cemetery

Idaho Falls, Idaho

Those wishing to watch the COMPLETED service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4TwKaYYe5l68OWCGvSSH0oE5c_dwWKDUaeAsuoU2qPO-ZSllAbtDF9s6Rq8-Xh5f.