



Leona Higgins Lewis

April 9, 1923 - October 25, 2013

Leona Higgins Lewis, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, of Provo, Utah, graduated from the limitations of this life and her body to be with her loved ones who have gone before on October 25, 2013.

Leona was born April 9, 1923 to the late Louis Earl and Leona Gagon Shumway in Knightsville, Utah. She lived a life full of devotion to her family, church, and friends for 90 years. Leona was one of four children: William Shumway, deceased, Norman Shumway, deceased; Ardis Shumway Brady, and her darling little sister, JoAnne Shumway (deceased).

Leona grew up in Price, Utah and graduated from Carbon High School where she loved studying and began her start in choir. She continued to sing in numerous vocal groups her entire life.

Leona met her first husband, Floyd G. Higgins, when she was singing in a young woman's trio for his missionary homecoming. They met, dated, and were married in the Manti LDS Temple on September 3, 1941. Leona and Floyd moved to Provo, UT shortly after their marriage where they established a home and raised six children: Anne Greeson of Syracuse, UT; Paul Higgins of Roy, UT; Lynn Higgins of Alpine, UT; Ted Higgins of Rock Springs, WY; Ross Higgins of Nampa, ID; and Jesse Higgins of American Fork, UT. Floyd regrettably passed away on January 22, 1986.

Leona loved being a mother and house wife her entire life and excelled in the art of cooking; especially making pies. She was an energetic "quiltaholic" who made quilts of all kinds for anyone and everyone she thought was in need of one. Her quilts varied from simple to extravagant and they numbered well into the hundreds, each being cherished by its owner.

In 1993, Leona married another incredible man, Russell B. Lewis of Provo, UT, for time. With this marriage came the additional blessing of Russell's children and their families:

Lanette Tate of West Jordan, UT; Craig R. Lewis of Salem, UT; Diane Ward of Springville, UT; Nadine Edgeworth of Columbia, MD; and Sherrie Bluth of Mapleton, UT. Leona and Russ enjoyed many happy years as they made a life together in Provo. Leona especially enjoyed helping Russ by greeting people that would come to him for Patriarchal Blessings.

Leona was sadly widowed a second time on September 9, 2003 when Russ passed away. She continued to live in the home she had enjoyed with Russ until she moved to the Cove Point Retirement Center in January, 2009. Leona remained at Cove Point with loving friends, staff, and family until her passing.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 East Center Street, Provo, Utah. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services. Leona will be interred following the funeral at the Provo City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent at www.bergmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Provo City Cemetery

610 South State Street
Provo, UT 84606

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

Berg Drawing Room Chapel
185 East Center Street
Provo, UT 84606

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was lifted each time during past months when I saw and spoke with Leona during visits with my mother at Cove Point. Her light and spirit still shone bright! I also reflected on good memories of Paul and Ann at church and school. I remember Ann's gifted piano playing for seminary. I'm grateful, with you, for a life well lived. Dan Bartholomew

Dan Bartholomew - November 24, 2013 at 04:53 PM

XC

“ Xcxc lit a candle in memory of Leona Higgins Lewis



xcxc - November 05, 2013 at 11:29 AM

CH

“ Our family was so sad to hear of Leona's passing, yet happy for her to know that she is now happily enjoying the reunion with the loved one's who have passed before. We all loved Leona. As one of the "Farr Avenue kids", I always felt a special warmth and kindness from her and felt that she was someone I could go to if ever I needed help. A very kind woman with a beautiful, gentle smile. It was a very special neighborhood, filled with wonderful neighbors and friends. And what a magical day 'Baking Day' was! The treats that came from Leona's kitchen were amazing! So many memories and happy times. We all send our love and support to the Higgins/Lewis family. You are all in our thoughts during this sad time. Camelle Hirst



Camelle Hirst - November 04, 2013 at 08:22 PM

TD

“ Every kid should have an Aunt Leona. She was a gift to the Farr Avenue kids and a blessing to me personally. I was surprised when I posted her passing on my FB Page how many "likes" and responses came her way. It seems I wasn't the only kid who felt like she was their favorite neighbor kid. So to Ann, Paul, Lynn, Ted, Ross and Jesse, know that your mother was loved by more than your family and that her influence will continue to be felt by more children than just we Farr Avenue kids. I sense that the celebration going on the other side will be a happy and long one. Thanks Leona for being a part of my life. Tom Daniels

Thomas A Daniels - November 03, 2013 at 06:31 PM

KJ

“ One of the Noble and Great ones has left us. There is a void here on earth after the departure of a dear daughter of God. Sister Lewis impressed me with her kindness, gratitude, spirituality, friendship to my mother, Rae Christensen. Leona was one of her dearest friends in their later years--both leaving the earth at age 90--fulfilling their missions and touching lives. My condolences to the family. Leona is truly a disciple of Christ and Christ-like.
Sincerely,
Karen Johansson

Karen Johansson - November 02, 2013 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Our dear Leona, how we love her, her kindness, her compassion, so good to our family. When our mom passed on, Leona was like our 2nd mother, she was at the temple to our 2nd sons sealing, what a joy she has been to know and to love. Our deepest condolences to her dear family, our dear friends as we grew up together as neighbors. We now live in a small town and don't get to know about so many thing that are so important things in life. Thanks to Connie for letting us know. We love you, and a big hug to you all. Alan and Joyce Daniels Boyack family.

Joyce Daniels Boyack - October 30, 2013 at 07:50 PM

LT

“ We are really going to miss our second Mom, Leona. She came into our family and counted all of us as her children and grandchildren. We have adopted some of her family traditions which has been a lot of fun. What a sweet, neat lady. She is probably have a lot of fun now with her 2 husbands and family.
Lanette Tate

Lanette Tate - October 29, 2013 at 07:34 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Higgins Lewis.*



October 29, 2013 at 05:42 PM

DW

“ *Leona was such a sweetheart. She took such good to our father (Russell) and we love her as a 2nd mother. We each received a quilt from her and talk about a great cook. She was the happiest where she was preparing food for someone. It was one of the many ways that she showed her love. She will be missed by our family.*

Tom & Diane Lewis Ward

Diane Lewis Ward - October 29, 2013 at 11:28 AM

RO

What a privilege it has been to know and love Leona and Floyd and Leona and Russ! Leona's impact began in the 1970's when our son, Murray, adopted her as another "grandma." To both Erin and Murray, she has been known and loved as "Grandma" Higgins. She has been a positive influence in our lives and will continue to be so.

John & Ranelle O'Dell

Ranelle O'Dell - November 02, 2013 at 10:35 AM