

Wanda Layton Thompson Siler

September 8, 1932 ~ August 17, 2021

Our sweet mother, Wanda Layton Thompson Siler passed away August 17, 2021 from incidence of old age. She was born Sept. 8, 1932 to Russell Bowler Layton and Erma Catherine Nunn Layton. She was a twin with Wayne Layton. Wanda and Wayne had two older siblings, Lois and Lloyd. At 5 yrs. old she was in a serious car accident which killed her mother. Because of Wanda's head injury, she never remembered her mother. A year later Russell married Annie Cleone Shay. She had 3 sons, Paul, and twins Melvin and Marvin. They later had a daughter, Colleen.

Wanda attended South High School where she played basketball. She met Lawrence James Thompson whom she married her senior year. She was blessed with six children: Larry (Jane) Thompson, Margaret (John) Yancey, David Thompson, Cindy (LaVor) Bristol, Rodney Thompson, and Terri (Rick) Bingle. After Lawrence passed away, she married Jerry Siler. He had five daughters, Lela (Jeff) Warden, Jerri Siler, Jenny Siler, Starr (Earl) Seely, and Janet (Mike) Willeitner.

Wanda loved people and made friends everywhere she went, be it the grocery store, hospital, church, anywhere. She was never judgmental and had a good sense of humor. Mom loved to travel. She traveled all over the United States, and to England and Germany (where she got to see where "The Sound of Music" was filmed. That was her favorite movie. Wanda worked at Dee's for many years. Her claim to fame was being the witch on the Dee Burger Clown Show. She then worked for Beehive clothing as a seamstress and inspector. She loved working there. Both of her parents worked there before her so it was a family affair. Wanda will be remembered for her great pies and bread, her cookie jar and diet coke, her jewelry and perfumes. She also loved to crochet and sew quilts. Wanda was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She held many positions in the primary, young women program, Relief Society, sports director and as librarian, which she loved because she could talk to everyone. She served at the Jordan River Temple and the Draper Temple for many years. She loved working there and made lasting friendships.

Wanda is survived by her 5 children, 22 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Erma, and step-mother Cleone, all of her siblings, her two husbands, Lawrence and Jerry, her son Rodney, and grandchildren Abby Thompson, Tara Shippick, and Adam Wright and son-in-law Rick Bingle.

Special thanks to Country Care Assisted Living staff for their loving care for mom the last two years and the hospice staff: nurse Holly, Kristy, Catherine (music-thanatologists) and Krista for the loving care and support for mom and our family.

Funeral services will be held on Aug. 23, 2021 at 11:00 with visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road (106th South), Sandy, Utah 84092.

Those wishing to view the services which took place, may do so via the following Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/E6fQZOLlG46OmDR0_lLjqrgWtXyA5foLbsR9_xBY5Y6_d6zBsKxI0uHvRsAejmEG.krc