



Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths

January 25, 1918 - March 18, 2020

Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths passed away quietly during the night of March 18, 2020 as the rain fell, surrounded by her three daughters. She was 102 years old.

Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths was born on January 25, 1918 in Smithfield, Utah to Rachel Louisa Hale and Edward Ray Tuttle. Dorothy was the third of 8 children in her family. Her siblings were Elmo (who died at age 6), Jean, Helen, Miriam, Rosemary, Edward (Tedd), and Gary. Growing up, Dorothy's family moved many times. She lived in 27 homes in 9 different towns in Utah, Idaho, and Kentucky before graduating from Logan High School. She first met Nathan Benjamin Griffiths when she was 16 years old. Nate told "Dot" (as he affectionately called her) that he would marry her when she grew up. She married him on September 8, 1936 in the Salt Lake Temple at the age of 18 1/2. They settled in his family home in Smithfield, Utah, where they lived the rest of their lives.

They were blessed with six children: Faye, Scott, Karen, Lyn, Mark and Kathleen. In addition, they fostered Marthella Peter, an Indian Placement daughter, for 8 years. Their hearts were broken when they said an early goodbye to little Scott (age 2) and Karen (age 4) because of the then unknown disease, Cystic Fibrosis. Mark, born prematurely in 1957, lived just 22 hours. Dorothy's testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was strengthened in these losses, and she has lived her life so that her beloved family can be reunited and share eternal life.

Nate's work with LeGrand Johnson Construction took the young family to various places in Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. Nate and Dot lived in a trailer home at the work sites so their family could be together.

Full of life and love that exceeded her 5'2" frame, Dorothy used her talents to bless others: sewing clothes, making prom dresses and costumes, quilting, interior decorating, cooking, building, and gardening. Her children always had the best Halloween costumes and the most creative Valentine boxes.

Dorothy's home was always the gathering place for many family traditions: Santa Christmas Party, Christmas Family shopping, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day Breakfast, Easter Egg Rolling on USU hill, and the monthly Birthday party. These times knit the family together in love.

Dorothy was especially good at LOVING. Her great-granddaughter, Mindy, recently wrote,

“A few months ago, I told Grandma how amazed I am of her ability to make each of us feel like we’re her favorite and, with the most beautiful smile, she said, “You all are!” So if Dorothy Griffiths ever made you feel like you were her favorite it’s because you are!” Living during the Depression, she learned about hard work and frugal living. Yet she shared everything. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she served in all organizations; as Relief Society & Primary president, counselor, teacher, Young Women’s advisor in her 70’s, and compassionate service leader in her 90’s. Dorothy and Nate served a full-time mission to the Alabama Birmingham Mission in 1981-1982. When they returned home, they served as ordinance workers in the Logan Temple for many years. Ministering was her way of life. On the morning of her 100th birthday party, despite her poor eyesight and her inability to stand without assistance, she was at home, hurriedly baking homemade bread and a lemon pie for an injured neighbor before going to her party.

Dorothy’s testimony of Jesus Christ and of His Church is deep and abiding. Her example of dedication, determination and devotion will be felt eternally and will be a guiding force for her posterity. Her faith could move mountains and many of us were the recipients of her true and honest prayers in our behalf.

Dorothy is survived by her three daughters: Faye (Loyal) Andersen, Lyn (Dale) Swan, Kathleen Griffiths, 16 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, 27 great-great grandchildren, and 34 sons and daughters-in-law. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings, husband Nathan (1912-1996), three children: Nathan Scott (1938-1940), Karen (1940-1944) and William Mark (1957), and great-grandson, Brendan Peck (2004-2016). The family would like to thank Kathleen Griffiths for her care, companionship and compassionate service to Mother for the past six years.

A private family viewing will be held Tuesday, March 24 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be broadcast Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Smithfield Cemetery.

Comments



“ Lyn, our condolences to you and your family. I loved working with your mom in the RS. WE were both ward Presidents at the same time. Your mom was always so gracious and kind and an excellent person and leader. What a great life she has lived. And then it was fun to find out when we worked in the temple that she was your mother. Love you

Faye Bell - March 24 at 05:06 PM



“ we are sending our condolences to you and your family at the loss of your mom . what a special lady. Always so happy, friendly and fun. Annette will miss her coming in to get groceries. janel will miss having a good chat with her. our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Annette and Janel Heaps

Annette and Janel Heaps - March 23 at 06:36 PM



“ From your family at Peck Hadfield Baxter & Moore purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths.



From your family at Peck Hadfield Baxter & Moore - March 23 at 04:29 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths.



March 23 at 10:45 AM



“ Dorothy was such an amazing woman and raised amazing daughters as well ♡ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nicole Perkins - March 22 at 04:45 PM



“ Thinking of all of you. Dorothy really was beloved by so many.
Karen Cantwell

Karen Cantwell - March 23 at 05:10 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Rae Tuttle Griffiths.



March 21 at 10:28 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, but I bet she was ready to return to her father in Heaven and to her loved ones who had preceded her in death. I always remember her as being so loving, kind and welcoming. You were blessed to have her with you for so many years,

Nansi Hobbs - March 21 at 01:43 PM



“ Steve says, " I had two Aunt Dot's and I love each of them." What a legacy Dorothy leaves, amazing she lived to be 102 . I remember Dorothy's goodness and kindness to my mother Marj as she took care of Rachel. Dorothy treated Mom like a sister. I remember meeting Dorothy when Steve and I were planning our wedding day. Lyn was getting married at the same time . Both were very kind to me and welcoming to the family. How Dorothy reminded me of Rachel . In her mannerism and in her kindness and friendliness. The same could be said of Rachel , she had the ability to make everyone feel like they were her favorite'. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time as you prepare to "remember" your mother. What areunion for her to be with Edward and Rachel, brothers and sisters, and of course her good, good husband and children who are waiting for her. The gospel is true I know this to be true. Heavenly Father will surround you with His loving arms. Aunt Dot will not be forgotten. With loving thoughts, Steve and Kathleen Proctor

Kathleen Proctor - March 21 at 12:19 PM



“ Dorothy was my wife's aunt in Smithfield who brought groceries and beef -even steaks- to our young family living in the prefabs and struggling to get through college--she and Nate were so thoughtful, kind and considerate. We were still in school with 4 small children when our son died in a tragic accident and we had just gotten home from the hospital when Dorothy and Nate came to our home and were heaven sent to help with their love, concern and kindness. They were the first family able to arrive and we will be eternally grateful for their kindness. Thank the Lord for such a beautiful, wonderful, loving and kind person!!!!\

Sharen and Ernie Dean

ernest dean - March 22 at 12:06 PM