



## LaRae Wood Woolsey

March 24, 1926 - June 4, 2020

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Married: Durrel Arden Woolsey in the St. George Temple August 3, 1946

LaRae left on Thursday to be with Durrel and go dancing. She also plans to visit her mom and dad, Iva Orilla Williams and George H. Wood and brother Lalif and sisters Delilah, Erlene and Javauna. She promised to continue to lobby with the “powers that be” on behalf of her surviving children, Bruce Woolsey, Geri Weinberger, Gena Jepsen, and her 17 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, as well as her surviving brother, Woody Wood and sister, Faun Marshal -- until they have a chance to get together again.

Her family says she often longed for this anticipated visit, so she could thank them for her personal culture that was so dominant in her life. She said her appreciation of natural beauty - in so many artistic forms - was fostered by her mother. That’s why her talents and countless refinements were developed while she lived here. Her appreciation of art, music, dance, and relationships in all of their variations, were magnified as she served her family, as well as favored friends and church colleagues.

She often spoke with fondness of her 500 other sons and daughters she served as Mission Mom in Tempe AZ from 1987-90, and of cherished friends and relationships as she traveled the world serving with her husband, a General Authority for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved thousands of patrons of the Oakland CA Temple, where she served as Matron from 1996-1999. Her testimony, style, culture, refinement, and taste are cherished influences in countless lives now, throughout the world.

However, if asked how she wanted to be remembered, it was a simple statement directed to her progeny: “A Covenant Keeper”. And so it’s cherished in our hearts.

A private family service and interment will be held Saturday, June 13th.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## **Alpine City Cemetery**

400 North Grove Drive

Alpine, UT, 84004

# Comments

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“ Dear Friends,  
How wonderful that your parents are together again. I remember the many opportunities we had to be together as your dad served as the Stockton Stake President and my husband served as president of Stockton East Stake, then Lodi Stake. I always loved being with them, always so gracious and loving. We are so blessed to know Heavenly Father's Plan and know we can be together as Families forever.

I wish we could be together to celebrate the life of your dear mother, but know that you are all loved by me and my family.

Love,  
Faye Wade

**Faye Wade** - June 11 at 03:01 PM

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“ I first met the Woolseys in Tucson, Arizona when they were called to preside of the Tempe Arizona Mission. They were strong, committed and faithful in every way. My appreciation for Sister Woolsey skyrocketed as I watched her and listened to her in zone conferences and interacted with them. I learned of her enormous sacrifices to serve the mission call, and the later calls that came. I am certain they are both very happy to be together again, continuing their legacy of service in the Lord's Kingdom.  
Doug Holt  
South Jordan, Utah

**Douglas Holt** - June 11 at 12:20 PM

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“ Bruce, geri, gena oh how I loved your mom, my sweet LaRae. She and I had such a good visit of remembrance in November. She not only touched my life for the better for years. She shaped my life for the good..with love. What a remarkable woman of faith she was. I look forward to one day embracing her once more. Thank you for sharing your mom with me. With much love: judy green

**judy green** - June 11 at 12:20 PM

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“ My Dad (Glen O. Woolsey) is a cousin to Durrell. As a family we went to visit Durrell and LaRae in Taft, California. This was in the 60's when I was a child. (I am now 64) I remember going out with the kids looking for lizards and other desert stuff.  
Mom (Roberta) is gone but Dad is still kickin around.



“ I was the babysitter of Bruce and Geri when they lived in Trona, CA. My father was the branch president at that time. I am now 84 years old and live in Spanish Fork. My husband just died in January. It is nice that LaRae is now with Durrell and her parents.

Patricia Stevens Banks

Patricia L Banks - June 10 at 12:49 PM

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“ Sister Woolsey was the best thing I remember from my Mission. Always so kind and loving, made you feel so great and it was amazing to be in her presence. I'm so sad that during this crazy time her funeral will be a private ceremony. She was so loved and treasured by over 500 missionaries who were taught so many life lessons that go beyond missionary work. She always knew the right thing to say and when a hug mattered the most. I will always love and appreciate her in my heart. So sad to not be able to be there to pay my respect. With love, the former Elder Collins, now just Rob.

Rob Collins - June 10 at 12:20 PM