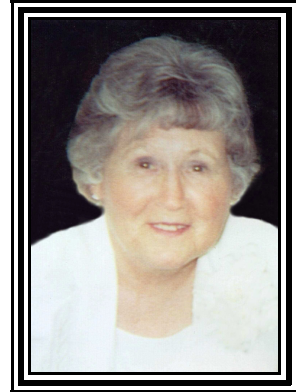


Obituary

Rene' Walker Burton, 80



Rene' Walker Burton, 80, returned to a loving Heavenly Father, on Mothers' Day, Sunday the 9th of May 2010 at her home surrounded by family and friends after her long struggles with health issues and lastly cancer. She passed peacefully through the veil into the tender arms of her loved ones.

She was born March 1, 1930 to Sarah Green and Lorenzo Steed Walker in Menan, Idaho.

As a child, Rene' lived in Grant, Idaho; Farmington, Utah; Yellowstone Park, Evanston and Afton, Wyoming. After marrying, René lived in Columbus, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; New Orleans and Albany, Louisiana. Her last residence was in Blackfoot, Idaho.

On June 22, 1950, she married McKay Call Burton in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

She attended two years at Utah State University before marrying and raising a family. After her youngest son finished high school, Rene' enrolled in Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana. She graduated with her BA in December of 1987. Her major was vocal music.

Music was always René's vocation and love. She dreamed of being a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir but always lived too far away. She sang in several operas of which Tosca was her favorite. She directed a five stake regional choir for two years in Atlanta. In 1996 she moved to Blackfoot where she participated in many plays and directed the River Valley Singers. René always shared her musical talent wherever she lived.

René was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all her life. She served in many capacities of which she was Relief Society President twice. She and her husband loved their work as a temple ordinance workers in the Atlanta and Idaho Falls Temples.

She is survived by her husband, McKay and seven children and their spouses, Kent (Deborah Lynn) Burton, Wayne (Laurie) Burton, JoAnn (Marvin) Brown, Linda (Andrew) Porrazzo, Tamara (Donald) Milton, Rebecca (Michael) Bowen, Thomas Robert Burton; forty-two grandchildren and thirty-eight great grandchildren.

René was preceded in death by her parents, her oldest sister, Maralyn Walker Haroldsen, two granddaughters; Ashley Renee Milton and Alicia Brown and two great grandchildren; Jackson Burton Rich and Emmalee René Brown.

Family and friends are invited to the viewing at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho, Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. or Thursday morning one hour prior to the services at the Blackfoot East Stake Center, 1289 Mt. Putnam Drive. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Stake Center with Bishop Reed Packer conducting. Following the Memorial service a short grave-side service and interment will be held at the Afton Wyoming Cemetery at 4:00 p.m.

René has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Humanitarian Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Condolences may be sent to the family at hawker@hawkerfuneralhome.com.