

MABEL GARDINER GOODRICH OBITUARY



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Mabel G. Goodrich age 92, died July 31, 2009 at the Rocky Mountain Care Center in Tooele, Utah.

She was born in Vernal, on Nov. 11, 1917 to Lewis and Lucy Gardiner but spent most of her life in Naples. She took great pride in her English heritage. The idea of a king and queen fascinated her and she had the dry humor of her ancestors.

Emma, Frank, Florence and Amy were her playmates as well as her brother and sisters. Amy is the surviving family member. Mabel often commented about how different her childhood was than that of her grandchildren.

Throughout her childhood she was taught the value of learning. She read books with a pencil in one hand to mark favorite passages and then referred back to them. During her school years she was debate manager, she was on the yearbook staff and played church basketball. Her education included post high classes where she won several writing and extemporaneous speaking awards. Over the years she stayed in touch with many school friends. She was a gentle person but her independent views made good conversation. She was a most interesting person.

Orio wed Mabel in 1939 in the Salt Lake Temple. Their courtship involved candy corns and getting stuck in the mud. They were given four daughters - Carolyn, Annette, Florence and Kathleen and eventually they had four sons-in-law - Ray, Bob, Ron and Craig. Twenty-two grandchildren and forty great grandchildren followed. Her grandson Shane died in 1978, Orio died in 1988, and Kathleen died in 2000.

While the girls were at home Mabel remained a homemaker, then she branched out. Her favorite job was as a Title 1 teacher in the Naples and Davis Elementary schools. She loved the children and increased her education to be highly proficient in teaching them math and English. Previous jobs included "flipping burgers, grocery store cashier, maid, nanny, Calder Brother's creamery, type setter for the Vernal Express and assistant home demonstrator under Carolyn Garrison.

Mabel loved going to plays. She loved beautiful things. Even a small planting of flowers gave her great satisfaction. A humming bird or a quail really pleased her.

Though she served in all the auxiliaries, her favorite church jobs were three. 1. guide patrol leader 2. teaching Relief Society 3. doing the extraction program. Recognition came to her as the first Golden Gleaner in her stake.

Orio and Mabel took two Indian children into their home which added much responsibility, but Betty Jane and David added their charm to the family circle.

Mabel was ill much of the life and she grew weary of appointments, doctors and hospitals. She has the distinction of being in Hospice two times, nine years apart.

Sincerely "thank you" to Hospice and the Care Center where her care was respectful, gentle, loving and professional.

Funeral services will be held in the Naples Chapel, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m. with a viewing before at 1 p.m. at the same location. Interment will be in the Vernal Memorial Park under the direction of the Blackburn Vernal Mortuary.

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