Betty A. Curtis Stokes

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Betty A. Curtis Stokes, passed away on February 10, 2018 at the age of 98. She was born in Salt Lake City to Seymore B. Curtis and Mary Parry Curtis. She spent her early years on her family's sheep ranch outside of Cokeville, Wyoming where she loved horse riding. She attended Brigham Young University where she met her future husband, Dr. William Lee Stokes, who she later married in September 1939, in the Salt Lake Temple. They were blessed with five children, four girls and a boy.

Later in life she graduated from the University of Utah, receiving a Bachelors' degree in education and subsequently she taught elementary school for several years.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many leadership positions within her ward and stake. As a service missionary at the church office building, she enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. She loved to travel and visited many exotic places. She was also an active member of the University of Utah Women's Club. She was one of a few who could read her husband's hand writing and was instrumental in typing his many geology textbooks and hundreds of his professional papers.

She is preceded in death by two of her daughters, Mary Susan Griffith, Jennifer Joy Stokes and her only granddaughter, Jennifer Susan Gardner. She is survived by her only son, Will Stokes and her two daughters, Betty Lee Huff and Pat Stokes, as well as four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In recent months she constantly talked about returning to the place where she came from, even though she was vague about where that place might be. We now believe that she is home. She will be interred in Salt Lake City Cemetery following a private graveside service on February 21.

A celebration of her life will be held later in San Diego, California.