



Beth Aileen Harmer Davis

November 22, 1925 - October 27, 2020

With grateful hearts, we pay tribute to the matriarch of our family, Beth Aileen Harmer Davis. Beth spent her life loving and serving her family, friends and everyone around her. She always lifted others up and definitely left this world better than she found it.

Beth was born November 22, 1925, in Springville, Utah, to Floyd and Thelma (Bird) Harmer. When Beth was a year old, her sister and best friend, Gene, was born. When she was five years old, Beth's family moved to Payson, Utah. Shortly after moving to Payson, Beth's younger, brother, Jay, was born.

Beth graduated from Payson High School in 1944. While attending Payson High, she was elected to the office of student body vice president with Allan Davis, who was the student body president. The two served together and fell in love.

On June 23, 1948, Beth and Allan were married in the Salt Lake Temple. The young couple made their first home in Murray, Utah, where they started a family with their daughters, Ann and Nancy. Later, in 1956, the family moved to Provo, where Beth lived the rest of her life.

Beth was so grateful for her loving Heavenly Father and did all she could to develop her talents. She loved to garden, hike, read, travel, quilt, crochet, and sew. Beth never stopped learning. During World War II, she enrolled in the nursing program at the University of Utah and became a registered nurse. Beth spent most of her career working at the Brigham Young University Student Health Center, where she was a nurse supervisor. After working for several years at the student health center, Beth helped to develop BYU's first nurse practitioner's program and became a nurse practitioner herself.

After several decades of service, Beth retired from BYU and continued to bless the lives of others by serving as a nurse church service missionary in the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah. When Beth finally gave up nursing, she turned to other volunteer service, working as a pink lady at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center until the age of 85.

Beth served faithfully as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many capacities in all organizations and within the temple. One calling that she particularly loved was being a young women's leader (MIA), where she served for many, many years.

Allan, Beth's husband, passed away 41 years ago. Since that time, Beth has endlessly loved and served her beautiful family, consisting of her two daughters: Ann (Willie) Penrod and Nancy (Jerry) Thoreson; eight grandchildren: Marc (Heather) Penrod, John (Becky) Penrod, Rachel (Josh) Erickson, Andrew (Halee) Penrod, Laura (Garrett) Dyches, Rob (Lindsay) Thoreson, Kristi (Matt) Chaffee, and Eric (Bailee) Thoreson; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Beth is survived by her brother, Jay (Carol) Harmer. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister, Gene (Vern) Greener.

Beth left this earth surrounded by her family. "Thanks a million" mom, grandmother and friend.

We are so grateful to everyone who loved our wonderful mother, especially Calle and Rod Tucker and their angel children for being amazing neighbors; Lena for being a great caretaker and friend; Grant Skabelund for being a heavenly minister; and her wonderful Relief Society Presidents: Lexie Swensen and LauraLynn Oyler.

Graveside services will be held at noon, Monday, November 2, 2020 at the Springville Evergreen Cemetery, 1997 South 400 East. Friends may attend a viewing at the Berg Mortuary of Provo, 185 East Center Street, from 10-11:00 a.m. prior to services at the cemetery. For those who attend the services, please wear a mask and bring your own chairs. Condolences may be expressed at www.bergmortuary.com.

Events

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Berg Mortuary of Provo

185 East Center Street, Provo, UT, US, 84606

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Graveside Service

12:00PM

Springville Evergreen Cemetery

1997 South 400 East, Springville, UT, US, 84663

Comments



“ We want to send our love to Beth's family and express how much we loved and respected her. She was such a wise, calm, peaceful soul! We fully intended to be at the graveside service but didn't check the date until this morning, when we realized we missed it. We will always remember Beth's gentle soul. She was a great example of kindness and grace. With love, Lynn and Kaye Garner

Lynn and Kaye Garner - November 03, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Beth was our neighbor when we moved to the corner of her street in the early 70's. I knew her best as a long-standing member of our Reading Group. She loved to read! It seemed she was always smiling and was a gracious fun Lady. We all love(d) her. Blessings to her family. You took good care of her. Love, Zina Woods

zina woods - November 02, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ I worked with Beth at the Health Center at BYU. She was so kind and was always ready to lend a hand and teach us newbies.

Kathy - October 31, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ I began working at the MTC in 1997 and Beth was such a patient, loving and caring mentor. I was sad when she retired. I loved the conversations we would have every Wednesday afternoon on New Missionary Day . I would like to express my condolences to Beth's family at this time of transition. May you feel the love of your parents, Earthly and Heavenly. Ellen Page

Ellen Page - October 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ After our ward and stake were divided, and I married and moved, I didn't get to see Sister Davis as before—until she worked at Utah Valley Hospital where I worked as a Registered Nurse. What a delight to see and visit with Beth occasionally! I didn't know of all her professional achievements, but as a fellow nurse I salute her! As a former ward member with treasured memories of ward dinners, bazaars and church meetings, I thank you. Having lost my first husband and being a widow a few years, knowing that loneliness, may you be swept into the arms of your husband you missed for 41 years and have an eternity of joy!

Janice Dutson King Foster

janice k foster - October 30, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Aunt Beth has always been one of my heroes. I think everyone that knew her loved her. As a child some of my first recollections was that she made me feel loved and important. She remembered all my birthdays with a card and a \$5 bill clear until I was a married woman. She was always there at family events to support and show she cared. I loved her quiet humility. Until I read her obituary I didn't know of her accomplishments because whenever she had a conversation with you it was all about you and not her. She taught by example to serve and care for all. She was a faithful, dedicated, gracious, self-reliant woman that endured well and lived well.

Thank you Aunt Beth for being wonderful you!

Wendy Pope - October 31, 2020 at 08:00 AM



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“ I got to know Beth a little bit when her grandson Marc married my daughter Heather. I was continually amazed by her. She had such joy and light that radiated from her. I saw several times when she would quietly step in and serve where service was needed. I saw her daughters Ann and Nancy in turn serve her in love. I am forever grateful for all of their examples of love and service. So happy for Beth to be with her beloved husband again. With love
MaryLyne Witney.

Marylyne Witney - October 30, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Beth was a gift shop volunteer at Utah Valley Hospital when I was hired to work there. One day she told me she would be gone a few weeks as she was having a knee replacement. I then found out it was not just one knee, but TWO at the SAME TIME! I was worried she would be recovering longer than she thought. She was right, she was back in a few weeks good as new. What a strong but gentle woman. I cherish the time I got to work alongside her. -Suzanne MacCabe

Suzanne - November 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ I worked with Beth at the BYU health center. She was so compassionate and caring. I don't know that I ever saw her flustered or upset. The last time I saw her was at a Christmas dinner a few years ago--she had the same smile and gracious countenance that I remember. I hope her family will be blessed with peace and comfort during this time of mourning. Mary Ann Evans

Mary Ann Evans - November 01, 2020 at 08:06 PM