

Nita Beth Harrison Horrocks Seely

December 7, 1932 ~ September 5, 2024

Nita Beth Harrison Horrocks Seely, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on September 5, 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was surrounded by family and those who could not be there, their thoughts and prayers filled the room.

Nita was born to Marion Augustus Harrison and Florence Atelia Sanderson Harrison on December 7, 1932, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was the third child, with her brother Allen as the oldest and then her sister Betty. Nita went on to marry Don R Horrocks and together they had 8 children; they later divorced and Nita married Glen McLain Seely and together, they had a blended family with the addition of his 6 children. Together they have 65 grandchildren, 146 great-grandchildren, and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Nita graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1951. She received the “Superior” award for her typing and “Excellence” award for bookkeeping.

Nita was an amazing mother and grandmother. At the time of her divorce, things were rough for her. She had 8 kids that needed to be taken care of. She stated at that time, her life took on a whole new purpose – KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER, and that is what she did. Family meant EVERYTHING to her.

Nita was very talented and creative. After her divorce, she went to work at a ceramic store where she would discover a great talent of painting ceramics. She had made many cute things for her home, which are now in her kids’ homes. Mom also loved to quilt, both tie quilts and quilting with her hands. She quilted nice bed spreads for each of her kids as they got married and then turned to making tied baby quilts as the grandkids started to come. She crocheted around thinner baby blankets and burp clothes and then started making afghans for her grandchildren to have when they got married. These things became difficult for her to do as time went on, due to arthritis, but she wanted to have them done.

When scrapbooks started to become a big thing, she took on the task of making scrapbooks for her kids and then for her grandkids. It is estimated she has made approx. 170+ scrapbooks, just for the kids and grandkids. At of the end of August, she had all her kids and grandkids books updated with events up to that time. Two days prior to her passing, she was working on updating her own book. In addition, mom has a dozen or more “family” scrapbooks, and about the same number of scrapbooks for the trips she and Glen went on and trips and parties with friends.

Nita was part of a bowling league for approx. 45 yrs. She made so many wonderful friends during this time and enjoyed bowling with her daughters Sheila and Kathy. She stopped bowling at the age of 90. Nita also worked with her sons Brent, Kevin, and Lynn as a bookkeeper from 1998 – 2023. During this time, she also worked with her granddaughters, Elissa, Dana, and Ali. She really enjoyed seeing them all. Nita attended hundreds of sports events, dance performances, piano recitals, school events, etc. for her grandkids until it became difficult for her to

get around and was saddened when she could not do it anymore.

One of her greatest accomplishments is the “GRANDMA’S GAZETTE.” This was a monthly newsletter she sent out every month for almost 30 years. Each month she would call her kids and grandkids to see what they had been doing for the month and then would type it up and mail it out. We have 30 years of family history because of this.

Nita loved to travel. She and Glen went on many trips, some just the two of them, some with friends, and some with family. They went to places such as Israel, South Africa, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and a trip around the world to include places such as Hawaii, Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Pakistan, Germany, and England. In addition, they loved cruises and have been on many of them with friends and her adult children. For several years, she would organize a family trip, where kids and grandkids got to travel together. We went to places such as Jackson Hole, Zion National Park, Palisade Park, South Carolina, and Lake Powell just to name a few The memory of these trips is still treasured amongst the families. Her last trip was to Branson, MO where all her kids and their spouses celebrated her 90th Birthday.

Nita was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served her Heavenly Father faithfully by going to the temple regularly and by serving in Primary, Young Women, and Relief Society. She jokes that she was never a Den Mother as they felt she had enough time with her 7 sons and needed the break. Most of her service was within Relief Society, where she was RS President 3 times and counselor to 3 presidents. Nita and Glen served at the young singles ward, which was one of their greatest experiences. She was called as a front-line missionary at the world headquarters of the Church for 3 yrs and then 3 more years at the new Joseph Smith Memorial building once the remodeling of Hotel Utah was done. She served an inner-city mission with Glen for 18 months, which was also a great experience. When the new Conference Center was complete, she was called again to be a hostess there for three more years, which was then extended another year due to the Olympics. When she was released, she was then put in as RS president. Through these callings she had made many great friends and had many wonderful experiences. Her service was not just with the Church, mom sought out opportunities to help others in whatever capacity she could.

Nita is survived by her children: Brent (Kathy), Craig (Shannon), Lynn (Joella), Darryl (Teri), Wade (Debbie), Scott (Sally), Kevin (Lori), and Sheila (Don); in addition, Paul (Amy), Jan (Paul), Jim, Laura, Kristen (Larry), Kay (Ed). She is also survived by her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Glen, her parents, brother Allen, and sister Betty, granddaughters Julie and Cassie, grandson Bradin.

Funeral Services will be held in Nita’s honor on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Ensign Stake Center, 135 A Street, Salt Lake City, Utah at 10:00 AM. A visitation will be held prior to services that same day, at 9:00 AM, same location.

To watch the recorded service, please click on the Watch Service button above.

The family would like to thank the emergency staff at LDS hospital as well as the nursing and hospice staff for their assistance in keeping mom free from further pain and their patience with such a large family visiting and saying their good-byes. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to any of the following charities:

The Perpetual Education Fund at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
American Cancer Society
Mental Health – NAMI of Utah
Utah Veterans Alliance
Autism Foundation