



## Margaret Elizabeth Nielsen

June 5, 1920 - May 15, 2011

Margaret Elizabeth Nielsen passed away at Columbia Crest Nursing Home on May 15, 2011. Margaret was born in Palmyra, Missouri on June 5th, 1920. She was the oldest of 4 children born to Clarence Edward Beal and Anna Wilhelmina Frohn Beal.

When Margaret was 9 ½ years old her family moved to Los Angeles. During her parents married life the Beal's moved 72 times. She married at a young age to Merrill Franklin Sexton. They were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Virginia Ann, on May 20, 1937. A few years later they divorced and so Margaret worked many different jobs to support her daughter as they moved from California to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There she met David Edward Blanchard and married him. Three years later they moved to Pendleton, Oregon to be closer to his mother.

In 1950 they moved to Glendale, California for health reasons. The climate didn't help and that fall they moved back to Pendleton, OR. This is where Margaret was introduced to the Gospel and she was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on April 22, 1951. Margaret divorced David because he didn't want to live the Gospel any longer, so she and her daughter moved back to Riverside, CA.

Through some mutual friends from Church, Margaret met and later married, Royal George Nielsen. After their first daughter, Ruby Leah was born, they discovered a great opportunity and they moved to Moses Lake, Washington, to homestead and farm in the Columbia Basin. While farming in Moses Lake,

the following children were welcomed into their home, Jessica, Renee, Royalyn, and Margaret. With six daughters, Margaret felt there was a need for a boy and when Dr. James Young called, they adopted a son, James Edward. In 1968, Royal became disabled after a back surgery and Margaret became a Sam Andy Dehydrated Foods distributor as well as a Bosch/Magic Mills Sales Representative to help support her family. She then started a flower shop in nearby Warden, WA. She later sold it to a friend and then opened another floral shop in Moses Lake, and she named it, "Royal's Posy Pantry". This business name eventually changed into "Moses Lake Floral". She built this business into the leader in floral service in the entire basin. When all her children had moved on she eventually sold the business and retired.

She has been very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and very much enjoyed working with the youth for many years. Her service in the church and the youth programs had a profound effect on many who now have their own youth in the same programs. She often commented on how her own grandchildren were now friends and classmates of children whose parents she had taught in the youth programs years ago.

Several years after their children were raised, Royal and Margaret moved to Medical Lake, WA to be closer to one of their daughters. Royal eventually passed away there in May of 1998 and so Margaret moved to Post Falls, ID in December of 1998 to be near one of her other daughters. Missing friends in Moses Lake and wanting to be closer to where her Royal was, she moved back in the spring of 2007. This also allowed her to be near her son who had moved his family back to Moses Lake, WA.

She lived in Hearthstone until February of 2010 when she sustained a fall that required a move to Columbia Crest and Rehabilitation Center. She recovered well and has had wonderful care from the staff there for the last 14 months.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Anna Beal; siblings, Dorothy Storey, Frohna Culp, and Clyde Edward Beal; her husband, Royal; daughter, Virginia Ann Sexton Peacock; granddaughter, Holly Wittig; and grandson, David Peacock. She is survived by children, Ruby Stoker,

Liberty Lake, WA; Jessica Lloyd, Denver, CO; Renee Wittig, Denver, CO; Royalyn Andrus, West Jordan, UT; Margaret Dionne, Brunswick, GA; and Jim Nielsen, Moses Lake, WA. Margaret's progenitors total over 140, including children, spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren.

Kayser's Chapel of Memories is handling funeral arrangements, viewing will be Sunday evening, May 22nd from 5-7 pm, and Monday morning May 23rd at 9-9:45 am, with the funeral services starting at 10 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Moses Lake Stake Center on Division Street.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Visitation

MAY 23. 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

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our prayers for peace and comfort for the family during these times.*

*Willis Bullard*

*FLETC, Artesia###imported-begin##Willis Bullard###imported-end##*

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May 23, 2011 at 02:59 PM



“ *My prayers go out to all of you in this difficult time. In the upcoming months, or even years, when you think of your mom and reach for the phone just remember, that simply means, she lives on in your heart.*

*God Bless,*

*Bridget###imported-begin##Bridget Lodahl###imported-end##*

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May 23, 2011 at 02:14 PM



“ *What a wonderful Mother. It is no wonder she has such a great posterity! Not only in numbers but also quality. Since Royalyn is the only one I personally know I can see where she acquired some of her great qualities. I love you Royalyn and appreciate all you do for my family. The flowers for Dick's funeral were perfect. I am still getting comments on them! Your sincere friendship to my daughter Sherry has been such a support and help this past year. Please know I send my love and condolences. St. George will be waiting for you when you return to Utah!!!*

*Nancy Winterton###imported-begin##Nancy Winterton###imported-end##*

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May 21, 2011 at 12:40 AM



“ Although I did not know your mother I am sure she was a wonderful and talented woman. I am sorry for your loss. It sounds like she was in good health until her fall. What a blessing! May the Lord bless your whole family with comfort in your loss. Sincerely, Francie Yang and family friend of Royalyn in West Jordan, UT###imported-begin###Francie Yang###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ Royalyn and family...what a wonderful and inspiring message you have left honoring your mother in her obituary. Our family wishes you the best at this time and sends our sympathy.  
Much love,  
The Lefevor's###imported-begin###Kristen Lefevor###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 06:18 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Our mothers are so special and even knowing that the time is at hand, the loss is humbling and felt so deeply. Please feel our hugs and wishes for your comfort at this time.  
Love, Peggy###imported-begin###Peggy White###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 02:12 PM



“ Margaret-I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that knowing your Mother still lives through you and your family gives you strength during this time.  
Love, Tonya###imported-begin###Tonya Hamilton###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 11:40 AM



“ Margaret and Ron, we are so very sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you both. Though you are grieving now, remember that some lives go on in the hearts and minds that they touch. The description of your mother's life and the tributes to her are testament to the fact she was an extraordinary woman who raised seven wonderful children and touched the lives of countless others. She will live on and on in your hearts.##imported-begin##Kathie and Brien Hatfield##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ Dear Margaret, Ron, Skyler & Cameron,  
We were so sad to hear of your loss. It is so hard to lose the heart of a family - especially one as special and as loved as your Mom and Grandmother. She had a full, productive, happy, energetic life. She made the most of it and lived as God intended - to the fullest and for His Glory. You are sad and grieving, but take comfort from knowing she is with Him now and with those who have gone on before. She is still with you and will always be. We are here for you, and you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, JW & Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy & JW Huggins##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 03:39 PM



“ Margaret will be missed. She was a good friend and I always enjoyed visiting with her at our many church functions when she was living in Post Falls.  
She loved to brag about her family and I could always count on a story or two about her dear husband.##imported-begin##Charlotte Anderton Warren##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 01:36 PM



“ Margaret and Ron,  
We are truly sorry for the loss of your Mother. I remember when Ron assisted me during my mom's passing and it meant a great deal to me to know that I had people who cared and supported me through a difficult time. We are praying for your family, Margaret and ask God to give you peace that passes all of our understanding.

Malcolm and Sharon Adams##imported-begin##Malcolm Adams##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Margaret,

My heart goes out to you and I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time. Even though I never met her, I know she must have been a wonderful mother because you are such a lovely person. Draw closer to God and He will give you the grace and peace you need to get through this.

My deepest sympathy,  
Marcy##imported-begin##Marcy Amerson##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ Margaret, Ron and family,  
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

Scott##imported-begin##Scott Curley##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ My deepest condolences for your loss. I pray that you are comforted by the memories and love that you have for your mother. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Olga Miranda, Artesia NM##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 02:27 PM



“ Margaret, Ron, Skylar, and Cameron -- Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Even though your hearts are heavy, just reflect on your sweet memories of your precious mother. We pray for safety as you travel to and from Washington.##imported-begin##Joe and Linda Fennell##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ God bless you and your family during this time. Rick##imported-begin##Rick, Debbie, Caleb and Madison Atwood##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ Ron, Margaret, Sklyer, Cameron. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mothers are very dear and I believe have a special reservation in heaven. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. God bless and take care.##imported-begin##Greg & Mal Spain family##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 11:30 AM



“ Margaret and Ron:

*I am saddened by the loss of your loved one. Remember you are not alone and there are many of us who are grieving over your loss. I hope you are able to look back at happy memories of your mom and that those memories will make your grief easier to bear.*

*Willis##imported-begin##Willis Hunter##imported-end##*

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May 18, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ Dear Margaret and family, I am saddened to hear about the loss of your mother. We will keep you lifted up in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything for you during this time.##imported-begin##Adam and Melissa Harper##imported-end##

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May 18, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God bless you.##imported-begin##Denise and Mike Franklin##imported-end##

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May 17, 2011 at 04:22 PM



“ Ron,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I am sure that she was a very loving and caring person. God bless you and your family!*

*Erma##imported-begin##Erma Branch##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 04:15 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Larry Welch##imported-end##

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May 17, 2011 at 04:01 PM



“ Ron and Margaret,

*Sorry to hear of your loss and know that your family is in our prayers. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to ask. May the Lord bless and keep you always,*

*Bruce and April Miller##imported-begin##Bruce and April Miller##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ Margaret and Ron, we are very sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking of you and will keep you in our prayers. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask.##imported-begin##Bob Burnett & Cindy Carver##imported-end##

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May 17, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ Margaret and Ron,

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family during your bereavement. I will keep you all lifted up in prayer. Stay strong in His Name. Amen.##imported-begin##Yolanda Higginbotham##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 01:42 PM



“ Margaret,

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dan Ovadia##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 01:02 PM



“ *I'm so terribly sorry to hear of your loss - may all the wonderful memories carry you through this most difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Loiselle##imported-end##*

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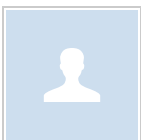
May 17, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sure your Mom will be watching over the family with a loving smile and is most proud of her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Janet Lanham##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 12:33 PM



“ *Margaret, Ron, Skyler, and Cameron Dionne - we are so sorry for the loss of our Margaret's mother, Margaret Nielsen. I know you all have been a joy to her over the years, and that you were a great comfort to her, especially these last few months.*

*Please know that we at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Nielsen's family. I will continually pray for you and your family as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Peggy Dixon##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ Dear Nielsens... Our family's and my experiences growing up in Moses Lake were so rich to have been intertwined with that of Margaret's and Royal's family. We played together, prayed together and created many a story together. Listening to Brother Nielsen or my Dad, Dorse Miles Oman, was an almost weekly delight while they recounted entertaining episodes from their lives. We also drank many a gallon of milk from Nielson's cows. Margaret Oman and Margaret Nielsen were the best of friends for decades.

*And then there was the bevy of the beautiful and talented Nielsen girls... Wow." We got to associate closely in our Church experiences and in the 'arts, while singing, dancing, doing plays, even doing sewing projects together with our mothers! Margaret, Sister Nielsen, would so often tell me things I needed to hear. My mom could say the same things but them coming from my other Margaret Mom were often better accepted by me.*

*And then there was JIMMY. Royal's naps during church time came to a screeching halt when Nielsen's little boy joined the family. But who would have thought that he would wrestle UNLIMITED for MoLaHi and take State? Jim, thanks for all you do in our community and the glowing example of being the great son and caregiver to your Mama. We all appreciate the special man you are, Jimmy.*

*How I would love to be with all of you and our childhood neighbors on the 23rd. But there is a much greater reunion happening as I tap these words to you with our loved ones on the other side. Margaret and Margaret will be keeping everyone busy with another fascinating project with their God-given talents.*

*My heart goes out to all of you. I love you!  
Your big brother, David Miles Oman###imported-begin###David Miles Oman###imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 10:29 AM