



Alla "Ella" Nicolay

September 26, 1923 - March 28, 2017

Alla Marie "Ella" Nicolay, 93, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Stormont-Vail Health Center.

Ella was born on September 26, 1923, in Osawatomie, Kansas, the daughter of Robert and Florence Phelon Ferris. In 1945, Ella and Leonard Nicolay were united in marriage. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2012. Ella was a wonderful homemaker and she especially enjoyed cooking. She was the matriarch of the household and never let her family forget who was the boss. She wasn't afraid of anything and lived a life of adventure. Ella attended Washburn University, even up to a year ago. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she sang in the choir and also was the chorister. Ella was a talented artist, specializing in beautiful works in charcoal. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother and sister. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Neva Ozment, Gail Albright, Dixie Gaines and Leonard Dean "L.D." Nicolay; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Hilton; brothers, Robert "Bob" Ferris, Elbert Ferris and Eldon "Ray" Ferris; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Ella was also preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Rolland Ferris, Ethel Ewell, Geraldine Tindell, May Jackson, Annabelle Ferris and Ralph Ferris.

Family will greet friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3611 SW Jewell, Topeka KS 66611, with funeral service following at 11 a.m. at the Church.

Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery in Lyndon KS.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the L.D.S. Church for the Missionary Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Lyndon, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3611 SW Jewell
Topeka, KS 66611

Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alla "Ella" Nicolay



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 03, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ Alla "Ella" Nicolay

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Alla was one of my favorite people. She will be sorely missed!! I know that the rose was her favorite flower, so there will be a rose bush planted at the Stake Center in her memory. My condolences to her lovely family.
Sister Peggi Gray

Peggi Gray - April 06, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Mom Nicolay was a very wonderful lady. She came into my life in 1958 when I married her stepson, Russell Nicolay. Even though my marriage to Russ did not last, Mom and Dad Nicolay and I always kept in touch. Was fortunate to travel with my present husband to see them several times. I will miss talking to her. Dixie, may you feel comfort in having them both for so many years. Elsie Jones

elsie Jones - April 03, 2017 at 10:27 PM

JO

“ L.D. and Family,
Your mother was a gracious woman, full of compassion and kindness. I remember her from when I was just 15 and she made such an impression on me that I have never forgotten her. May you find peace in the knowledge that she was so loved by all wh met her.

Jenny Bilbro Orton
Topeka KS

Jenny Orton - April 03, 2017 at 07:58 AM

GE

“ Preston said it very well for the children (and their families) who were fortunate enough to have Granny and Grandpa Nicolay as their caretakers. Our Krissy loved them both so much. Sadly, she died of leukemia at the age of 13 on July 7, 2003. We will not foget the Nicolays' tender, loving care of her. With sympathy and love,
Dennis and Gwen Elliott

Gwen Elliott - April 02, 2017 at 10:05 PM

PW

“ Mrs. Nicolay was a very bright beacon of light for our family. When our now 35 year old son was a baby, Mrs. Nicolay placed an advertisement in the Topeka Capital Journal Newspaper, informing folks that she was prepared to babysit for infants through pre - school ages. Nadine and I had been calling around for several weeks, trying to find the best possible candidate to watch over our son, as we both worked outside the home. Mrs. Nicolay was contacted about one day from our closing out any more calls, and it was decision time. Mrs. Nicolay was contacted, we interviewed her, and fell in love with this remarkable woman and her husband - later to be identified as just "grandpa Nicolay".

Mrs. Nicolay did so much for our son, and helped shaped the kind of character that he (Travis Williams) has today. Mrs. Nicolay was there for Travis' potty - training, for his discipline training, and for his first day on the school bus to go to kindergarten. She and "grandpa" were excellent role models for Travis, and great support people for young and inexperienced parents like ourselves. Mrs. Nicolay was and still is an angel in our lives, and we are glad to have had the privilege of knowing her for over 30 years now.

God has called her home, and "grandpa" is there to welcome her as well. Rest in perfect peace Mrs. Nicolay. You have more than earned your wings beneath everyone's feet. Love you. Nadine, Preston, Travis, Kiara Williams.

Preston Williams - April 02, 2017 at 11:28 AM

SS

“ Stacey, Andy, Brittany, Cody and Scott purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Alla "Ella" Nicolay .



Stacey, Andy, Brittany, Cody and Scott - April 01, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alla "Ella" Nicolay .



April 01, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Alla "Ella" Nicolay .



March 31, 2017 at 02:16 PM