Yvonne Daynes

May 1, 1923 ~ November 23, 2015

Our beloved mother, grandmother, wife, and friend left us on November 23, 2015, at the age of 92. She was born May 1, 1923 in Richfield, Utah to Ambrose and LaVerne Winget Black. She married her high school sweetheart, J. Richard Daynes, a pilot during WW II on a three day pass in Los Angeles. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She joined him in the Army Air Corps as a nurse wherever he was stationed.

Throughout her life, Yvonne was adored by everyone who was privileged to know her. She was truly a woman without guile. She followed the advice of Bambi's Mother, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.". She graduated from the L.D.S. Hospital School of Nursing and spent her life dedicated to giving compassionate care to others, both in hospitals and the Salt Lake County Health Department. She was an active member of the L.D.S.H. Nurses Alumnae Association, DUP, and fulfilled many callings in the L.D.S. Church.

Her greatest joy in life was her family. She brightened every life she touched. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, her sister, Beverly Lewis, her five children, Teri Summerhays (Jeffrey), Lynne Birth (Peter), Shauna Heisler (Dale), Julie Thomson (Paul) and Douglas (Carolee). She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, and son-in-law, Peter.

Services will be held at the Monument Park 14th ward, 2255 South Wasatch Drive, on November 28th at 11:00 AM. Family will greet friends Friday, November 27th from 5-7:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South, and again on Saturday from 9:30-10:45 AM at the church. Interment at Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Yvonne Black Daynes passed away November 23, 2015 at the age of 92. Yvonne was born May 1, 1923 in Richfield, Utah to Ambrose Vincent and Laverne Winget Blacknear a Navajo Indian Reservation. She was born in her grandmother\s house where her mother had been living.

Yvonne graduated from South High School in 1941 during World War II after which she attended the LDS hospital nursing school and stayed in a three story wooden dormitory on 9th Avenue. After her graduation we got marriedon a three day leave in Los Angeles while I was in theArmy Air Corp which later became the U.S. Air Force. This was followed by a temple marriage in the Salt Lake City Temple at a later date.

Yvonne worked as a volunteer hospital nurse wherever her husband was stationed. At the end of World War II she worked many years in Salt Lake City hospitals in all nursing capacities including surgery, maternity, and intensive care. She later worked as an occupational and immunization nurse for Salt Lake County Health Department.

After retirement, we did extensive traveling aroundthe world. We planned a one month trip each year of our marriage.

The family built a small cabin in Big Cottonwood Canyon where Solitude Ski resort now exists and spent many enjoyable weeks with our family and friends in this spot.

In our later years we spent a lot of quality time with our extended family and grandchildren.

Yvonne wasan active member in the DUP (Daughters of Utah Pioneers), the L.D.S.H Nurses AlumnaeAssociation, and had many callings in the LDS church.

Yvonne and I met in high school at age 15. I began pedaling my bicycle to her house after school. Her mother eventually took me in as a permanent boarder and invited me to dinner daily after which we studied together in their small house. Her parents retired to their room, closed the door and told me to leave by ten o'clock. I then pedaled my bicycle home to my house. This went on until I turned 16, got a driver license and turned my bicycle in for a $15 credit, and with an additional $35, purchased a Model A Ford Coupe with a rumble seat. I was then able to date Yvonne in a proper fashion, and her mother was relieved of a boarder.

We were married for 71 years. There has never been a time when we were not enthused about our marriage and life together. We are grateful for the plan of salvation which promises our marriage for time and eternity for worthy partners. We hold this promise dear. We have looked forward to being together again which makes this difficult time much easier.

Yvonne was a wonderful companion to spend a lifetime with. She never got upset with anyone, and I love her more and more every day.