

Ethel Cook
1915 ~ 2011



Ethel Gardner Cook slipped peacefully through the veil on November 17, 2011, at 95 years of age.

Born on the family farm in the small community of West Jordan Utah to William Gardner and Mary Elizabeth Thomas on December 28, 1915, Ethel was the youngest of three children. Joining her siblings Grace Gardner Brown and Ralph William Gardner, she grew up loved and cherished with a sparkle in her eyes she never lost.

Ethel graduated from Jordan High School in 1934. She loved accounting and was a fantastic speller. She graduated from LDS Business College in Accounting in 1936. She began working in the office of Royal Baking Company in Salt Lake City where she met her "special beau" Joseph Emmet Cook. Forever sweethearts, they married in the Salt Lake Temple on March 5, 1941. To this union five children were born: Carolyn, Gerald Emmet, Duane William, Charlene and Kendall Ray.

Ethel enjoyed many fulfilling opportunities and callings at home raising her family, in the community and LDS Church. She was active in all the auxiliaries for many years including Primary President and Relief Society President when Emmet was serving in the Bishopric of their ward.

She was an active Daughter of the Utah Pioneers, Archibald Gardner Camp and attended with her daughter Charlene Cook Burton.

Ethel and Emmet served over 17 years in charge of the annual Salt Lake County Farm Bureau Dinners.

In 1986, Ethel and Emmet served as missionaries for the LDS Church at Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City. They loved serving together in church callings and at the temple.

Ethel spent most of her life within 2 blocks of where she was born in West Jordan. Newly married she and Emmet lived in downtown Salt Lake City for about 4 years. They bought a home just south of her mom and dad in West Jordan Utah when, in World War II, soldiers needed their apartment for living quarters.

Emmet passed away on September 9, 1995 and Ethel moved in with her son Kendall across the street from the old house where she resided for over 9 years. Ethel moved to the Beehive Home in West Jordan for the last 3 years when her health started to limit her activities - to delight and educate the wonderful girls who assisted Kendall and Duane with her care.

A great lady in word and deed, Ethel will be missed by all who knew her.

Ethel loved, laughed and lived 95 wonderful years.

Greeting her with open arms are her parents, sweetheart: Joseph Emmet Cook, son: Gerald Emmet Cook, daughter: Charlene Cook Burton, great grandson: Phillip Erich Powley, sister: Grace and brother: Ralph.

The family left behind are her children: Carolyn (Justus Ray) Jorgensen, Castle Dale, Utah, Duane William (Merlene Utley) Cook, Kendall Ray Cook, both of West Jordan Utah, 22 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to George (Sergio), the girls and staff at the Beehive House for caring for Ethel.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the River Oaks 2nd Ward, 8825 South 1095 West, West Jordan, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8pm on Monday, November 21, 2011 at Goff Mortuary, 8090 South State Street Midvale, Utah and one hour prior to services at the ward on Tuesday. Interment, West Jordan City Cemetery.