



Lee Bennett

May 26, 1939 - March 28, 2020

Iva "Lee" Bennett, 80, passed away peacefully at home following a valiant battle with cancer with all of her children and several grandchildren by her side.

Lee was born to Harriet Gabbert Pratt and Percy W. Pratt in Pocatello, Idaho on May 26, 1939. She has one brother, Gerold Pratt (Judy) and one sister, Nancy Belle Pratt Condie (Richard).

She married Blaine L. Bennett in Elko, Nevada on July 19, 1957, and they were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on February 7, 1970. She found it to be notable that both she and Blaine were delivered by the very same doctor, and was delighted at the fact that the house that she and Blaine shared following their marriage was the same house in which she had been born in.

Lee has six children, Ronald Blaine, Sheryl Lee Quick (Don), Robert Jay (Lorena), Julie Anne Birkenfeld (Lonnie), Steven Douglas (Marides), and Vicky Bennett. She has twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her nine-year-old son, Ronnie, her husband, Blaine, her mother, Harriet, and her brother, Gerry.

Lee had a strong testimony of Heavenly Father and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In addition to being an absolutely incredible wife and mother, she worked outside of the home at Ernst Home Center for 18 years, and then worked as an administrative assistant at Dyke's Electric until she retired in 2000.

When Lee was at home you could find her very focused on a crossword puzzle from the morning newspaper, guessing the words before they appeared in Wheel of Fortune, proving that she was smarter than the Jeopardy contestants, cuddling with her sweet dog, Frosty, or surrounded by the love and laughs of her children, grandchildren, and great

grandchildren. She had an incredibly fierce sense of humor, and if she wasn't smiling then she was making other people smile, or in most cases doing both at the same time. Some of her most favorite times were when she was riding four-wheelers and camping with her family. She loved baking applesauce cookies, playing Bingo at the Senior Center, beating her grandchildren at card games (and not feeling sorry about it), blooming red roses, sitting outside on her front porch swing visiting with her best friend, Gayle Sweat, and other friends and neighbors, and always reminding the people in her life of how important, loved, and cherished they were to her, which were all reflections of herself.

She was a light in the lives of every person who knew her, and since March 28th at 11:45 pm, the date and time of her passing, the world has lost a little of its brightness, but she still shines within every life that she touched. She will be missed more than words could ever begin to express. We love you with all of our hearts, Mom and Grandma!

A private graveside service will be held at the Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Due to COVID-19, a gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date when the safety and health of all can be assured.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "Tribute Wall" tab above. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to the Children's Cancer Research Fund or simply devote your time to a friend or family member and cherish your moments together, as she would love to know that she had inspired people to use their time and resources to love and appreciate one another.

Cemetery

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

2864 S. 5th Avenue

Pocatello, ID, 83201

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Wilks Funeral Home - January 21 at 06:26 PM



“ Aunt Lee was always so good to me and she was one of my favorite aunts. She always called me her favorite snot bubble. You will be missed aunt Lee!

Phillip Pratt - April 11, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ To Lee's family: Your mother was in my life when I was young. I went to Syringa School as most of you did. Ronnie was in my 3rd grade class. She is now reunited with your father, brother, and family. She will be waiting for you all.



Sue Branch Bird - April 03, 2020 at 01:11 AM



“ I worked with Lee at Ernst. She was always so sweet, kind, and helpful. May she rest pain free and in peace.
Jana Hyde (Wilson) Morgan

Jana Morgan - April 01, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ Lee you will be missed so much by Derrick, Ethan, Enley and myself. We enjoyed so much getting to be your friend these last few years. We loved the times we got together for dinner with neighborhood friends and always wanted you at our family celebrations including our birthday parties and baby blessings. Anytime Derrick had a new dumb joke I always asked if he had sent it to you yet because I knew you always appreciated them even though I would roll my eyes. Thank you for loving us, we sure love you. - Alicia

Alicia Wellard - March 31, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ I have too many memories to share of Lee but I am so happy that I could come to her surprise Birthday Party. I was able spend alot of time with her and her family. She was a wonderful friend.

Linda Fabiny - March 31, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ Linda Fabiny lit a candle in memory of Lee Bennett



Linda Fabiny - March 31, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Susie Tubbs lit a candle in memory of Lee Bennett



Susie Tubbs - March 31, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ I used to live near Lee and attended the same church. I remember her as a kind, loving mother and friend to all. MOST of all I remember her sense of humor, she always had a smile on her face and was fun to be around. Condolences to her family and friends! Susan Van Orden.

Susan Van Orden - March 31, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Lee was a very special lady. I didn't get to know her well, but the interactions we had will hold a special place in my heart. One experience we had was this last Christmas season. Lee was in Washington undergoing treatments, but she never stopped looking for ways to help others. She called me, saying she wanted to send me some money to give to a family in the ward who need help during the holiday. She called because she needed my address to send the money. She did ask if anyone needed help, and she never asked who the money went to; She only wanted to help others. In the midst of her own trials, she reached outward to bless the lives of her friends and neighbors. That's the shining example she was for me, and that's how I'll always remember her.

Christopher Wertz - March 31, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Christopher Wertz lit a candle in memory of Lee Bennett



Christopher Wertz - March 31, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ And one more thing (wink) Just wanted to say the amazing way you took care of your mom was a huge blessing and tribute to her! Letting her stay in her home & taking turns, weeks at a time, to be with her was truly inspirational! She loved her family & you showed how much you all loved her!

Gayle - March 30, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' my beautiful, eternal friend! You have been a wonderful mentor for mothering, a blessing to each member of our family! We all love you dearly and cannot fathom life without you next door! So thankful & blessed to have shared 50 years making treasured memories - sharing love, joy, sorrow & tears! Now you can celebrate with your loved ones you've been longing to see! I love & miss you already but know you are in a better place! Hugs & God Bless!

Gayle - March 30, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Gayle lit a candle in memory of Lee Bennett



Gayle - March 30, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, Sheri. You are in my heart and prayers. I pray the Lord will comfort you at this difficult time. That was a beautiful tribute. Love and prayers,
Jerre (Frazier) Wise

Jerre (Frazier) Wise - April 01, 2020 at 04:44 AM



“ To the Bennett Family I send my sympathies. What a legacy of family Iva Lee has left. Cherish the memories of your mom. Debbie Lish Cutforth

Debbie Cutforth - April 03, 2020 at 01:00 PM