



Shirley Ruth Milligan Thompson

Our sweet mother passed away peacefully, in the embrace of her loving children on Saturday, September 10, 2005 in Salt Lake City, twenty-two years to the day after losing her childhood sweetheart, lifelong mate, and our father, Carty.

Born the last of five daughters on November 4, 1927 in Ogden, Utah to William Kerr Milligan and Violet Jane Rouse Milligan, she is survived by two sisters, Virginia Barty of Muscatine, Iowa and Marion Gill of Clinton. Two sisters preceded her in death, Vee Malouf of California, and Dorothy Close Blodgett of Utah.

She is also survived by a son and three daughters; Michael Carty Thompson (Debbie) St James of Ogden, Terry Ann (Phil) Panas of Taylorsville, Patsy Lee Bowman of Murray, and Judy Renae (Randy) McIntyre of West Jordan. She was the grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of fifteen, who will miss her soft hands and smiling eyes always.

During her full life, she lived in Ogden, Sunset, and Salt Lake City, and for a time in Henderson, Nevada, in Kirkland and Duvall, Washington, and in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Wherever she was in her life, her family was her home. Nephew Larry Barty has observed “She was easy to love, and gave her love easily and generously.” That simple statement says it all.

Mom had a rich and colorful childhood with the other Milligan Girls and her parents on Eccles Avenue in Ogden, and she loved to reminisce and to share stories of this period of her life with us. We treasured these moments with her when her face was alight with memories of her past. Late in her life, she was blessed to reunite twice with her two surviving sisters and all of her nieces and nephews. These reunions were precious times that she treasured in the core of her soul. They were fitting exclamation points to the passages of her life. We thank all who helped to give these gifts to our mother, especially those who traveled great distances to make them possible.

We would like to thank the staff of CareSource Hospice Residence for helping us to ease mom’s way during the final five days of her life. They helped us keep our promise to our father that we would take good care of mother. We will never forget their kindness and compassion.

A memorial service will be held at 11AM Saturday, September 17 at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City. Friends and family may come to visit from 10AM.