



Ludeen Roylance Earl

February 22, 1926 - July 19, 2022

On July 19th, 2022, LUDEEN ROYLANCE EARL, was reunited with her husband Ken who had predeceased her in 2004. She was 96 plus years old and had been living in the family home with oldest son Doug & Connie Earl at MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH on highway 17.

LuDeen was born February 22, 1926 in Salem, Idaho to George Edmond Roylance and Mable Valentine Roylance. She was the fifth of nine children. Her dairy farmer family moved to Meridian, Idaho when LuDeen was eight and they lived in a double car garage. They slept outside most of the year on beds and then built a shelter to sleep in when winter came. While a teenager, living in Meridian, Idaho, she worked at a soda shop, cooked and cleaned for another family and worked hard to make her own way. In school she was a runner in track and was voted best female dancer and peppiest student. When LuDeen was eighteen and working in the post office, she received a letter from a young captain serving in WWII. Ken had seen a picture of Ludeen in a church publication and thus began a "wonderful correspondence" which continued until his return at the end of the war on October 25, 1945. They were married in the Salt Lake City LDS temple on November 16th, 1945 only twenty two days after they saw each other for the first time. Ken Earl took Ludeen and their first son Douglas to Washington DC to obtain a law degree at George Washington University after graduating from Brigham Young University. Tami was born in Washington D.C. during law school. After law school, LuDeen was thrilled to move to Moses Lake and live close to her

parents and a few siblings who had coincidentally decided to move from Meridian, Idaho and relocate in Moses Lake as well. Tom, Jeff, David, and Pat were born in Moses Lake. When Pat was just a baby, Johnna age 3, was added by adoption to complete the family. Ken & LuDeen were workers in establishing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Basin. They were also mission presidents in Oakland, CA and Directors of the Idaho Falls Temple Visitor's Center. LuDeen loved working in the Young Women's organization of the church and serving in the Columbia River Temple. She was elated when the announcement was made that we would have a temple in Moses Lake and that temple is being constructed in the location of the old Roylance dairy where she first came to live in Moses Lake. She served others tirelessly, taking homemade bread to neighbors and making scones for any number of visitors. She was happy to volunteer to bring dinner to someone sick or provide homemade rolls for a church dinner. Their home was an open door. Many youth lived under their roof and were cared for as her own. Around her table you could find family, friends, General Authorities, civic leaders, and total strangers enjoying a home cooked meal. LuDeen loved a good party and enjoyed playing games any time, any day, especially with family and usually accompanied by good food. Local sports fans will remember her voice over the crowd when her sons, nephews or friends were playing school sports in Moses Lake. Family was very important to LuDeen. They were a top priority in her life. When someone was struggling, she prayed fervently for their comfort and recovery. LuDeen has 37 grandchildren and 102 great grandchildren to date with others on the way. She welcomed each grandchild with great joy and as the number grew, she went to sleep each night reciting each one's name, hoping to never forget them. Being 96, LuDeen had as many family and friends who awaited her arrival as she has in the family and friends she leaves behind. She has fought the good fight and has always been a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

A viewing will be had July 29, 2022 at Kaysers Chapel of Memories 831 S Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, Wa. 6:00-8:00 pm. The funeral will be Saturday July 30, 2022 at 10:00, (viewing at 9:00 am) at the LDS Church at 1515 S. Division Street (old Potato hill road where she first came to live in Moses Lake in 1953).

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder-Day Saints
1515 South Division St.
Moses Lake , WA 98837

Tribute Wall

AO

“ Alex and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the EARL family .

AI Orman - March 10, 2023 at 01:14 AM

EO

“ My sympathy, condolences and heart go out to Mrs. Earl's extended family. I met her once and she has been forever in my heart.
Ellie Osborne

Ellie Osborne - July 26, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RW

“ Ken and Ludeen were like 2nd parents to me. I spent many days in their home and motorhome growing up. Ken started taking me on trips like Fathers and Sons activities when I was only 6 or 7 years old. Or 10 day deer hunting trips. Once they took me and David and Patrick for 4 weeks in their motorhome across the nation visiting church history sites. On the football field or the basketball court or the softball field I could always hear Ludeen cheering for me "Way to go Rog!". I don't know how they put up with me so much! I always knew they loved me and cared for me. I am truly humbled by all they did for me growing up. I will always be grateful to them.
Roger Wright

Roger Wright - July 25, 2022 at 10:23 PM

MG

“ My sincere sympathy to Ludeen's kids and grandkids. There aren't enough words to express how much she means to me. From the time I was a little girl she gave me nothing but love, always making me feel special.

Merlynn Wright Gullings - July 23, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the entire family. Strong, caring & well known family in the community. God rest her soul 🙏❤️

Darolyn Hauff - July 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM

DH

“ Darolyn Hauff lit a candle in memory of Ludeen Roylance Earl



Darolyn Hauff - July 23, 2022 at 06:17 PM

HM

“ Oh, to lose such a wonderful woman is heartbreaking! We wish all her family peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Barry & Holly Moos

Holly Moos - July 23, 2022 at 12:05 PM

ST

We love Ludeen! We enjoyed working with her in the temple and sometimes sharing rides. She was a great lady and our whole family appreciated her so much. When we lived on Sharon St., back in the day, we could always tell when 4th ward was playing softball at the church. The kids would climb the big tree in our back yard and watch the game - they had a bird's eye view. Our kids could always tell who was winning by the voice of Sister Earl. She would however, be vocal for any good play that occurred on the ball field but, just a "little" louder when rooting for the "home team". She will be missed but we are happy for the great life she has lived. A good family. Steve & Sharon Tolley

Steve Tolley - July 30, 2022 at 03:17 PM