

Joyce Christensen Larsen
1927 - 2011



Joyce Christensen Larsen passed away of natural causes on November 10, 2011, surrounded by her family. She was born on September 17, 1927, in Murray, Utah, to Harvey Jared Christensen and Ivy Croxford. She graduated from Granite High School in 1945 and married John Dell Larsen in 1950. They were later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Joyce was a loving wife and homemaker, a great mother, and an accomplished seamstress. Her dinner rolls and chocolate pie were legendary, occasionally provoking food fights at family gatherings to see who would get the last piece. No one loved holidays more than Joyce, and no one worked harder putting up decorations to create a festive family atmosphere. For many years she operated a thriving small business supplying gorgeous hand-sewn baby dresses to local department stores. In their later years Joyce and John traveled the world, visiting China, Europe, Russia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia. They also loved square dancing. Joyce sewed her own eye-catching outfits and was always the most beautiful dancer on the floor.

Always impeccably dressed, vibrant and full of fun, Joyce surrounded herself with dolls, decorations, and baskets of candy for everyone. She loved parties, people, diamond rings, and knickknacks, but most of all she

loved her family. We all returned her love and will never forget her warm spirit, her generous heart, and her tenacious lust for life.

She is survived by husband John of 61 years, and six children: Cheri (Ray Matthews) Larsen, Bryan (Doris) Larsen, Nancy Larsen, Jan Blair, Heather (Vince) Davis and Darren (Maria Soriano) Larsen; sisters Barbara (Mark) Robertson, Belva Nichol, and Marilee (Larry Larsen) Christensen; and brothers Dirk (Shan) Christensen and Dell Scott Christensen. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Preceded in death by parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Goff Mortuary, 8090 S. State Street. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on Monday evening and 1 hour prior to the funeral services. Interment, Sandy City Cemetery.