

Fauna Ruth Nielsen Archibald

November 1, 1924 – March 14, 2010

Fauna Ruth Nielsen Archibald, 85, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2010 after a valiant battle with leukemia.

Fauna was born November 1, 1924 in Hyrum, Utah to J. Vern Nielsen and Luella Baer Nielsen and was the fourth of five children. Her siblings are Keith Nielsen (deceased), Doyle Nielsen (deceased), Faye Anderson (deceased) and Claire Nielsen (Ogden, UT) She grew up in Cache Valley Utah attending South Cache High School in Hyrum, Utah and L.D.S. Business School in Salt Lake City, Utah.



On June 1, 1948, Fauna married D. Boyd Archibald in the Logan L.D.S. Temple. Following their marriage they lived many places in Idaho, Pocatello, St. Anthony, Blackfoot, and Coeur D'Alene, before returning back to Blackfoot.

During the years she lived in Cache Valley, she was employed as an executive secretary by Utah Mortgage and Loan. During the years she lived in Idaho, she worked in county government including both the Bingham County Treasurer's Office and the Kootenai County Treasurer's Office.

Throughout her life she was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a long time member of the Blackfoot Second Ward. She has served in ward Primary, Young Women and Relief Society Presidencies as well as in the Stake Relief Society Presidency. She was also a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Her hobbies and interests included tole painting, ceramics, sewing and quilting, domestic and international travel, gardening and reading. For many years she was active in the Blackfoot book club and served as the PTA President.

She is survived by her husband, Boyd, three sons and a daughter: Brent (Rejane) Archibald of Landing, NJ, Roger (Marjean) Archibald of Westminster, CO, Bart Archibald of Blackfoot, ID and Kristen (Jack) Wood of Star, ID. She is "angel" grandmother to thirteen grandchildren – Melissa, Kathrine, Elizabeth, Dianna, David, Heather, John, Brett, Alison, Tyler, Candice, Taylor and Tanner. She is also great grandmother to Jonas, Abel, Miles, Aiden, Madeline and Lucy.

She will be fondly remembered by her family, close friends and those who were recipients of her kindness and charity.

Funeral services will be held Friday March 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Blackfoot 2nd Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 660 Teton Rd, Blackfoot, Idaho. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church prior to services. Interment will follow at the Clarkston, Utah Cemetery at 3:00 pm.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA. Condolences may be sent to the family at MemoriesOfFauna@gmail.com.