

IDA-ROSE LANGFORD HALL OBITUARY

Hall, Ida-Rose Langford

Ida-Rose Langford Hall 1921 ~ 2005 Ida-Rose Langford Hall, age 84, died peacefully at home in her sleep, in Provo, Utah, March 7, 2005, surrounded by her loving husband and family. Born February 20, 1921 in Burch Creek, Weber County, Utah, the fourth of seven children of Ernest Fountain and Zina Charlotte Chlarson Langford, Ida-Rose was raised in Ogden. While at Weber State College, she began dating Howard Tracy Hall. They were married September 24, 1941, in the Salt Lake Temple. Ida-Rose was the light of her husband's life. She deferred education to begin a family, not knowing where World War II might take them. After the war, she applied her creative skills to help Tracy earn his Ph.D. at the University of Utah, while she stayed home with three children. His career then took them to Schenectady, New York, where three additional children were born, and where they both served with dedication in a growing branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They moved to Provo in 1955, when Tracy became Director of Research at Brigham Young University. Ida-Rose was soon involved in design and settling of the home where they have since lived and where their children participated in daily family prayer, scripture study, and weekly home evenings. We children grew up convinced that Mom could do anything. An avid learner, she enjoyed BYU classes in history, language, genealogy research, and writing. Ready to take on Scandinavian research, she and Dad traveled to Sweden, searching out archives and ancestral haunts. Mom decided to refinish furniture, found a book on the subject, and soon an entire wall of built-in cabinets, with a matching, set-in piano, displayed her artistry. Mom rose at dawn to prepare nutritious breakfasts, while supervising our music practice and chores. She sewed daily wear for all the children, as well as elegant prom dresses and tailored coats for five daughters; tied secure knots with two sons and dozens of Blazer boys; faithfully wrote weekly letters to five children who served missions; and saw all seven through good times and bad. She rejoiced to see all her children enter the temple for sealing blessings. In 1982-1983, Ida-Rose and Tracy served a mission in South Africa and Zimbabwe. There she put practical know-how to good use, encouraging local saints to become self-sufficient. Afterward, she helped African converts as well as Utah crafters support their families by selling their work at her "Tulip Cottage" in Payson. Ida-Rose enjoyed sharing home-grown vegetables, roses, and exquisite orchids. Her skills benefited church and community, especially as she taught and led in Primary and Relief Society. She published several family histories (most notably Progenitors and Descendants of Fielding Langford); welcomed scientists from all over the world to her home; enjoyed teamwork with her husband in their church service, including his term as bishop of their Provo Pleasant View First Ward; helped tend their Payson tree farm; and took both of their fathers into her good care in their declining years. Perhaps best of all, she and Tracy learned to appreciate rather than struggle with differences, as they forged a solid, good-humored, and mutually supportive unity that has been an inspiration to many. After her cancer diagnosis in 2002, Ida-Rose did not dwell on her illness. Rather, she maintained an upbeat demeanor, lifting others with her wit and positive spirit. Truly she was a faith-filled, hard working, no-nonsense, get-the-job-done-on-time miracle worker. We her children do "arise up, and call her blessed; her husband

also" (Proverbs 31:28; also verse 31). Now she is embraced by ancestors she found, no doubt savoring this chance to ask questions of those who eluded her sleuthing in mortality.

Survivors include her devoted husband, H. Tracy Hall, of Provo; and their seven children: Sherlene (Daniel) Bartholomew, of Orem; H. Tracy (Helen) Hall, of Provo Canyon; and his former wife Elizabeth H. Hall, of Orem; David R. Karen) Hall, of Provo; Elizabeth (Martin) Neil, of Los Altos, California; Virginia (Barry) Wood, of Arlington, Virginia; Charlotte (Bryan) Weight, of Wilsonville, Oregon; and Nancy (Douglas) Mecham, of Provo; 35 grandchildren and 28 (soon 30) great-grandchildren; one sister, Iona (Robert) Lemmons, of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Ernest Fount (Joan) Langford, of Harrisville; James Harvey (Melba) Langford, of West Jordan; a sister-in-law, Elvira (Heber Langford, deceased), of Hooper; a brother-in-law, Irving (Irma Langford, deceased) Wilcox, of Salt Lake City; Eugene (Joyce, deceased) Hall, of Las Vegas; Wendell (Merrill) Hall, of Wallsburg; Donald (Louise) Hall, of Ogden; and Delbert (Carlyn) Hall, of Buena Vista, Virginia. Services will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at 10 a.m., at the Pleasant View First Ward, 650 E. Stadium Ave., Provo. Viewing, Friday, 6-8, at the Sundberg Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State Street, Orem, or at the church, one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Provo City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.sundbergolpinmortuary.com
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