



Olive Woods

August 3, 1923 - September 28, 2016

After living a full and happy life, on September 28, Olive Woods left this earthly existence to return to her heavenly home. She passed away in her home with her husband, son and grandchildren. Olive was loved and respected by all who knew her, and her presence in our lives will be missed.

Olive was a woman of great faith and optimism. She would often quote the phrase, "All things shall work together for good, if ye walk uprightly," found in several sections of the Doctrine & Covenants. Olive was a woman who walked uprightly, and things did work together for good in her life.

Olive was born August 3, 1923 in Wadena, Saskatchewan to William and Francesca Smith. Her young life was spent in several towns in Saskatchewan, with wonderful memories playing in the fields and lakes with her brother and sisters.

When Olive was old enough to work she moved to Montreal where she met Ed Woods, who was working for the same company. Over the next year and half, Ed and Olive courted and were married September 18, 1947 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They lived the first year of their marriage in Montreal before moving to Winnipeg in 1948. Winnipeg was good to the young Woods family as they welcomed Scott, Mark, Lee and Nancy from 1950 to 1958.

Olive met missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Winnipeg and was baptized in May of 1955. Never one to sit idle, Olive was called to be Primary President two weeks after her baptism, and served in that calling until moving from Winnipeg in 1960. During those five years her Primary grew from 9 children to 75. Olive had a passion for sharing the gospel with everyone she met and that growing primary was just the beginning of her using this passion and talents to work together for good.

Ed and Olive moved their family from Winnipeg to Sylmar, CA in 1960 where they would live in the same home for 44 years. During this time all things continued to work together

for good in Olive's life. Olive found joy and fulfillment serving in many capacities in the LDS church, including the Young Women's Organization, Relief Society, Ward Choir, Primary and many years in the Bishop's Storehouse. Olive always had a special place in her heart for Girls Camp, and many girls (now women) remember their time with her at camp fondly. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor spreading love and kindness throughout the areas where she lived.

Olive loved her family, and loved spending time with Ed and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was raised during the Great Depression and never forgot the values she learned during those years. She took pride in hard work, efficiency, avoiding wastefulness and optimism. She worked diligently to instill those values in her posterity, and the lives her children have lived testify to her success as a mother.

Olive and Ed were accomplished road-trippers, and the routes between Southern California, Orem, UT, Saskatchewan and Vancouver (among others) were very familiar to their beloved Ford LTD's (green and brown). These trips continued at least annually, but usually several times a year until she was 90!

Special mention must be made of Ed and Olive's relationship. Ten days before her passing, they celebrated their 69 years of marriage together. From a little ceremony in Winnipeg, with only 18 in attendance, through those 69 years they lived a life of love, respect and honor every step of the way. On December 27, 2013 Ed and Olive were sealed for time and all eternity in the Mt Timpanogos, LDS temple. We are grateful to know because of this ordinance, we are an eternal family.

During the last few years of Olive's life as her health and strength faded, Ed's role evolved as he took on the role of caregiver. Despite his own advanced age, he honorably and lovingly cared for her. We wish to publicly thank him for his dedication to our mother, grandmother and beloved great "Grandma Olive." The family would like to thank the many caregivers from Summit Home Health who became good friends to both Olive and Ed. They went above and beyond in their service.

Olive is survived by her husband Ed, son Mark, daughters Lee and Nancy, grandchildren Brad (Jenni), Robbie (Melinda), Kevin (Jocelyne), and great-grandchildren Abbi, Ian, Luis, Olivia, Graham, Mark, Henry and Ana. Preceded in death by grandparents, parents, sisters Eugenie and Audrey, brother Kenneth, son Scott, daughter-in-law Janet, and grandson Russell.

In the end, all things did work together for good in Olive's life. Olive was good and walked

uprightly before her Lord. Olive loved her Savior Jesus Christ and had a firm testimony of the Atonement and Resurrection. She graciously shared that passion with those she met and helped them know, they too were children of God. At this time of her passing we are comforted by, and feel joy in the knowledge that she has been embraced in the loving care of her Heavenly Father, family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held, Monday, October 3, 2016, at 11:00 am, at the Sunset Heights Stake Center, 1260 South 400 West, Orem, where Viewings will be held Sunday, October 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to the services on Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment will be in the Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

Events

OCT 2 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Sunset Heights Stake Center

1260 South 400 West, Orem, UT, US

OCT 3 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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OCT 3 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Sunset Heights Stake Center

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Comments



“ I remember her so much, she was such a support for her husband as he met with the missionaries until he was baptized in 2012. I was one of those missionaries blessed to be part of their lives. She will be missed greatly

Whitney Anglesey - August 28, 2018 at 01:42 AM



“ Mark, I will admit to being stunned when I saw dear Olive's obituary as I searched for Janet's. I have so very memories of how she has touched our lives over the years when we lived in the San Fernando ward. Notes to our children, time spent with Thelma Whitaker and a few other of the choice ladies in the ward during the week - where I learned much from her. I recall her telling me that "at the age of 56 I am very grateful for my good health." I'm past that age now and can appreciate that comment so much more!

It is most appropriate, I feel, that Janet was my first visiting teacher in the SF Ward, and Olive was my last. One of my fondest memories of your mother, perhaps because it was so typical of her loving and giving nature, is when we were going through a rough patch. I had shared it with her, and she left my home after our visiting teaching appointment and showed up a bit later with bags full of groceries. She had emptied out her freezer to help us over a difficult period. I was so very touched.

There are always those people who, as you look back through the years, touched your lives in ways that truly mattered. Your mother was one of those people for me (and your father, for Mario. How delighted we are to hear he and your mom were sealed!). I am sorry to hear of her passing so soon after Janet's and am sure your family will feel a void for some time. But oh, how wonderful it is to know our relationships are eternal! May you all be blessed with continued peace.

Holly and Mario Valenti

Holly Valenti - October 10, 2016 at 02:09 AM



“ I am so sorry Ed, Mark, Lee and Nancy to hear that your wonderful, kind, loving and caring Wife and Mother Olive past away. She was my mentor as a teenager. I loved talking with her at girl's camp. I was so amazed at the energy and stamina that she had . She could out hike any of us girls . Olive taught me in Young Women's and was always available to talk to me. When I was having martial problems she helped console me while I was going through my divorce. She was like a second mother to me. Olive was one of the most Christ Like Woman I have ever met. Whenever I came to visit family in Utah, I always made sure to visit Olive, Ed, Mark and Janet. I am so glad that I was able to visit last Winter. Olive will be greatly missed by myself and many others. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Mark, again my condolences for your loss of both your Sweethear Janet and Mother Olive in the same week.

Laurie Whitaker Thompson - October 03, 2016 at 12:12 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Ed and Family. Olive was a good friend and I enjoyed all the years we were together in the Sylmar Ward. Many of those years we shared playing the organ in church. She was always such a happy and positive person. I will miss my yearly phone call from her at Christmas time. So happy to know that families and friendships are forever.

Vicki Humphrey - October 02, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ I always enjoyed coming to Olive and Ed's home and spend time with her. Although I have only known her for a year, we developed a very close friendship. Thank you Ed and Olive for the warm welcoming into your home. I am so blessed that I have met you both. Olive, until we meet again....

Claudette - October 02, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ My condolences to Ed, Mark and the family. Olive was such a good person. Always upbeat and happy. She was one of my heroes in life. She always set such a good example and taught me many things. My father died when I was 12 and my mother had her hands full. Olive gave me a ride to early morning Seminary for at least one year, maybe more. She was also my Seminary teacher for one year. I think church history in the old DeGarmo building. Ed and Olive always seemed to be at Know Your Religion. May God's sweetest blessings and peace be upon all the family at this difficult time.

Jim Burton - October 02, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy to Ed and family. What a great lady! Always serving others and great example of a good neighbor. As they were our neighbors for 40 years in Sylmar. It was sad that we were only a block apart and yet in separate church congregations due to boundry lines. But their family was a wonderful family. And Olive always smiling. I will miss her laugh and positive attitude over the phone. As being good friends with her youngest daughter Nancy, Olive would always make me feel welcomed in their home.

Lena Evans

LENA EVANS - October 01, 2016 at 03:13 AM



“ I dearly loved this lady! We have been friends for many years. Working together in the Young Women's program of our church for years I California. Olive and I attended institute together for years. This past year as I have seen her health fail her, I would visit her each Thursday afternoon for a couple of hours. never a complaint, even though I could tell she was having a hard time breathing and getting around. We shared stories or our testimony of the gospel, our love for our families, and the gratitude we have for our life experience's. These days and memories of our visits together I will always treasure. She is my sister in the gospel. I love her and will miss her.

Darlene Thayer

Darlene Thayer - October 01, 2016 at 01:43 AM



“ Olive was our camp director for many years. Every year I went to girls camp she was our camp leader. She had such a quiet reverence and respect for nature. I would often be just getting up and out of the tent and Olive would be up , dressed, camp fire going and then with a smile on her face she would say "Well I think I will go for a walk". She knew it would be a bit before we were going to be ready for the day. She never minced words when she expected you to do something. But she never minced words when she bore her testimony of the Savior either. Plain and simple truths she taught. No frills. I will miss her.

Terrie Thayer - October 01, 2016 at 01:39 AM