



JENNIS McCONKIE BETTS OBITUARY
(daughter of Jennie Goodrich McConkie & Reed Smoot McConkie)

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Jennis McConkie Betts, age 77, of Independence, returned to her Heavenly Father March 2, 2009 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born February 15, 1932 in Vernal to Reed Smoot and Jennie Goodrich McConkie who lived in Tridell.

She married Grant C. Betts, her high school sweetheart, on June 13, 1949 and they were later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Jennis was an avid genealogist. She used to crochet doilies, loved music and played the clarinet, saxophone, and piano. As a youth she was the Gold and Green Ball Queen for one of the dances, loved softball and played in the school orchestra dance band.

She always raised a big garden and canned bushels and bushels of fruits and vegetables. She was active in the LDS Church and served in the scouting organization, from Cubs to Scouts, depending on the age of her boys, in the Primary, MIA and Relief Society and often as a counselor or President.

Her greatest joy was her family and she loved having her children and grandchildren gather at her home.

Jennis is the mother of twelve children, Sue Ann (Paul) Squire, Independence; Howard Grant (Lisa R.) Betts, Myton; Allen Reed (Verdene) Betts, Ballard; Roger (Faye) Betts, Independence; Garn Lee (Tina) Betts, Midvale; Dannie Eugene Betts, Independence; Bruce Jan (Cindy) Betts, Benton, Wash.; Rose Ellen (Don) Zurcher, Roosevelt; Gay Lynn (Steve) Smith, Riverton; Vida Marie (Quentin) Laursen, Independence; David Collins (Adrienne Ruth) Betts, Independence; and Reeda April Betts, Independence; 49 grandchildren, and 54 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by five brothers and sisters, Ila Rae (Russell) Gingell, Myton; Vivian (Keith) Winterton, Roosevelt; Pauline Derhak, Taylorsville; Dannie (Charlene) McConkie, Bountiful; and Rick (Ethelyn) McConkie, West Valley City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 grandchild, and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7, at the Ballard LDS Church.

Burial was in the Tridell Cemetery under direction of the Hullinger Mortuary. Condolences may be sent at www.hullingermortuary.com

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