



Lyla Larsen Blackburn

May 27, 1929 - February 22, 2017

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Lyla Josie was born on May 27, 1929 in Provo, Utah to Alexander Josie and Irma Hadlock. She was the first of 4 children followed by Bob, Rosalie, and Carol. There are so many things that we have come to know and love about her:

SHE WAS CREATIVE

As a little girl Lyla loved to dance. She would put on her little red dress and twirl around her living room anticipating her future as a beautiful dancer.

Playing with her dolls she became a nurse, a teacher and a beautician; all roles that she would use later on in the career she would spend her life pursuing..... a mother.

SHE WAS TENACIOUS

When Lyla got an idea in her head, there was no stopping her. One Sunday afternoon, she decided there was a movie that she wanted to see. Her father reminded her that their family did NOT go to movies on Sunday. Well, she did go to that movie and after it was over, she walked home and stood outside of her house for 2 hours preparing for the spanking she would get. Whatever Lyla wants.....Lyla gets!

SHE WAS MISCHIEVOUS

At 18 years old, Lyla went to the Rainbow Room to dance. That night she met the best dancer she had ever seen! He was a handsome military man named Clair Larsen. A year later they married 1948 in the Manti Temple and then the fun began - along came the joys of her life.

David James was born on December 27th, Sherry on March 17th, Nancy Carol on January 20th, Bonnie Sue on December 29th and ReNae on July 27th.

SHE WAS HARD WORKING

Sherry said, "If we learned anything from our Mom, it was hard work!" It was work with a song for her kids and grandkids as the toilet in the toilet was being scrubbed - When We're Helping We're Happy was being sung.

She was a seamstress extraordinaire and sewed all of her childrens' school clothes each year. She made new dresses for every prom, every holiday and even homemade nightgowns and pajamas at Christmas.

Ohhhhh - Lyla's homemade bread and cinnamon rolls!! Many is the time overeager neighbors would invite themselves to her doorstep for the promise of warm, browned butter and gooey honey glazing.

In the summer, apricots from her tree would become delicious jam and fruit leather. All of the kids became the assembly line when she was juicing tomatoes for spaghetti sauce or her wonderful Spanish rice. She would try new recipes all the time and some of them were really good.

SHE WAS CARING

After Clair died, Lyla decided to marry Tone Blackburn. She always seemed at her best when she had someone to love and take care of. They were married for 10 years before Tone passed away.

SHE HAD FAITH

Lyla had great faith. It began when she was a child and grew with her throughout her life. She demonstrated that faith through the Mormon church by serving both the young and old in Primary, Relief Society, Scouts, Young Women and Sunday School as well as singing in the choir. She loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SHE WAS JOYOUS

Whenever you saw Lyla, she was smiling. Kindness and joy radiated from her and people were naturally drawn to her. Her grandchildren always loved going to see Grandma Larsen. Even at the end of her life, she was so generous with her smiles and kind words.

Don't cry because she is gone. Smile because,

SHE WAS ... a part of all our lives.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 25th, at 12:00 noon, at the Timpview 3rd & 5th Wards Chapel, 865 West 1000 North, Orem, UT, where a Viewing will be held prior

from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Interment in Orem City Cemetery.

For those that would like to see some cute photos of Mom, please visit the Summerfield Retirement (Orem, UT) Facebook Page and click on Photos.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

Events

FEB **Viewing** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Timpview 5th Ward

865 West 1000 North, Orem, UT, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Nancy and all your family,

What a marvelous woman your mother Lyla was and is, and what a joyous and grand example of love, faith, strength, and selfless service she gave to all of us. I am sorry I didn't get to know her, but what a wonderful Larsen family heritage she has left you all. In all of you, as you wrote so well in her touching and captivating obituary, I see her powerful example. In your lives, in your smiles and in your eyes I see her same joy, her same faith and love of the Lord and the gospel, that same selfless care and help for your family, neighbors and friends, and that tenacious hard work, strength and courage your Mom had, her creativity and love of dance and music she instilled in you, and more of her amazing qualities that will always live on in you.

But most of all I have seen and more importantly, have felt your family's deep love for your Mom, Lyla, for each other, and all who come in your path. As President Monson wrote in his February message your "Mother's treasure was her eternal family. And its strength rested on the bedrock foundation of "I love you." Truly you are her treasure, truly she loved you.

Her funeral was so well done, all of us were touched and lifted by the prayers, the music, the singing, the Eulogy from her brother Bob, and the so fun memories from the Grandkids. It was a celebration of her life and extraordinary legacy.

Sending much love at this tender time, and my prayers.

Alan Chandler

Alan Chandler - March 01, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you all did much to make sure she had the best care possible. Prayers for you all.

JanaLee Wagner

JanaLee Wagner - February 27, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ Dear Nancy,

What a wonderful obituary you and your family have written about your very sweet Mother. She did always greet us with a smile and such a very sweet spirit that seemed to have radiated from her throughout her life. I wish I had known her longer and earlier in her life and maybe have been a recipient of one of her delicious cinnamon rolls. I so admire someone that is accomplished in sewing, what a labor of love. How nice of her to share her singing talents, maybe she'll join the heavenly choir. She truly sounds like an accomplished Mother that made her house a very loving home, her children that I know seem to be carrying that on.

I look forward to attending the funeral and learning more about this great lady.

It's been a privilege to be her visiting teacher and home teacher at the Summerfield Manor and feel of her very special spirit.

With love at this tender time.

Brother & Sister Rowbotham

Sister Pam Rowbotham - February 25, 2017 at 07:11 AM



“ Hello ReNae and family,

What a tremendous loss, your mother's obituary reads like a very loved woman of God! I know it is a bittersweet time; to remember, laugh and cry together. Enjoy your time, that is what your mom would want most.

With Love,

Kim Schneidmiller

kim Schneidmiller - February 24, 2017 at 05:57 PM