



Shirley Fowler Bell

January 20, 1931 - May 6, 2018

Shirley Fowler Bell was born January 20, 1931 to Kate and Daryl Fowler. She passed away May 6, 2018 in the American Fork hospital surrounded by her family whom she loved so dearly. The family would especially like to thank the staff of the intensive care unit who cared for her so graciously.

Shirley was born in a humble four-room bungalow that her parents built by hand, one of the first homes on the Lehi Bench. She was always very proud of her heritage: her mother was a pioneer from Denmark and her father was the grandson of Thomas Fowler who came from England with the first handcart company and served as Utah County's first sheriff. At the time of her birth, her father was serving his second mission for the LDS church in the Central States. He later became the Mayor of Lehi, dying while in office.

Shirley attended Lehi High School where she acted as yearbook editor and participated in speech and debate, cheerleading and many dramatic productions. She graduated salutatorian of the class of 1948 and received a scholarship that made it possible to attend college at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

She met Jay Bell, the love of her life, when she was 15. He was a student at rival American Fork High School and was brought to her attention as "the guy with yellow socks". They were friends throughout high school. Their abiding friendship deepened into true love during her time at Utah State. They married September 1, 1950 in Lehi, Utah.

The following year they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan, Utah temple. They enjoyed 66 beautiful years together full of love, adventure and service.

In 1954 when Jay accepted an opportunity to live and work across the country, Shirley and he embarked on an adventure that truly shaped their lives, living in Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, San Francisco and Portland raising their five children along the way. They delighted in the opportunity to meet new people. They experienced great outdoor recreation in all the places they lived, especially enjoying hiking, boating and camping. Shirley was still waterskiing through her 70's and was meticulous in the care of

her health. She loved travel and the opportunity to experience the arts in many forms and places. She loved beautiful vistas and gardens.

While in Portland, Shirley owned and operated a franchise of the Diet Center. Then with Jay, owned a distributorship of Linde Industrial Gases, where she kept the books.

Shirley and Jay served in many positions in the LDS church, including two full-time missions in London, England and Baguio, Philippines. They loved serving together, taking the message of the Savior to many people.

Shirley often worked with the youth inspiring them to learn, grow, and serve others. She was known for bringing people together with the gracious hospitality she provided in her home. She followed the Savior's example in seeking out those in need; blessing them with her calm and caring nature while helping them find solutions to problems. She was quick to forgive and rarely offended. She preferred to serve rather than be served and always sought to do right rather than be right.

Understanding the eternal nature of the family, her family relationships became the grounding influence and driving force of her life. With the passing of three of her five children, she focused great energy on nurturing her grandchildren. Over the years the family has grown to include her children's spouses, 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a great great granddaughter arriving in July.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Jay, her children Jeanette, Blake, and Christy, her parents, and her siblings: Valdis, Don, Arlin, Iris, Jetta, Bruce, Kent and DeVere. She is survived by her brother Edmund, and also by her children Darin and Julie, daughter-in-law Saralinda, sons-in-law Kirk Tullis and Greg Burnett, grandchildren Jennifer Habel, Todd, (Julie) Bell, Marissa (Alan) Peterson, Paula (Kearney) Hoggan, Summer (Mike) Spokes, Lindsey Ann Burnett, James Burnett, Christian Bowen, Nate Bowen, Sumner Bell, Soren Bell and 25 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, May 19th, at 11:00 am, at the Alpine 6th Ward, 901 East Village Way, Alpine, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment in Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

MAY **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Alpine 6th Ward

901 East Village Way, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

MAY **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Shirley & Jay were our dear friends and neighbors here in Alpine. We loved seeing them walk by our home together or zoom by on the 4-wheeler! Up until Dec 2017, I was honored to serve with Shirley in our Alpine 6th ward as co-Activity Day leaders to young girls ages 8-12. Every time Shirley taught these young girls, they were spell bound and respectful. They loved listening intently to every word she uttered. She shared her beautiful experience of the Sacred Grove as a teenager and always bore a strong testimony of our Savior. I will miss this giant of a petite and gracious lady. Truly, she made this world a better place!

Cindy Powell - May 20, 2018 at 08:11 PM



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Kathy Blosil - May 18, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ Since the time the Bell family moved to Moraga, CA--nearly 50 years ago--our families have shared treasured memories and lasting friendships. Here we are camping at Lake Shasta with the Bell, Blosil, Davis, Cropper and Wignall families from the Orinda Ward. The ever refined and elegant Shirley even kept her hair beautifully curled and coiffed while camping! How we love the Bell family. We are forever friends.

Kathy - May 18, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ Such great memories. That was a special ward, and the Bells were the best camping and skiing companions.

BRUCE BLOSIL - May 19, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Jay, Shirley, Christy and Jeannette were our close neighbors in the late 1950's in West Covina. They became part of our extended family. We went camping and always kept in touch through the years as we both moved around. We loved seeing the pictures of the four of them online the other day ~ it was taken about the time we lived close. I am so thankful you have such a loving family to help you through this time. We are so blessed to have them in our lives for so many years. We all know they are together again now and with their great faith are in their new home with the heavenly Father. I would love to talk with any of the family if you care to contact me (760-233-2339). Much love, Bea and Steve Gettys

Bea Gettys - May 17, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ Shirley was a wonderful person, who was very loving and caring to many but she really treasured her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were very fortunate to have shared their lives with her and grandpa Bell. They are both greatly missed and will forever be in our hearts.

Cristina Shreve - May 17, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ My Parent Fran and Larry Kissler also owned a welding supply store similar to Bell Air. The loved traveling with Jay and Shirley around the Country to NWSA meetings and sharing friendship and business discussions together. On several trips I joined the on I could sense the magic of a long term relationship all 4 of them enjoyed for many years. What a great couple they were a what a great life they lived.

Jim Kissler - May 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Shirley was always so kind and the epitome of grace, despite her personal losses. She was a great example to me, and will be missed. I'm so glad that she is now reunited with her loved ones, especially Jay, who was a great man.

Patty T., Lake Oswego, OR

Patty Taniguchi - May 15, 2018 at 11:27 PM



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“ Fantastic photos, Julie!

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Tamara Warner - May 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful. I'm getting very nostalgic looking at that photo.

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