

Neva McNeil Paschal

December 1, 1923 ~ March 4, 2023

Neva McNeil Paschal, 99, passed away quietly on March 4, 2023. Neva was born December 1, 1923, in Woodland, Utah to parents Amos Levi McNeil and Lillian Jones McNeil. Having lost her father at only two years old, she spent her youth with her best friends—her mother, and sisters: Erma and Amy (Bun), who gave her the nickname Bub. Their tight-knit, playful family was bolstered by the love of her grandmother, Annie Marie, and many aunts and uncles, particularly Thomas Adelbert (Dellie) and Earl (Earlie) Jones. Though she and her family suffered through poverty, they were hardworking, loyal, and served endlessly. Neva exemplified these traits until the very day she passed.

Neva met her future husband, Herbert Morton Paschal, at the Army Depot in Kearns, Utah where she worked as a clerk, and he was enlisted. They would often go on dates to drink a Coke with a bag of peanuts. They married in Nashville, Tennessee on December 1, 1944. Their first daughter, Karen Sue, was born in Kearns, Utah. They moved to Nashville, Tennessee where their second daughter, Patricia Ann, was born. Their family moved to Salt Lake City in 1954, and she remained there for the rest of her life.

Neva was both a consummate lady and a feisty force of nature. She often said she came from a long line of hardworking women, that she had a strong back and capable hands, and she could make her own way in this world.

Neva loved flowers, enjoyed gardening, and was dedicated to keeping up her yard. She could often be seen sweeping the curbs and gutters, and even trimmed the grass with a pair of gardening shears just to make sure it was tidy. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, friends, and loved ones.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Neva’s greatest love was her family. She worked tirelessly to ensure not just that their needs were met, but they could enjoy opportunities she couldn’t in her youth. Neva’s generosity was boundless. To her family she gave everything she had. She comforted, nursed, served, and set aside her own needs to provide and nurture others. Neva never let a birthday or holiday go unacknowledged. Her life was spent in service. Her heart was golden with love.

Neva is survived by her daughters, Karen Sue (Rod); Patricia Ann (Craig); 15 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by so many of those whom she loved, and was welcomed back into their arms with joy, laughter, and rejoicing. Her reunion is sweet and as we honor and celebrate her life, our happiness for her is everlasting.

Our family wishes to extend our gratitude for Neva’s friends and neighbors for their countless acts of service, and their friendship and love.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Larkin Sunset Lawn (2350 east 1300 south, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108). There will be a viewing from 10:00 to 10:45 AM prior to the service.

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