

## Obituary

### Katherine L. Goates, 90



It is with gratitude for her life and sorrow at her death that the family of Katherine Llewellyn Goates, 90, announce her death on February 15, 2010, at her home in Blackfoot from Alzheimer disease and incident to advanced age.

She was born November 16, 1919, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. She was the youngest child, an only daughter of Job and Katie Fletcher Llewellyn.

She attended school in Lethbridge and graduated from the Lethbridge Colligate Institute. She attended BYU where she met Ralph Gardner Goates. While he was on his mission, she was active in the war effort in Canada.

On April 1, 1943, she married Ralph in the Salt Lake Temple. They made their first home in Salina Kansas where Ralph served in the military hospital at the Smoky Hill Army Air Base. During this time she taught at Longfellow School and when Ralph went overseas she went to St. George, Utah, to live with Ralph's Parents for a few months.

Upon Ralph's return they lived in Salt Lake City where Ralph attended University of Utah and she worked at the University bookstore. After graduation from medical school they moved to Washington D.C. where Ralph served at the Walter Reid Army Hospital. They moved to Blackfoot in 1951 where they have since lived.

She was a devoted member of the LDS Church and served in many capacities. She had been active in the United Way, Library Board and Christmas Tree Fantasy and all of the medical woman's auxiliaries.

She enjoyed art, sewing, cooking and traveling to far away places. She enjoyed making porcelain dolls and gave many of them away. She spent many happy summers at her home in beautiful Waterton Lake in the majestic Canadian Rockies with her family. Her favorite things were her best friends, little children, the changing seasons and her adopted American Flag. She loved her Heavenly Father and tried to do his will.

Survivors include her Husband Ralph of Blackfoot, Sons, Brian Goates of Blackfoot and Blair (Robin) Goates of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, and daughter Lisa Kay (Edward) Jones, Pocatello, and 7 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son Gregory, her parents and three brothers, Junior, Fletcher and David

Kay had the onset of symptoms of Alzheimer disease about eight years ago. It slowly advanced until becoming completely disabling in the past three or four years. She was able to stay in her cherished home of fifty-six years with the loving care of her husband. For the last year they have had the expert and tender care of Katrina Mayer to be of inestimable assistance. During the last few months, Aspen Hospice nurses have also assisted. The family will forever remember the unmatched service of Katrina and Aspen personnel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at the Blackfoot 6<sup>th</sup> Ward LDS Chapel, 660 Teton Drive. The family will meet with friends at the church for an hour prior to services.

Interment will be in the Grove City Cemetery under the direction of the Hawker Funeral Home.