



## Norma Petersen Watts

September 30, 1916 - February 18, 2016

Norma Petersen Watts, 99, passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at her daughter's home in Clinton, Utah.

Norma was born on September 30, 1916, at her grandfather's home in Benson, Cache, Utah, the daughter of Silvin Petersen and Edna Ann Rogers Petersen. The oldest of five children, she is survived by her youngest sister Edna Mae Thomson. On November 22, 1939, she married Ferry J Watts in the Logan LDS temple.

Growing up on a farm she learned to work hard at an early age. She enjoyed hunting and fishing; many stories of such adventures have been enjoyed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid horse woman, and her skills gave her opportunity to compete with her horses in pleasure classes where she received awards and honors.

She attended Benson Elementary, Smithfield Jr. High School, and graduated from North Cache High School.

Visiting teaching became one her joys as she became friends with some very special people in her life. She often talked of the opportunity she had to teach some very lovely girls in her Jr. Gleaner class.

Her work consisted of helping with the school lunch program at the Smithfield Elementary and Jr. High Schools, and then as a dental assistant for some 30 years. While working there she was president of the First District Dental Assistants Society for two years. She also served as the North District Chairman of the March of Dimes in the Cache Valley area.

Norma had a love of gardening and took great pride in a well-kept yard and garden, even being recognized by the mayor for the commitment, energy and time that she gave in the upkeep of it. She pursued that commitment until the age of 94, and then still gave direction. Her family called her the "Energizer Bunny"—she just kept on going.

She loved preparing meals and treats for her family and friends. Her family loved coming to her home for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was noted for her culinary skills which she had learned from working for and serving several celebrated residents of Salt Lake City and Logan before her marriage.

Norma and Ferry were blessed with three children: LeiMomi Jean Gardiner (Errol,

deceased) of Clinton UT, Robert Jackson (Elaine Peart) of Farmington UT, and Marcia Ann Ah Mu (William) of Price UT. In addition, her posterity includes: 14 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her siblings, Maxine, Silvin LaMoyle, and Darrell. She was a widow for over 21 years.

The family would like to thank her neighbors for their kind help in her later years, those at Country Care and Symbii Hospice. We grew to love them all and will forever be grateful for their service to our mother.

The memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016 in the Smithfield First Ward, 79 East 200 South, Smithfield UT, with a viewing held prior to the service from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thank you to Nelson Funeral Home for the arrangements and to the Relief Society and others of the Smithfield First Ward who have prepared for this memorial service.

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Smithfield 1st Ward

79 East 200 South, Smithfield, UT, US

**FEB** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Lei Momi, Bobby and Marcia,

I am so sad to learn of your mothers passing. I was not in Nebraska Jan or Feb returning in the middle of March. There is not enough space here to tell you all of the memories that I have in my heart. From sharing summer days with you guys and knowing your mom and dad as I did.....I have a heart full of sadness as now the memory of the neighborhood for me will never be the same. The last time I visited your mom was with Richard sitting out back at the picnic table eating chocolate chip cookies that she had just baked. We had come home for Richard's class reunion. She was as sharp as a tack and we talked about you guys and about Curt & Ethel. I have some photos that maybe you guys don't have. If I can find them I could share them with you. Our folks spent some Easter picnic's together and lots of lunches up at Mack Park. Wow how the time flies. I think Marcia is a baby in one that I have.

I loved your mom she was so sweet to me. The best. I know how much she loved you and I know how much you will miss her. I was always amazed at how she kept going.

Any time that I came home and went to visit I found her out in the garden or watering the lawn or making cookies if I was lucky.

I am sorry that I was away and am not sure why I was not aware of her passing. I would like to talk to you not via the internet so I will look for your address and phone numbers. I need to keep in touch better.

I miss you guys and love all 3 of you. You are some of my very best childhood memories.

So sorry about your mom. I know she is still baking cookies.

Love you  
Sharon Hill Skinner

**Sharon H. Skinner** - March 24, 2016 at 05:33 PM

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“ Ferry J Watts was added to the Family Tree.

**LeiMomi Gardiner** - February 29, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ Marcia Ann Watts was added to the Family Tree.

LeiMomi Gardiner - February 29, 2016 at 05:33 PM

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“ Leimomi Jean Watts was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Robert Jackson Watts was added to the Family Tree.

LeiMomi Gardiner - February 29, 2016 at 05:31 PM

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“ My family and I were all so sorry to hear of the passing of Norma. She was a wonderful person full of spunk and personality. I was blessed to meet her about ten years ago after I got to know her daughter, Marcia (who is like family to my family). That is when I learned of her love to cook and serve others.

We were fortunate enough to share several Christmases with her and Marcia's family. After she made her delicious toffee for our family, I asked her if I could get her recipe. She said I could but only after I watched her make it. Needless to say, it is an experience I will never forget. Once I learned the technique that she taught very well, I must say I still couldn't make it near as good as she could.

Norma even let me share one my family's favorite recipes, Scotcheroos, with her which I was told she made for neighbors and friends as well as keeping up her toffee tradition.

We loved spending time with her. She was a sweet woman who always brought a smile to our face and will surely be missed.

All our love and prayers go out to her children and their families.

Love, Jaynie Rae & Lee Nielsen and Family:  
Justin, Jaylee, Joshua, Jordan, Jason, Jonas and Jewelianna

Jaynie Rae - February 23, 2016 at 02:42 PM

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“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norma Petersen Watts.



February 23, 2016 at 12:05 AM

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“ Marsha and family, please accept our condolences of your dear mother! I would see her at the grocery store so often in her later years. She seemed to have endless energy. She always had a smile for everyone. Many good memories for you all to treasure.

Brent and Aileen Lee

**Aileen Lee** - February 22, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Marsha and family, I have wonderful memories of your mother. That woman could work anyone under the table. She was a sweet caring mother I am loved you all so much. I have always had a special place in my heart for her. I am so sorry I'm going to be in Arizona and miss the funeral. I send my love . Your friend, Annette

**Annette Harris** - February 22, 2016 at 05:06 PM