Merelyn Mae Thompson Poulson

February 19, 1935 ~ June 28, 2018

Our dear sweet wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister, Mrs. Merelyn Mae Thompson Poulson, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her husband and many family members on June 28, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah at the age of 83.

Merelyn was born on February 19, 1935 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Henry Peter and Mary Leona Jones Thompson. She graduated from East High School in 1953. She married Meredith M Poulson, her high school sweetheart, in 1954, in the Salt Lake Temple. They started their family of 9 children in Hawaii and returned to Salt Lake City, Utah to complete their loving and extensive posterity. She is survived by 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with 4 on the way. She will be greatly missed by her loving family as well as a wide circle of friends, for she was beloved by many.

In addition to raising her children, Merelyn worked for over 10+ years for the Salt Lake City School District. Her passion was reading to children, and she made a point to read with as many children as she could. She would dress up as Witchbook, (because she could never decide which book to read), and Mrs. Claus, and would go around to many different schools and primaries to engage children as she read to them. She loved all holidays, especially Halloween and Christmas, and she was known for decorating her house with many festive decorations. She especially loved her calling as the chorister in the Colonial Hills Ward Primary where she so ably taught the Church's children's hymns.

She faced her life-long battle with rheumatoid arthritis with great courage. With steely determination and a sense of humor, she called this disease "arth-wrong-us" because "there is nothing right about it." Her family and friends are at peace knowing that she is no longer in pain.

Merelyn is survived by her husband of 63 years, Meredith M Poulson (the MMP'S); her children, Kathi Lynn Armborst (Paul), Deanna Lee Kramer (David), Gregory Meredith Poulson (Julia), Gordon Oliver Poulson (Julie), Steven Grant Poulson (Alisa), Margery Merelyn Thompson (Brian), Jeannette Joy Shaffer (William), and Spencer Earl Poulson (Emily); and her siblings, Margery Leone Pierson, and Roger Henry Thompson. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry Peter Thompson, Mary Leona Jones Thompson, her brother, Henry Blaine Thompson, her daughter, Konni Camilla Poulson Hales and her grandsons Christopher Bart Hales, Quintann King Hales and Tyler Gregory Poulson. She was greeted happily by those who predeceased her in death.

A viewing will be held Monday, July 2, 2018 from 6-8 pm at Larkin Sunset Lawns, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral services will be held at the Colonial Hills Ward building, 1455 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 on July 3, 2018 at noon, where friends may also visit from 10:30 to 11:45 prior to the funeral. In lieu of flowers please donate to: Mountain America Credit Union; the account is set up under MMP. The family would like

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