



Klea Fae Wright

March 8, 1929 - October 2, 2011

Klea Fae (Garfield) Wright, our wonderful mother, passed away on October 2nd, 2011 from liver cancer. She successfully recovered from cancer twice previously.

Klea Fae was born and raised in Tremonton, Utah. Her parents were Jesse Harvey Garfield and LaVon (Brough) Garfield. Klea Fae got her name from two of her mother's friends, "Klea" and "Fae". She grew up in Tremonton and graduated from Bear River High School in 1947. She worked as a telephone operator in Tremonton. Klea Fae married John (Jack) Hopkins Wright on January 5, 1948 in Tremonton, Utah. They resided with Jack's parents for the first three years of their marriage in Corrine, Utah. The farm in Corrine wasn't large enough to support multiple families so in 1951 they settled in Moses Lake to try to get a new start in farming. They spent 10 years moving around the area including homes in Moses Lake, Warden, and Othello. They finally settled on a farm south of Moses Lake in Block 42.

Klea Fae (her friends knew her as Klink) was a hard working woman all her life. She was actively involved in the farm driving truck or tractor, daily changing siphon tubes, and riding around the farm on her motorcycle.

Jack passed away September 3, 1974 and Klea Fae moved into town to begin a new phase of life. In May 1975 she settled on Turnagin Place where she

lived for 30 years and where her last child graduated from high school and left home. Klea Fae enjoyed an active life after the farm including travel to Japan, Greece, Hawaii, Hong Kong, and Nashville. She also enjoyed many years with her bowling group and traveled many places with them. She also loved to golf and spent many years on the golf course.

Klea Fae was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day-Saints and served in many positions. Her favorite positions were when she served as Relief Society President and her 8 years in the nursery. She loved children, especially babies and hungered to hold a baby whenever she could. She had great compassion and visited many who were homebound or of poor health including many in the local nursing homes. She was a member of the Moses Lake 3rd Ward.

Mom loved life and loved people. Even in recent days with failing health, she would perk up when people would visit and get excited to see her friends. Anywhere mom went, she knew someone or they knew someone that she knew.

Klea Fae is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jack Wright, her younger siblings Don Garfield and Deanna Arbon, and two granddaughters - Tia Morad and Tara Morad. She is survived by her four children, Merlynn (Cliff) Gullings of Tacoma, WA, Leslie (Bob) Griggs and Sheryl (Leo) Morad of Moses Lake, and Roger (Brenda) Wright of Pasco, WA. She is also survived by 15 living grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Grandchildren include Eric Thaut, Stacie (Jarrod) Kaiser, Amy Gullings, Jered (Angie) Post, Allison Post, Katie Griggs, Donovan Griggs, Lexi Morad, Jack Morad, Jesse "Tug" Morad, and Shelby Morad, Nicholas (Ashley) Wright, Samantha Wright, Quentin Wright, and Haley Wright. Great-grandchildren include Aiden Johnson, Lucas Post, Blake Post, Tae Kaiser, and Charlize Wright.

Mom, we love you more!

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 7, 2011 at the Moses Lake Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 1515 Division. Private family viewing will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church on Friday, Oct. 7th. Interment will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1337, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Previous Events

Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Stake Center
1515 S. Division St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Just found out about your Mother's passing. Heaven will never be the same! Oh, how I miss her sweet hugs, warm welcome and vibrant personality. I absolutely love her! Losing my sweet husband was the hardest thing I have ever done. I pray that you may have peace and know she is getting Heaven loosened up and ready for the rest of us!!!##imported-begin##Sharon Sparks Sanderson##imported-end##

November 09, 2011 at 01:15 PM



“ My thoughts are with all of you. I know how much your Mom/Grandma/Great-Grandma will be missed and I know she knew what a wonderful family she had and treasured each of you as you did her. Blessings to you all~~##imported-begin##Leanne (Bullard) Bunn##imported-end##

October 10, 2011 at 11:36 PM



“ To Klea Faye's family we feel honored to have known her and the whole family. You can see the humor, friendliness, and lively spirit that has been passed on down to her children and grandchildren. She lit up any room she entered and always greeted you with a smile. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Brian & Tami Wilson##imported-begin##Brian & Tami Wilson##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 10:31 PM



“ Although I don't remember much about the times Aunt Klea Fae would come to Utah to visit I did enjoy the last time as an adult we were able to see her, Uncle Bob and Aunt Virginia. She had brought her wedding picture and everyone in her and Uncle Jack's wedding line, including my father. It was good to be able to talk to her and get mor information about the Wright family. She will be missed. To her children, my Wright cousins, you are in our prayers. Please stay in touch. Love you all.##imported-begin##Alan and Teresa Wright##imported-end##

October 08, 2011 at 07:50 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Klink was a very special person. I enjoyed all the years we bowled together. She was very caring and loved her family very much. She will be missed alot. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Karen Wilson##imported-end##

October 08, 2011 at 02:13 AM



“ Klea Fae was a generous wonderful hard working woman of great character and humor. It was a privileged for me to live in the Wright home for my senior year of high school. I adored Jack and Klea Fae and forever grateful for their kindness and guidance. Klea Fae always knew when I needed a hug from the time I was 17 to as recent as 2008 when my mom passed - Klea Fae was there with open arms.

She will always be a glam girl to me - yes even when wearing her work clothes. Her smile and laugh were infectious and will remain with me forever.##imported-begin##Linda Tracy##imported-end##

October 07, 2011 at 08:11 PM



“ *Klink! What a gal. I will always remember the fun times we had in the old days, lot of laughs! God Bless.##imported-begin##Sandy Eslick##imported-end##*

October 07, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ *So Sorry for the loss.
God Bless.##imported-begin##Brent Bishop##imported-end##*

October 07, 2011 at 01:24 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. We have known Klea Fae (Klink) for many years. We shall always remember the laughs, the stories and the times we shared. Please know we care.
Maxine & Keith##imported-begin##Maxine & Keith Darley##imported-end##*

October 06, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sheryl and family----Your mom was such a special lady. We always enjoyed the years of sitting by her at the Soccer games watching grandchildren play and running into her during my morning walks. She had such a great sense of humor and always smiling. She will be missed by many. May God hold you all in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Fran & Boyd Grant##imported-end##*

October 06, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ God Bless you all at this difficult time. I loved working with Klink at Blessing & Associates, she was a very special lady and friend. I always loved seeing her in Safeway or at Farmers Market. She was always smiling and thankful for the family and friends she had. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. Love Barb###imported-begin##Barbara Poff (Johnson)###imported-end##

October 06, 2011 at 01:03 AM



“ Dear Klea family, Oh what a great lady. She was always cheerful no matter what. I remeber when they called her to Relief Society Pres. She was a great Relief Society Pres. It was great to have her in 1st ward for awhile. I will never forget this dear sister. Chuck and Alice Millspaugh Moses Lake 1st ward.###imported-begin##alice Millspaugh###imported-end##

October 05, 2011 at 01:20 AM



“ Merlynn, Leslie, Sheryl and Roger, Belva Gaye called this afternoon to tell us of your Mom's passing. What a wonderful woman she was. She was one of the most fun people we have ever known. She was always happy and really quite a character. We hope all is well with each of you. May the Lord Bless you and comfort you at this most difficult time. We as part of your family here in Utah pray for you and mourn with you the loss of one of God's elect daughters. Love Sherrie and Randy PS I'll bet she and my mom are up to something on the other side.###imported-begin##Sherrie and Randy Bowcutt###imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 11:15 PM



“ We have such fond and fun memories of "Klink"! Always a lady, with her perfect hair, makeup, clothes, jewelry and purse to match! Klea Faye always asked about our families and always had a smile. She was such a genuine, loving and caring lady! Please accept our deep sympathies for your loss. It will be strange not to see her popping up around town - another "legacy" gone on.##imported-begin##Larry and Nancy (Mo) Tracy##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 10:23 PM



“ Klea Fae was a dear friend of mine. We met when we worked at Blessing & Associates together. She was always fun to work with and I could always count on her to make me laugh. She will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Andrea Carlson##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 06:33 PM



“ We used to live kitty corner from Klea when we were young. She was the neighborhood's adopted grandmother. She had the best yard for playing capture the flag! I also remember that she introduced me to grapefruit with a sprinkle of sugar. We loved Klea! As I got older we could always count on seeing her outside working in her flowers or mowing the lawn. Vibrant, classy, loving and kind. She truly was a blessing to know. God bless your family.##imported-begin##Andrea Hansen Despain##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the death of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time.##imported-begin##Jim and Lola Fish##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Bob and I will miss Klea Fae's smile and her wonderful personality. She never met a stranger and always asked how we were. She is at peace now and out of pain.##imported-begin##Marsha Newton##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ Mert, thinking of you in this time of loss. Good thoughts being sent your way...xxoo##imported-begin##Jennifer Jones##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 12:19 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of "Klink's" passing. She was such a vibrant, determined and classy lady and always had a smile for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Gloria and Jim Crawford##imported-end##

October 04, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ I will miss talking with Aunt Klea Fae! She was the best! She remembered all of us and was involved in our lives her whole life. That is some feat, considering we all live all over the United States. The thing I remember most about Aunt 'Klink' was that she had a great laugh, beautiful smile and was always thinking of ways to help others.

I know she is visiting with loved ones now and having a grand time. I will miss her!! Merlynn, Leslie, Cheryl, and Roger, you are in my prayers.

Kathy###imported-begin###Howard and Kathleen (Wright)
Nicholas###imported-end###

October 04, 2011 at 07:42 AM



“ Our dear family, we wish we could be with you at this time. Thank you so much all of the updates. Our prayers are with you and we both have very fond memories of your Mom.

Love, Pat and Uncle Bob###imported-begin###Bob Wright and Pat
Pikus###imported-end###

October 03, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ Merlynn, Leslie & Sheryl, your mother was such a treasure. I always enjoyed her and I like everyone, will miss her.###imported-begin###Bob Trask Jr.###imported-end###

October 03, 2011 at 07:53 PM



“ *What a beautiful lady, inside and out. Our thoughts go with all the family during this time of loss. We have many fond memories of "Klink".*

Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

October 03, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ *Klea Fae, I enjoyed the golf with you over the years and will miss your friendship. I'll see you later and we'll try it again. Sympathy to your family.*

Sue Short##imported-begin##SUE SHORT##imported-end##

October 03, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ To Klea Fae's family; Everybody, who knew Klea Fae loved her!!! She was like a magnet, and drew people to her! We knew Klea Fae and Jack, from the beginning of time....they farmed, and we owned a farm machinery store, and they were our customers, and became our friends!!! She was a devoted wife, Mother, amazing Grandmother, and wonderful friend. She loved spending time with her family, showering her grandchildren with love, traveling near and far, adventures of any kind. I worked in Assisted Living for 10 years, and Klea Faye would come every week, to visit people she knew from her Church, and people she didn't know!!!The strength and courage she displayed, living with Cancer, inspired so many, and was a lesson on how to live each moment on earth, to the fullest. Her beautiful spirit, smile, and laugh will live on through the many lives she has touched and inspired. We are sorry for all of you, to have lost such a special person, but someday, you will be together again. The world is left a better place, because of her!! Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-begin###Cathy And Paul Kersey###imported-end###

October 03, 2011 at 11:09 AM



“ to the family & friends of Klink so many of us have such wonderful memories, golf bridge, laughs, tears, she was a happy person & made others happy to be around her, she gave the cancer a run now now she is resting in lords home.Peace be in your hearts. Fondly Ken & Diane###imported-begin###Ken & Diane Wentworth###imported-end###

October 02, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ *What a truly lovely lady Klea Fae was, she was never to busy to give you a smile and check to see how you were doing. May all your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. May God bless and keep you and give you all His peace. Blessings Chuck and Martha Cox##imported-begin##Chuck and Martha Cox##imported-end##*

October 02, 2011 at 09:18 PM