



Birdie Boyer Boorman

March 14, 1921 - November 9, 2010

Birdie Delora Boyer Boorman, age 89, passed away November 9, 2010 in St. George, Utah. She died peacefully after a long and difficult struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Provo, Utah on March 14, 1921. Her father, Dr. Dell Delos Boyer, was a prominent Osteopath in Provo. Her mother, Grace Guymon Boyer, was a beautiful, caring woman who tragically passed away when Birdie was only 12 years old.

Birdie grew up in Provo, where she attended grade school, junior high and Provo High School. She graduated with honors from Brigham Young University in 1943, majoring in Drama and English Literature. In 1944, she married Erie Vann Boorman Jr., a very handsome and intelligent young man from Springville, Utah. Erie, a recent graduate from the University of Colorado, had already enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was undergoing training for World War II. She accompanied her husband to military bases in New Mexico and South Carolina before he left for the Pacific Theater in early 1945 as a navigator/bombardier. After the war, she and Erie moved to California while Erie attended Stanford Law School. She was grateful for these opportunities to meet fine people of different cultural backgrounds.

She and Erie moved back to Springville, and then Provo, where they lived in the same house on Locust Circle for more than 50 years. Birdie taught Public Speaking and Speech Communication & Interpretation for seven years at BYU, during which time she earned a Masters Fine Arts Degree in English Literature & Interpretation. She then taught English Literature and Composition for five years.

Through the years, she gave freely of her time in presenting plays, interpretive readings, and book reviews, all over Utah County and further North. She and Erie started the Cub Scout program at Oak Hills Stake, with Erie as Cub Master and Birdie as a Den Mother. She was privileged to teach Primary, Mutual and Relief Society in Oak Hills Fourth Ward, activities which brought her great joy.

Upon retiring from her teaching and needing new horizons, she studied Art at BYU. In

addition to classes from fine teachers there, she took workshops from noted national and local artists. She exhibited her artwork at BYU, the University of Utah, Dixie State College, Salt Lake Art Center, Kimball Art Center, and the Springville Museum of Art. Her appreciation for this incredibly beautiful world was heightened through her art experiences.

She expressed much gratitude for the gift of life, her husband, her family, and her friends; all of whom enriched her experiences and helped her meet life's surprising challenges.

She is survived by her three sons: Erie Vann Boorman III (wife, Evelyn Hutterer) in Santa Monica, CA; Craig L. Boorman in Salt Lake City, UT; and David C. Boorman (wife, Erin Eggertsen) in St. George, UT. She is also survived by her brother, Paul D. Boyer (wife, Lyda) in Los Angeles, CA; her sister, Leah Boyer Kolstad (husband, Edgar) in Carmichael, CA; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2010 at the Berg Mortuary Drawing Room Chapel, 185 East Center Street, Provo, UT. Viewing will be at the mortuary, Sunday evening, November 14, 6-8 p.m. Interment will be at the Springville Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it was Birdie's wish that contributions be made to The Center For Women & Children In Crisis, P.O. Box 1075, Provo, UT, 84603; business phone: 801-374-9351; website: www.cwcic.org. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.bergmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Berg Mortuary of Provo - East Room
185 East Center Street
Provo, UT 84606

Interment

NOV **15** (MT)

Springville Evergreen Cemetery
1700 South 500 East
Springville, UT 84663

Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Berg Mortuary of Provo - East Room
185 East Center Street
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Tribute Wall

MX

“ Oh gosh! Where do I begin and end? Birdie was more a mother to me than my own mother. I loved her so dearly. I met her over 40 years ago when I was only 16 and Craig and I were dating. She later became a kind and doting mother-in-law to me. She made all the occasions of our life special. When Craig and I divorced she remained devoted and involved in our lives. I could give hundreds of stories about her generosity towards me but there is one that I think exemplifies her amazing capacity for going above and beyond...when I was making my plans to marry the man who is now my husband of 37 years, we were dirt poor young people. Birdie and Erie stepped up and offered to help and boy did they! They rented the GRA park for the day, purchased and served the food, provided the flowers and decorations, Papa loaned Dennis his suitcoat and as the most incredible act of love.. she made my wedding dress herself!!! Remember that I was her X-daughter-in-law!! She never stopped showing love, support, generosity and acceptance to me and my new family. After I started my hobby and life-long passion of photography she showed her support with her praise and by displaying my photos in prominate and thoughtful places in her home. Through the years she sent me uplifting letters and cards. I received gifts on my birthday and for Christmas. Mothers Day was always greeted with flowers. They came to our home for numberless events. I was treated as one of Birdies friends. She was a strength and an example for us all. My life was deeply changed by having her in it and I am forwver in her debt and she has my deepest love and gratitude. I was so blessed to be a part of her life. Her funeral was beautiful and her family and friends are choice people. I love and admire them all. The autumn afternoon was sharp, crisp, georgeous and would have pleased Birdies artistic sensibilities. It was trully a 'Birdie' day.

marilyn budge - circleville, UT - x-daughter-in-law - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I will always remember Birdie Boorman as one of the grand ladies of the Oak Hill 4th Ward. She was never to busy to visit with those of us who were younger. My Parents often commented on how much they enjoyed Erie and Birdie. The Grow family sends their love.

Stewart Grow, Jr - Peoa, UT - Friend - November 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ David, you have a beautiful mother who adored you and we know the feelings were mutual. We would like to take this opportunity to express our condolences to you, Erin and your family, in response to her recent passing. She was probably ready to go and undoubtedly is much happier, freed from the restrictions of her earthly body and reunited with family and friends, but it is nevertheless difficult to say goodbye and it always leaves a void. We will always remember when we took your mom and dad on a ride to see the Stockholm Temple on a foggy Swedish evening. Driving in Stockholm can be hectic and I think they were glad to return safely to their hotel. We pray that you will rejoice in your many pleasant memories with your mom and feel the comforting reassurances of our Heavenly Father's plan for his children and for their families. We love you and Erin and appreciate your friendship.

Keith & Vera Ritchie - Sandy, UT - Friend - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Birdie greatly enriched all of our lives. She will be sorely missed. We are sorry we cannot be at the funeral. Age-related changes limit our travel. We loved Birdie dearly and would like very much to be there with all of you.

Paul and Lyda

Paul and Lyda Boyer - Los Angeles, CA, CA - Brother and sister-in-law - November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My amazing Aunt Birdie possessed creative ability galore! Yet one never felt intimidated by that because she was always focused on making those around her feel important—perhaps her greatest talent. She was sensitive and serious when necessary, but ever ready to find the humor in life's dramas. In her home, in the garden, in the classroom, in the many lives she touched—she truly left things better than she found them. I am so grateful for her influence in my life. I love her and miss her deeply.

Lois B. Howard - Cedar Hills, UT - Niece (brother Roy's daughter) - November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My dog Maggie and I have been visiting Birdie every week for the past year. What a wonderful lady she was. We will always remember the day the Spectrum newspaper came to do a story and Birdie ask if she could give Maggie a kiss and the photo was taken of them and was in the paper. We will truly miss her smiling face.

Jan Dawson - Ivins, UT - Volunteer at Ridgeview Gardens - November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Aunt Birdie was such a wonderful member of our family! Over the many conversations we had during the years, she always listened carefully to what I said, pushed me to think hard about decisions, and encouraged me to work hard and do good things for those around me. She will be missed.

Lisa (Paul Boyer's granddaughter)

Lisa Hayes - Washington, DC - great grand niece - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Aunt Birdie was such a good aunt to me! She always made me feel special. When I visited Provo one summer when I was 14, she gave me a party--she even got me a date!
She didn't talk too much about how accomplished she was, so I was astonished when I discovered her beautiful artwork. It captures the feeling of the Utah mountains, such an important part of my growing up.
She is alive in my heart and memories.

Alexandra Halimah - La Jolla, CA - niece - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ My memory of Birdie's house is of bright sun and flowers.

Rashid - San Francisco, CA - grand nephew - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM