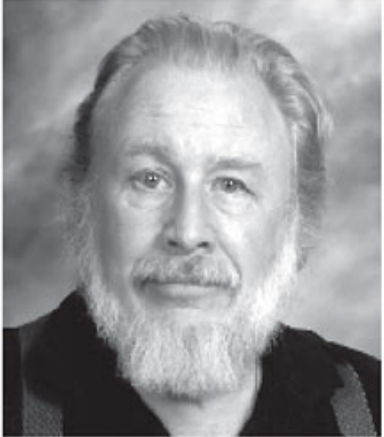


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**Don Spence Harper, Jr.**  
1938 ~ 2010



Loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Don Spence Harper, Jr. stepped through the veil and left mortality the 30th of December, 2010, after a long illness.

Don was the son of Don Spence Harper, Sr. and Rene Alice Hart. He was born on the 31st of August, 1938, in Salt Lake City, Utah. After 23 years of falling in love, he married his childhood sweetheart, Billie Mavoureen, the 22nd of December, 1966, for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple. Together they have five children: Don Spence Harper, III (Alicia), Holly Hamson (Steve), Rebecca Ahlquist (Gregory), Guy Russell Harper, and Matthew Hart Harper. Don and Mavoureen also have 14 beautiful grandchildren.

Don served in the United States Navy as an Officer for 23 years circling the globe in submarines, commanding a dry dock, and working as an engineer and executive officer. His Naval career led his family criss-crossing across the United States and to Scotland. After retiring from the Navy, he worked as an engineer for General Dynamics in Groton, CT for several years before taking on the challenge of teaching AP physics, math, electronics, and photography at Alta High School for ten years. During his tenure at Alta HS, Don entered into service at the Jordan River Temple where he and his wife served for four years.

Don served faithfully in the LDS church for over 40 years and never turned down a calling.

Don will be remembered as an intelligent and funny gentleman, finding humor in every situation. He always had a sea story ready and was "never a dull date." Adventure followed Don wherever he went, and truth being told, he pursued adventure more than once. His family and friends celebrate a life which was marked by great curiosity, a love for learning, service, work, and humor.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 3, 2011 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S., 11:00 a.m. Family and friends may call at the mortuary from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Online condolences may be made at [www.larkincare.com](http://www.larkincare.com)

**Patricia Coles Slater Dixon**  
1934 ~ 2010



Pat Dixon, age 76, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was suddenly and so abruptly taken from us Friday morning Dec. 31st due to extensive brain hemorrhaging.

Patricia was born in Ogden May 6, 1934 to Armond and Ireta Coles. She graduated from East High School, attended both BYU and the University of Utah and grew up in the family's Sugarhouse Floral business. Pat was an accomplished floral designer, able to recite the names of virtually all the world's most beautiful flowers. She was an award winning seamstress and an excellent dancer beginning in the 1940s as one of Fairmont Park's "Ten Pretty Girls". She made her own prom dresses and danced to the big bands at the Avalon, Rainbow Rendezvous, Lagoon, Saitaire, and Terrace. As a mature lady she performed with the "clogging grandmas". Just this past month Pat was honored with her dancing partner/husband of the past 27 years, Rich Dixon in the "Life Dancing" project of the Alzheimer's Association. She kept in physical shape by bicycle riding and swimming. She will especially be missed at the Holiday Lion's Fitness Pool.

Pat was married to her first husband Joseph Robert Slater September 14, 1955 until his passing in 1982. With Bob she raised three sons and two daughters who survive her: Coles (Lisa), Coleyn (Alan Blakely), Shaun (Marlene), Steve, and Susann (Russ Litson). She is step-mother to the four Dixon sons, Mark (Patty), Steve (Lisa), Brent (Kirsten) and Scott and 32 grandchildren and three great grandchildren who also survive her.

She is loved dearly by all. Pat and Richard T. Dixon had both been single for two years until the Granite High bunch played cupid and they got together. There was a whirlwind courtship! On December 10, 1983 they married, moving into Pat's San Diego home near the ocean. Pat and Dick were both natives of Utah; they made the decision to return in 1988, this time to Dick's former residence in Sandy. Later they moved to their present home located in East Mill Creek. Throughout her life, Pat served faithfully in LDS Church callings wherever she lived including Mississippi, California, Texas, and Utah. Six of their children served fulltime Church missions.

At 5:30 Monday evening, January 3, 2011 and continuing until 7:30, there will be a viewing at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary, 3401 South Highland Drive. There will also be a viewing the day of the funeral Tuesday from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the LDS Ward chapel located at 2245 East 3900 South where the funeral service will begin at 12 Noon. A graveside service follows at the burial site at Wasatch Lawn.

**Susan T. Dayton**  
1951 ~ 2010



The remarkable life of Susan Thompson Dayton ended at age 59 on December 30, 2010 due to complications of breast cancer. She left this life like she lived it, peacefully, and surrounded by loved ones.

Born on June 27, 1951 to Jimmie and Beverly Thompson, she spent her early years attending Draper Grade and Middle Schools. Her interest in dance was ignited at the age of three when she began dancing with her brother James. When she wasn't dancing, she was teaching young girls how to move with her same elegance and grace. She graduated from Jordan High School in 1969 where she was elected Homecoming Queen and served as a cheerleader for three years.

In college she was selected a member of the BYU Young Ambassadors performing group which took her around the world: Touring through the United States and Canada, and also with the USO throughout Europe. Dancing also brought her to the love of her life Merrill Dayton, a singer in the Young Ambassadors. They would marry for eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on June 8, 1973. Together they built a family of five sons. While her accomplishments were many, she considered her family her first priority and greatest calling. While she only bore sons, she found surrogate daughters wherever she went. From daughters-in-law, nieces, to guests at her home, she always had a house full and considered the most important talent of a good host was to make people feel welcome. Her ability to host large groups with seeming ease was legendary.

Her life was defined by grace: in dress, in movement and in action. Susan always dressed with style, even through chemotherapy wearing beautiful outfits with colorful scarves. But for Susan, grace and style was about more than just clothing.

Susan got her teaching certificate and bachelor's degree in Physical Education with a Dance emphasis in 1973 from BYU. She dedicated her life to teaching children and advocating on their behalf. Wherever she lived, she taught young girls to dance and was always involved in the PTA. Her husband's career as a surgeon took them from Los Angeles, California, to Iowa City, Iowa, to Holladay, Utah. When selected as Utah State PTA president from 2002-2003, she advocated for children, for education, and for families. She was designated a "Point of Light" by Governor Mike Leavitt in recognition for her work. She ran a campaign for Utah State Senate and also worked with the Granite Education Foundation.

When her husband's career took them to Buffalo, New York where he was recruited to be the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at SUNY Buffalo, Susan immediately began hosting large groups of surgery residents, medical students and faculty, winning the love and respect of all of them. In Buffalo Susan was asked to be President of the Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW) representing women and children at the UN, and sponsoring development projects around the world. She also worked with the Network of Religious Communities in Buffalo New York, where she was asked to serve as president shortly before her latest recurrence of cancer. Wherever she went, she built coalitions of talented women who wanted to make the world better. She never walked alone, and when she walked with friends, they talked about how to make the world better. She built dozens of small clubs, committees and teams of women: Book clubs, young mother's groups, empty nesters, spouses of doctors.

A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Susan constantly sought to serve her Father in Heaven and His children. She served wherever she was called, from road shows to family history, but often found herself in Young Women's and Relief Society, her most recent calling was as the Stake Relief Society President of the Buffalo New York Stake. She loved serving there but loved more traveling across the state in that calling with her sweetheart. She brought flair and grace everywhere she went. Shortly before her passing she was honored by the National Rotary club and also received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama.

Susan accomplished more in her short life than most of us will if we live twice as long.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Merrill Dayton; her five exceedingly handsome sons, Cameron (Erin), Damian, Brandon (Annie), Adrian (Natalie) and Ethan; five grandchildren; her parents, Jimmie and Beverly Thompson; her siblings, James, Cynthia (Eric Giles) and Kerry (Cynthia).

Susan loved dancing, cinnamon beans, Necco wafers, strawberry shortcake and the color red. She loved family trips to Lake Powell where she wore the nickname "Queen of the Sea". She taught us all that the quickest route to joy was a life full of work, service, and love. There are not words sufficient to describe her. She was the heart of our family, and our world will not be the same without her.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at the Cottonwood Stake Center located at 1816 East 6400 South in Salt Lake City. Viewings will be at the Cottonwood Stake Center Monday, January 3rd, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. Interment: Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Flowers can be sent to the Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary at 4760 S. State Street or you can donate to the World Wide Organization of Women, [www.wowinfo.org](http://www.wowinfo.org). Online condolences may be shared at [www.jenkins-soffe.com](http://www.jenkins-soffe.com)

**Firth Kay Armitage**  
1932 ~ 2010



Kay always did things his way, and he held true to this in his passing. He passed away on December 31, 2010 at home, surrounded by his loved ones.

Kay was born December 7, 1932 to Firth Settle Armitage and Mabel LaVern Laker.

Kay ran off to Elko, Nevada with his sweetheart Connie on October 12, 1949. They shared 61 years together as husband and wife.

A well respected business man in the Painting and Decorating trade, Kay was President and CEO for FS Armitage Sons, Inc. He oversaw many Utah landmarks throughout his career such as the University of Utah Hospital, The Salt Palace, the new LDS Assembly Hall and the Rio-Tinto Stadium, to mention only a few of his accomplishments. Kay held several elected positions with the local and national PDCA.

Kay was a Utah native and an avid hunter and a life-time member of B.W.B. But his true passion was fly fishing with his friends and son.

Kay and Connie spent many wonderful years together showing and raising their beloved dogs.

Kay and Connie explored the world together traveling to Ireland, England, Canada, Mexico, and all over the United States. They have many cherished memories.

Kay is survived by his wife Connie, his three children, Jackie Armitage Clemons, Colleen "Cody" (Jim) Burton, Brad Armitage, his three grandchildren, Alex (LuAnna), McKenna and A.J. and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Kay's life will be held on January 6, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Crescent View 10th Ward, at 10945 South 17th East, Sandy, Utah. Online condolences: [www.larkincare.com](http://www.larkincare.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made in Kay's name to the Utah Fish and Game Division.

**Marie Alice Hill**  
1913 ~ 2010

Marie "Mary" Alice Hill passed away on December 18, 2010.

She was born December 31, 1913 in Berkeley, California to Hazel and Fred Hill.

Preceded in death by her mother, Sue Greenwood and Betty Nisbet and her brother, Fred Hill Jr. and their spouses George, Harry and Virginia.

She is survived by nephews, Tom Greenwood, Kevin Greenwood, Curt Greenwood and Fred Hill III and by nieces, Vicki Rossiter, Karen Hill-Rogers, Nancy Manchester, Shari Einsel and their families and many friends.

Marie graduated from the French Hospital School of Nursing in San Francisco. She received a B.A. from San Francisco State University and a Masters of Nursing from the University of Washington in Seattle. Her career was in Administrative nursing and the twenty years before her retirement as Associate Executive Director and Convention Manager of the California Nurses Association in San Francisco.

At Mary's request no memorial service will be held. In her memory, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross and the Utah Food Bank where she volunteered.

Messages and tributes to the family can be posted at: [www.holbrookmortuary.com](http://www.holbrookmortuary.com)

**Jeneal Balmforth Jorgensen**  
1927 ~ 2010



Jeneal Balmforth Jorgensen, age 83, passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 28th to be reunited with her sweetheart, Willard Nels Jorgensen.

She was born on March 9, 1927 to Bernice and Ernest Balmforth in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She married Willard Jorgensen on March 22nd 1946 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

She was an elementary school secretary in the Davis County School District for a number of years. Jeneal loved reading. She enjoyed singing primary songs and reading children's books to her grandchildren. She enjoyed crocheting and quilting. She has made many treasured blankets, quilts, and baby booties over the years. She has dearly missed long conversations and spending time with her best friend Will.

She is survived by her six children Noel (Pam) Jorgensen, Bountiful; Siri (Gary) Manwill, Bountiful; Aneia Jorgensen, Bountiful; Kevin (Chris) Jorgensen, Bountiful; Allen Jorgensen, Bountiful; Stacie Alden, Woods Cross; eight grandchildren: Marri, Jennifer, Erin, Brennan, Sara, Lisa, Rebekah, and Amanda; eight grandsons: David, Troy, Tony, Brock, Erik, Dane, Blake, and by 30 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, husband Willard, and grandson, Dax.

Her family would like to give a special thanks to her son Allen for the care he has given her over the past four years. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Bountiful Food Pantry.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at Russon Brothers Bountiful Mortuary, 295 North Main, where friends and family may call from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment-Lakeview Cemetery. Online guest book at [www.russonmortuary.com](http://www.russonmortuary.com).

**Brigham D. Madsen**  
1914 ~ 2010



Brigham D. Madsen, prominent Utah historian and long-time chronicler of the American West, died December 24, 2010 at the age of 96 from causes incident to age.

"Brig" as he was known to his friends, or "Dwayne" as he was called by his relatives, was born in Magna, Utah October 21, 1914 to Brigham and Lydia Cushing Madsen.

The oldest of five children, Brig was preceded in death by his siblings: Anne Carter, Phyllis Eldredge, Mack Madsen and Rod Madsen. Most of his formative years were spent in Pocatello, Idaho where he learned the building business from his father. He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1932 and took a junior college degree from what was then Idaho State College in 1934. He then served an LDS mission in rural Tennessee and North Carolina where he built two modest chapels. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1938 where he met his future wife, Betty McAllister. He spent a year as principal of Pingree High School in Idaho. Immediately after their marriage in 1939 they moved to California where Brig pursued graduate studies in American History at the University of California, Berkeley, supporting his growing family by first working as a night watchman and later by building "Victory Ships" at the Oakland shipyards during the early days of World War II.

Brig felt the call to service of his country and joined the army, he was a Training Officer at Fort Benning Officer Candidate School, later as a First Lieutenant in the infantry in the European theater. At the close of the war he served on the General Staff as Chief of the Historical Section of the 3rd Army. That appointment enabled him to travel all over post-war Europe collecting important documents, interviewing major figures and attending important events. Among these were the Nuremberg trials, which greatly affected his view of the world. Brig returned to Berkeley at the end of his service to receive his PhD in 1948, focusing his dissertation on "The Banook of Idaho" because of his interest in Native American history and that of his childhood home. Despite a number of job offers from across the country, Brig signed on as one of two new professors in the fledgling History Department at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. From 1948-1954 he taught history at BYU, but was troubled throughout his tenure there by philosophical differences with the university administration.

With a growing family to support Brig continued to work in the construction business with his father and brothers, joining them on weekends and during the summer, building single and multiple dwelling units. In 1954 he resigned his university appointment and returned full time to the building business serving as president when Madsen Brothers Construction Company was formally incorporated in 1957.

These were, in Brig's words "years of intellectual famine" and he was moved to return to the academic world of research and teaching in 1961, taking an appointment at Utah State University. While there, Brig became involved in training Peace Corps volunteers and he moved to Washington where he served as an assistant Director of Training for the Peace Corps and, later, Director of Training for the VISTA program. The high point in Brig's life was proudly joining Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington and listening to his "I have a dream" speech, "the greatest speech I ever heard in my life."

This administrative experience, together with a background running a construction company led to a series of positions in the University of Utah administration when Brig returned to academia in 1965. He served first as Dean of Continuing Education, then Deputy Academic Vice President before spending several years as Administrative Vice President and Director of Libraries.

The University was undergoing a building boom during those years, and Brig's blend of academic and construction experience meant he had a major hand in the development of the campus. Throughout this period of administrative overload he was also a Professor in the History Department, teaching courses as time allowed. He longed to return to teaching and writing full time, and, after a brief stint as chairman of the department, he was finally able to do so in 1975. He was successful at both, twice winning the university's Distinguished Teaching Award and publishing 11 books between 1979-1986. Two of the latter received the best non-fiction book of the year award given by Westerners International. In many of these his work continued to focus on Native American history such as The Lemhi-Sacawewa's People, The Northern Shoshoni, The Shoshoni Frontier and the Bear River Massacre, and Chief Pocatello, "The White Plume." Due to his significant research and writing about the Shoshoni Indians he was proud to be named an honorary member of the Northern Shoshoni Indian tribe. After his retirement in 1984 Brig continued to write and lecture well into his 90's. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from the University of Utah in 1998. He was a founder and life-long member of the Utah Westerners and was instrumental in the founding of the Utah Humanities Council.

In 1997, his wife Betty died after a lingering illness and he was remarried several years later to Lola Kastler. Soon after their marriage she unexpectedly passed away. He married Mary Harriman in 2003 with whom he enjoyed a loving, caring relationship.

Brigham D. Madsen is survived by his wife Mary, his daughter Karen Loos, Alameda, CA, his son David and wife Evelyn of Austin, TX, daughter Linda and husband John Dunning, Cottonwood Creek, UT and son Steve and wife Deb of Carlsbad, CA and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and by Mary's son Bill, daughter Mary Lynda Smith and grandchildren.

Brigham Dwayne Madsen was a big, gregarious, happy man who loved life, song and the pursuit of historic reality. A man of many interests and a believer in the value of hard work, he loves working with

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both his hands and his mind. He charmed virtually everyone he met and was loved by many, students, colleagues, friends and family alike. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at Larkin Sunset Lawn, Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Visiting hours from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with burial following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the University of Utah Department of History Teaching Assistants Fund, 215 S. Central Campus Dr. SLU, UT 84112 or the Utah Humanities Council, 202 W. 300 N., SLU, UT 84103.

**Ethel LaRue Yardley Powers Stevenson Anderson Kump Hone**  
Kaysville, Utah



Momma was a pistol. She married five men and outlived four of them. On Tuesday she slipped, fell, and broke her hip. And then, she slipped away from us all early Friday morning, December 31, 2010.

Ethel LaRue Yardley was born March 14, 1921 to Russell Samuel and Ethel May Gill Yardley in Christianburg, UT. She was the middle child, with four brothers and two sisters. She loved every minute of growing up on the farm and much preferred being in the field and on the horses with her Dad and three older brothers. Grandpa reminded her daily to spend time in the house helping her mother.

LaRue attended George Washington Elementary School, Gunnison Valley junior and senior high schools. She graduated in May 1939 and moved to Salt Lake City where she worked as a companion for two elderly women. During the early war years she was a driver for the military.

LaRue is preceded in death by husbands: Frank Powers, divorced, 1945; Don Stevenson, married November 1948, died in auto accident, June 1952; Gene Anderson, married June 1953, died in a farming accident August 1956; Arlo Z. Kump, married September 1964, died December 31, 1994 from complications of heart surgery. Also preceded in death by children: Kathy Burcham, Kerry Kump, David Kump, and grandchildren: Nicoy Anderson, and Donnie Kump. LaRue married John E. Hone in November, 1995.

As a single parent, Mom worked hard to provide a comfortable life for her children. She was not perfect-stubborn to a fault for one thing. She taught us many truths: It is not what others think, but what you know to be true that matters; You may as well be happy as sad, because at least you will feel better; If the gossips are talking about you, then at least they are giving someone else a rest. Momma could earn money, plant a lawn, grow a garden (remember the tomatoes), can fruits and vegetables, kill a chicken, and shoot a buck. She was a fabulous home-style cook-Sunday dinners were unforgettable. She taught us how to eat a proper steak: medium rare, thank you.

The love between Arlo Kump and LaRue allowed the creation of our large and wonderful family. Their children include: Richard and Kathy Burcham (deceased), Silver City, NM; Russell C. Stevenson, Ogden, KY; Kerry (deceased) and Nancy Kump, Bluffdale; David and Sharon Stevenson, Mayfield; Penni and Theldon Myrup, Gunnison; Dawn Stevenson, Salt Lake City; Debra Marshall, Bountiful; Rick and Julie Kump, Taylorsville; Scott and Julie Kump, West Valley; Nick and Royleane Anderson, Meridian, ID; and David (deceased) and Diane Kump, San Diego, CA. They have 28 grandchildren and plenty of great grandchildren. From her marriage to John Hone, LaRue has two step-children Ted and Marsha Hone, Sandy; Mike and Tracy Hone, Payson; and Kevin and Stacy Thurston and all of their children and grandchildren.

Mom became active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints later in life-appropriate, hey? She loved her callings as Stake Relief Society Secretary, Relief Society teacher and temple worker at the Manti Temple.

She is survived by: Mary Yardley, Ephraim; Ruth Althea Yardley, Chandler, AZ; Beth Shurtliff, Manti; Gill and Marlene Yardley, Manti; Lee and JoAnn Anderson, Gunnison; and the wonderful family of John Hone. She is also preceded in death by: brother and sister-in-law Thomas R. and Loa Yardley; brother and sister-in-law Birdell and LeOrta Yardley; brother Howard Yardley, brother-in-law and wife Oras and Barbara Anderson.

Mom and John moved to Apple Tree Assisted Living Center in Kaysville, in January, 2007. They always wished they were still in Sanpete County, but grew to appreciate the necessity of being where we could care for them. The staff of Apple Tree loved and took wonderful care of our mother. And we love them all for their kindness and service to Mom and John. Thanks also to Hospice of Utah, especially Lisa Lassiter, Stephanie Dropper, Lisa Harrison, Kevin the Chaplain, and Heather the Social Worker. We also express our gratitude to Dr. James Stewart and Dr. Kristie Oberg at Davis Hospital and Medical Center for their kindness and wisdom during these last days, and to the staff at Avalon Care Center in Bountiful.

We think Momma went off dancing tonight. We hope you do the same. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mayfield LDS Chapel where friends may call Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday morning 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Manti City Cemetery. Funeral Directors: Magley Mortuary, Richfield, Salina and Manti. Online guestbook at [www.magleymortuary.com](http://www.magleymortuary.com)

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