



Zenda Crandall

September 11, 1920 - June 20, 2020

Zenda Johnson Crandall passed away on June 20, 2020, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was 99 years old and just a bit shy of her 100th birthday.

Zenda was born September 11, 1920, in Rupert, Idaho, the first child of Harvey Leon Johnson and Norma Martindale Johnson, and was educated in Idaho schools, moving with her parents to Boise when in her teens. She attended Boise Secretarial and Brigham Young University and was employed for several years by the State of Idaho.

She married Sterling Meith Crandall on October 7, 1946, in the Salt Lake Temple; he passed away May 24, 1993. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Southern California, returning to Utah in 1976 at the time of his retirement. She was an executive secretary and worked in that capacity for a number of years for Hughes Aircraft Company and, locally, for a petroleum marketing firm, until she retired.

Zenda was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and gave many hours of service to the church, in both ward and stake auxiliaries. She was an accomplished musician, serving more than sixty years as ward and stake organist in the various areas where they lived. She dearly loved her family and friends and enjoyed many hours with them.

She received awards for her poetry, was invited on numerous occasions to share her extensive knowledge of Thomas Jefferson with various social groups, and the Los Angeles Times published one of her op-ed pieces. She had been a member of the Altrus Club, the Thaliens, the Provo Fine Arts Club, and other church and community organizations.

She is survived by six children and their spouses: Roger Crandall, Diane (Jeffrey) Johnson, Gary (Nani) Crandall, Kay Johnson, Carol (Shane) Swindle, and Steven (Rachel) Crandall, and by 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a much-beloved sister, Marta (Joe) Lake. She was preceded in death by her

husband, parents, and five siblings.

Due to Covid-19, the family will have a much-abbreviated graveside service at 11:00am on Friday, June 26, at Evergreen Cemetery in Springville, Utah. Those who attend are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing. However, a celebration of her life will be held next year for all her extended family and her many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations to either the Red Cross or the LDS Church Missionary Fund are appreciated.

Cemetery

Springville Evergreen Cemetery

1997 South 400 East

Springville, UT,

Events

JUN **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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1997 South 400 East, Springville, UT, US

Comments



“Granny, you will be missed. You were the best grandma a kid could wish for. I will cherish all of our talks, trips to Shadowbrook pool and the countless card games where you always had such a terrible hand but somehow managed to win in the next round. I always loved coming to visit you and you always made me feel so special and loved. Thank you for all the frozen meals we warmed up together. I always enjoyed trying to find the treats you would hide for us. You had a way of making me feel important to you, and I loved that about you. I am sorry my brother and I tried to put things in your hair right after it had been done up to see how much weight we could put in it before you noticed (hint: it was a golfball). I know I will never be as good as you at crossword puzzles, and that is ok. Before your mind failed you, you told me that there was nothing you enjoyed more in life than seeing your kids love each other and enjoy spending time with each other. If that was your what you were hoping for, you got it! I loved coming to visit you in the later years and even though I said the same things over and over again, I would do it again a thousand times over to spend a few more minutes with you. Give Gramps a big hug for me. All my love, Daniel

Daniel Johnson - June 26 at 09:50 AM



“How I love and admire Zenda. I can't even count the number of times we partnered on musical offerings. In the 7th ward we put on musicals for bridal showers and Zenda saved us with her sight reading abilities and improvisations. Zenda was so supportive of me in my singing and we enjoyed sharing our appreciation of good music. The Crandall family has been a wonderful part of my life and my kids' lives. We were all part of the 7th Ward family, sharing joys and sorrows, kids' triumphs, and close associations. I send my love to the children. You have much to rejoice in and live up to.
Love, Janet Bradshaw Izatt's

Janet Bradshaw Izatt - June 25 at 12:26 PM



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Utah Valley Mortuary - June 24 at 02:10 PM



“ What wonderful memories I have of Zelda and Sterling and the Crandall family. Zelda was so talented and always so willing to share her talents. She was such a fun person to be around. Our husbands served together in the bishopric and Sterling really even made those early morning Sunday meetings fun. I will always cherish our friendship.

Darlene Hymas - June 25 at 06:49 PM



“ I had the privilege of being Zenda's visiting teacher for several years. She was a delight and always welcomed me and my companion to come and see her no matter when I called her. The irony is that every time we came to see her, she had prepared a beautiful lesson for us!! She had color print outs and made sure we did not leave without them. We found so many meaningful treasures in those handouts. They were all from her many life experiences which were vast, Zenda was the epitome of service and love.. I have saved those lessons and realize how valuable they are.. So Zenda never stopped teaching and sharing everything that was important to her...the Gospel and the family. What an amazing woman! She will always remind me of what a true Christian is suppose to be and I am confident she is busy loving and teaching in the Spirit World!!

Love you!

Linda Wakefield

Linda Wakefield - June 26 at 12:16 PM