



Lora Bailey

January 6, 1939 - January 11, 2017

Lora Lee Mathews Bailey (or Lollie) returned to her Heavenly Home on 11 January, 2017. Lora Lee was born on 6 January 1939 to Norma Peterson Mathews and Phil Sheridan Mathews. Lora lived an amazingly beautiful life of love and generosity. She touched the lives of many and in return, they loved her. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 pm, Friday, Jan. 20th at Kayser's Chapel & from 9 to 9:45 am on Saturday, Jan. 21st at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Stake Center, 1515 S. Division, followed by funeral services at 10 am. Interment will be at Pioneer Memorial Gardens.

Lora Lee was born in Conda, Idaho which was 8 miles east of Soda Springs, Idaho. It was a very small mining town own and operated by Monsanto Mining Company. Phosphate was the ore that they mined. She had two older sisters, Kathy and Phyllis and one younger brother, Sheridan Mathews.

When she was 6 years old her family moved to Soda Springs, where she was known as "Lollie". Lora grew up in Soda Springs and attended Soda Springs High School. She graduated in 1956 and then attended Ricks College in the fall. She majored in Education and was also the president of the Valkyries, a service organization.

She met and married Brent Bailey. They were married on 30 December 1958 in Idaho Falls Temple. They were married and in love for 58 years. After she graduated from Ricks, they moved to Blackfoot, Idaho. She taught school and gave birth to their first daughter; Chell Ann. Brent took a teaching job in American Falls, Idaho. Lora and Chell commuted to ISU in Pocatello so Lora

could finish her degree in Elementary Education

They soon moved to Moses Lake. Brent taught at Moses Lake High School and Lora had their second daughter, TaRee in 1963 born in Samaritan Hospital. Lora returned to teaching in 1966 and taught third grade at Garden Heights Elementary School. She then went on to teach fourth grade at Lakeview Elementary School and retired after 31 years. She loved to teach and loved all her students. She has many lifelong friends from teaching, church and throughout the community. Lora truly loved people. She had an infectious smile and made friends easily and they lasted forever.

Lora's family was very important to her, and they would always come up in her conversations. Chell married Ivan Warner and had four sons. Their 1st son Chase, married Collette and have three going on four children Eden, West, Redmond and soon to come, daughter Brighton Bailey. Their 2nd son Logan married Lisa and they are the parents of daughters Haven and Indy. Their 3rd and 4th sons are Austin and Cale Warner. TaRee married Robert Handy. They have two sons. Their first son, Jordan recently married Amarissa . Their 2nd Son, Brent is married to Teisha.

Lora has been blessed to live 54 years in Moses Lake, WA.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

JAN 21. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

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

Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ Lora came to our family home evening meetings with the special spirit of an angel. She had a smile which could brighten the room. In addition, she was always willing to share personal experiences and help with the treats. Her smile endeared her to all of us and we will greatly miss her. Our love and prayers are with her dear husband and we ask our Heavenly Father to comfort and be with him at this difficult time. God bless and keep you both until you are together again. With love, Glenda Wells and the Family Home Evening Group

Glenda Sorge-Wells - January 21, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ I have fond memories of working with Mrs. Bailey at Lakeview Elementary. A couple are she was always smiling and friendly. Another one was when Dave and I were sitting at LAX waiting for our plane. I saw someone quite away from us was waving. I thought she's not waving at us because we don't know anyone here. After a couple minutes she was still waving so, I waved back. We had such a nice visit. Sending our thoughts and prayers to her family. Dave and Carole Hopkins



David Hopkins - January 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM

GK

“ So sorry for the struggles and our loss of such a beloved daughter of God here on this earth. She was always a light of love that will continue to be felt by the family, friends, loved ones, any that came into contact with her - all her students. As one of her students she has always been a deeply loved and respected life long teacher. Her life on earth is definitely one to celebrate. There is now a very special angel helping and watching over us. She lives on through you and all the lives she touched here. Her separation is hard yet joyous will be the day of your reunion with her. I wish I was able to attend the services and see the family yet circumstances will not allow me to do so. Yet know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*With much respect and love,
Garth & Elizabeth Kofoed*

Garth Kofoed - January 20, 2017 at 09:06 AM

KE

“ just found out she passed today, so sorry, i loved seeing her and her u husband at scac working out together. She will be missed. Kathy Messer-Erickson

Kathy Erickson - January 18, 2017 at 07:59 PM

RG

“ Aunt Lora Lee sure made life fun as I was growing up with her in Soda Springs. She was always kind, generous and willing to share her love with her niece and nephews. She taught me the very first principles of the gospel for which I will always be grateful. Her life was a Christ like example of love and service.

She was a major part of me and my family's life. She would always tell me how blessed I was to have Rosemary as my wife and how special our children and grandchildren are. When we talked on the phone she would always end our conversation with "I love you".

We miss her.

Roy Gunnell

Roy Gunnell - January 17, 2017 at 11:41 PM

LB

“ Lind Bingham lit a candle in memory of Lora Bailey



Lind Bingham - January 16, 2017 at 08:49 PM

LB

I didn't know Mrs. Bailey well but she was always a person with a smile and encouraging words when I'd see her at South Campus Athletic club. She was a great lady and I'll miss her.

Lind Bingham - January 16, 2017 at 08:52 PM

DJ

“ Mrs. Bailey was my favorite teacher. She made me feel like I was somebody who was special and could learn. She made school fun and went out her way to make learning interesting and kept us captivated by her singing and guitar playing. Mrs. Bailey had a compassionate loving heart. I will always remember her.

Danny Jones - January 16, 2017 at 07:57 PM

KP

Such a sweet elect lady!

kathy Payne - January 17, 2017 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ Lora and Brent were our neighbors and friends for oh so many years. Never have I seen Lora cross or unkind. She always had a smile on her face and a love of people in her heart. Several of our children were in her fourth grade class at Lakeview through the years and hands down, she was a favorite teacher!

Working with Lora in Relief Society or enjoying her company at the neighborhood picnic, she was always a joy to be around and visit with. Her composure, strength of character, convictions and the love she had for each of God's children is certainly something to emulate. Everything she did - she made it look easy and never seemed stressed. She and Brent will always have a special place in my heart. Farewell my dear friend. Enjoy the next step in your journey home.

To Brent and the girls- my heart aches for Lora's absence in your family. There will be a big hole that will not seem possible to fill, but the Lord is kind and tender and His healing power will bring each of you peace.

Jeanne Brown - January 16, 2017 at 07:06 PM

KC

“ *Lora was my mentor as I worked my way through student teaching way back when. I appreciated her kind, supportive words throughout the stressful process. She kept in touch throughout the years as I've grown as a teacher. I will always remember her as being a compassionate, loving person.* ”



Kathy Chavez - January 15, 2017 at 05:48 PM

PH

“ *Pamela Hawker lit a candle in memory of Lora Bailey* ”



Pamela Hawker - January 14, 2017 at 08:10 PM

PH

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you. 🌸* ”
Pam and Jim Hawker

Pamela Hawker - January 14, 2017 at 08:10 PM

TH

“ *Mrs. Bailey was my fourth grade teacher and instilled in me a lifetime love of learning. Her compassion and sincerity still strike me today. After all these years (more than I want to admit), I still think of her often and with the utmost fondness. If she inspired such love from her students, I can only imagine the love earned from her family. My deepest and sincerest condolences to her family. She will be dearly missed and always loved.* ”

Tarah Horney - January 14, 2017 at 05:51 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Bailey was one of my favorite teachers. She was my 4th grade math and reading teacher. She is the teacher that sparked my love of math. I was very lucky to have her as a teacher.

Mike Monek - January 14, 2017 at 05:47 PM

PE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Bailey for most of my life. Words cannot describe my sadness and I want to convey my deepest condolences at her passing. I know that we will see each other again.

Peter - January 14, 2017 at 05:26 PM

CC

“ Laura was great person to work with. She did the hard work for MLEA (secretary). We will miss her. We are also thinking of Brent and the girls.

Charles and Judy Clark

Charles Clark - January 14, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one, Lora. It breaks our hearts when death separates us from the ones we love so much. The Bible assures us that God sees our pain and sorrow and has promised that soon, "death will be swallowed up forever."(Isaiah 25:8) He will heal our broken hearts by resurrecting our precious loved ones to life again.(John 6:40) Until then, I hope the beautiful memories of Lora and these promises from God comfort you in the days to come.

JC - January 14, 2017 at 02:14 PM

SG

“ Mrs. Baily was my 5th grade teacher at Lakeview school and also taught my first son in 5th grade. She always had a smile and she remembered me back in 2008 when I moved back to Moses Lake and saw her in church. I will always remember her love and kindness.

Suella (Kemper) Gran - January 13, 2017 at 11:48 PM

CJ

“ She was an amazing lady! I am so thankful to have known her. She was my forth grade teacher and since then always knew my name and was wondering how I was or was wanting to visit! She taught me so many things. I am so thankful for knowing her and I will miss her!

Christina Johnson - January 13, 2017 at 11:38 PM

EM

“ I am truly saddened to hear of Mrs. Bailey's passing. She was a wonderful, encouraging 4th grade teacher. A handful of years ago we crossed paths in Walmart, she recognized me but out of courtesy I offered my name and other of life's mile markers to re-establish the bond. We conversed awhile. She gave me the most warm, genuine embrace accompanied by kindest words. Bond solidified. I will cherish those moments always. Love to her family, and with my deep sympathy.
Elisabeth Strole Murrell

Elisabeth Strole Murrell - January 13, 2017 at 10:28 PM

KK

“ Sweetest lady in the whole wide world!! She really was one of a kind, a true people person with a very special aura about her. She was the sugar to Mr baileys spice.....i was just thinking of her the other day and will always remember her as the best teacher EVER! My deepest condolences to Mr Bailey and family.....he also is one of my favorite teachers...i loved seeing them together at cheap night Tuesday at the movies back in the day. Very special people.

Kim Korpinen - January 13, 2017 at 10:36 AM

LW

“ She was such a special lady in my life as well as everyone she came in contact with. My first contact with her was when I would baby sit for her and Brent's two daughters. I also colored her hair when my parents lived down by them. I was super afraid it wouldn't turn out but it did and I felt honored she trusted me to do her hair. I was only in high school at the time. She later taught school at the same elementary school that my husband Bill's Auntie Bill taught. They were good friends and stayed in touch after they both had retired. She was such a positive example to that friendship and Auntie Bill truly was proud to call her a friend. Then she became associated thru church with our youngest daughter Emily and followed her and loved her from elementary school where she directed her in her first play and followed her with her love for acting, when Emily served a mission in Brazil, was in single adults and later her marriage to Michael Duvall. Lora loved Facebook and followed everyone she knew and commented letting us all know she was proud of us. I will always love you Lora. She is able to see some of my dearest family I am sure and will be waiting patiently for Brent. Lucinda West

Lucinda West - January 12, 2017 at 09:37 PM

SW

Lora was one of the most friendly people that Chuck and I have met. She had a special love for all our children and they had a special love back to her. Chuck really enjoyed their friendship during potato harvest at the Jorgensen Farm. He looked forward each year to renew his friendship with them. I don't think Lora thought bad of anyone she knew. She always told us how good we were. I'm so glad that she has a testimony of the plan of salvation and that we can be with her again some day. Love ya' Lora. Chuck &a Sharon Waller

sharon waller - January 14, 2017 at 06:47 PM

PA

We were neighbors in Moses Lake for several years even though we had not kept in touch over the years we have fond memories of her, Brent and the girls who were friends of our children in their younger years. She was always kind and like others have mentioned she always had a smile. We are so sorry for your loss.

Pat Aubertin - January 17, 2017 at 12:19 PM

GU

I was so surprised and so saddened when I saw this post in the CBH. I had no idea that Lora had left us. Lora and Jackie McKay and I worked together as a team at Heritage College. . She was such a wonderful student-teacher mentor for so many Education students, and so many of the current teachers in the basin owe their careers to Lora. Lora and Brent and I became good friends, and I think of them all the time, though we haven't had much contact recently. I wish Brent peace and much love for him from all his friends and family surrounding him. May God bless all of them so richly for all they have been and for all they have done for so many in Moses Lake.

Glen Uhlenkott - January 17, 2017 at 10:59 PM