



## Merilyn Flora Luke Stanfield Urry

February 12, 1935 - August 22, 2019

Merilyn Flora Luke Stanfield Urry, age 84, passed away peacefully in her home on August 22, 2019 in Midway, Utah. She was surrounded by loved ones.

She was born February 12, 1935 in Twin Falls Idaho to Ottosen Luke and Edna Dillon Luke. She grew up in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Merilyn had many gifts, mostly surrounding music and the arts. Merilyn attended BYU and majored in Music. As a young adult she was part of a professional singing quartet called the "Mam'selles". They toured the US performing and had a few records. She has great memories from those years.

In 1960 Merilyn married DeVon Stanfield in the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived in Hollywood, California where DeVon owned a film production studio, Destiny Pictures. In 1967 DeVon died in a tragic accident, leaving Merilyn a young widow at the age of 32 with four children and one on the way. After a family meeting with her siblings, it was decided that Merilyn would take a few classes at University of California in Berkley to earn her bachelor's degree so she could become an elementary school teacher and support her family. Once she earned her degree she became a kindergarten teacher in Dublin California. It was at this time in her life that she met her cherished sweetheart and eternal companion, Roger Urry. Roger had 4 children from a previous marriage. They were married August 1, 1970 with a blended family of 9 children. Tragically, In 1971 Merilyn lost her 6-year-old son, Rustin, in a fire.

In 1978 Roger & Merilyn moved to Midway, Utah. They grew their family, adding 3 more sons. Their "His, Hers & Ours" family was an adventure, to say the least. Merilyn & Roger became heavily involved in the community, volunteering countless hours with the Swiss Days program as well as Swiss Bells, Midway Boosters, Swiss Christmas, 4th of July Sunrise Service and in many other capacities. In 2007 they were the "Honored Citizens" for Swiss Days.

Merilyn is a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has served in hundreds of ways, mostly in a musical capacity. Merilyn has personally arranged dozens of pieces of church music and hymns and has several original compositions. She is known throughout the church and community for organizing, directing or producing plays, programs, choirs, road shows, and other entertainment.

Merilyn was actively involved in the politics and served as the president of the Utah Federation of Republican Women from 1994-1995. She served as a delegate for the state of Utah and has attended many Utah and United States government functions, inaugurations and balls.

Merilyn was preceded in death by her son, Rustin Stanfield as well as her sister, Rosalind Luke Crosby and brothers Donald Luke and Noel Luke, and daughter-in-law, Sue Thornton Urry.

Merilyn is survived by her husband Roger Urry, and her children and stepchildren: Kelly Stanfield, Denise Stanfield Cummings (Kasey), Jennifer Stanfield Ruff (Larry), DeVon Stanfield, Nathan Urry (Galena), Jason Urry (Jenny), Kimball Urry (Melinda), Gordon Urry, Robbie Urry, Randy Urry; brothers Steve Luke (Joanie), Arlo Luke (Jackie), and Roice Luke (Nedra); 22 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Because of conflicts with Swiss Days, funeral services will not be held in Midway. Viewing to be held Friday, August 30 from 6-8 p.m. at Heber Valley Funeral Home 288 N. Main Street, Heber, UT 84032. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 31. Viewing at 10:00 a.m., funeral at 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston LDS chapel located at 3450 South 3500 West, Heber (Charleston). Graveside service will be immediately after at the Midway Cemetery.

Merilyn was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Condolences may be shared online at [www.probstfamilyfunerals.com](http://www.probstfamilyfunerals.com).

# Cemetery

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## Midway City Cemetery

700 W. 500 S.

Midway, UT, utah

# Events

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**AUG** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Heber Valley Funeral Home

288 N. Main St., Heber City, UT, US, 84032

**AUG** **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:15AM

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Charleston Ward

3450 S. 3500 W, Charleston, UT, US, 84032

**AUG** **Funeral Services** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Charleston Ward

3450 S. 3500 W, Charleston, UT, US, 84032

# Comments

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“ Hello Roger Dell and Lisa Gardner  
We will always miss Marilyn, (we need to see you more) but what a lady what a life she led.  
I remember her long dark hair and how involved she was with with the art--in fact everything--she was always a joy to be around and she was kind to me  
We worked with the women's Republican group -which she had built up so well She always had a good thing to say and I'm sure she did so much good too things we don't even know about.  
We loved her (and your Mr. Santa) Mrs. Santa which I tried to copy but never quite came close.  
We hope you are holding on as best you can--do you have support around?--and - don't you dare get depressed--fight for life and don't let fear overcome you.  
We love you both and mourn with your loss  
Dell and Lisa Gardner 435-503-6650--call anytime  
P.S. we would have been there to the funeral except for Swiss Days--she probably was dancing around with everyone.

Lisa Lianne Gardner - September 02 at 11:27 AM

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“ Steve & Joanie, so sorry about your sisters passing. The music gene runs deep, as we have so enjoyed your talents over the years @ our ward functions Steve. And your sister was a wonderful musical talent as storied in this Probst posting. Love your family deeply & you are some of our most beloved Forever California friends. Love Jim & Lynda Krog

lynda krog - September 01 at 01:06 PM

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“ Marilyn was a wonderful example to me. She was talented and kind. I always appreciated the warm welcomes she gave me when we met. It made my heart happy. I will miss her warm greetings and her cheerful smile.

While I know she is in a good place, my prayers go out to the family members who are left behind.

David Nielson - August 31 at 10:57 AM

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“ Meryllyn was the matriarch of a lovely large family, of which she could be justifiably proud. My condolences to them all.

Duane Stanfield, uncle to the Stanfields in her family

**Duane Stanfield** - August 30 at 07:26 PM

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“ I knew Meryllyn through my parents, Bill and Kaye Kissell. Meryllyn was spiritual, active in so many things, so talented, unique and gracious and so much fun. I remember Meryllyn and Roger as Mr and Mrs Santa Clause. I remember Meryllyn at Swiss Days ringing Swiss bells. I remember many fun Christmas ward parties and book club parties with Meryllyn. We will all miss Meryllyn here on earth but I know in my heart that Meryllyn is in a greater place and will always be in our hearts and memories.

**Terry Kissell** - August 30 at 06:22 PM



“ I only met her through my granddaughter one time .She welcomed us with open arms and we stayed in her house. I was very grateful for taking care of Melissa .  
So sorry for the family and friends in Utah she will be missed.

**Joanne Brown** - August 31 at 04:00 PM

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“ Hi Roger and family..I express my deepest sympathy to you. Roger you and I have been close friends and worked together in music and church with lots of good times in both. Meryllyn and Georgia Dawn were also good friends and did many activities together and served each other at times. It is especially hard for us men to loose our sweethearts being so close in love and friendship as you and Meryllyn (and Georgia Dawn and I) were. My heart at your hurting is real for you as I feel that kind of loneliness every day. I pray often for the Savior's comforting blessing through His great Atoning sacrifice. I have sought and received it often.

My love to you all

Dennis Clegg

**Dennis Clegg** - August 27 at 07:31 PM

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“ From Salt Lake County's Regional Development Team purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Merilyn Flora Luke Stanfield Urry.



From Salt Lake County's Regional Development Team - August 27 at 12:15 PM

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“ Merilyn became a treasured friend when we both lived in Dublin, CA. I am a pianist and music teacher, so we ended up working on many musical numbers, roadshows and other projects together. Her Nathan and my Carin are the same age, her Jason and my Jason are the same age, and Kimball and my Kelli are just a month apart. We were so sad when they moved from Dublin to Midway! We had a lot of family in Utah, so would come to visit for part of our vacation each year, and it never was without a visit to the Urrys in beautiful Midway.

Merilyn and I would spend time going over new musical numbers and idea, or shopping for antiques and interesting fabrics for one of her many projects. I love seeing the changes in their home every year and they made it more and more their own. Just like they did in Dublin, they had a home full of her artistic and creative touches.

Once when we were complaining to Roger and Merilyn that house prices were far too high in CA and that we loved Midway, they took us to see a "house we could afford", It turned out to be a broken down cabin with just one window, sitting in the middle of a dry field. After that, we would end phone calls with me telling Merilyn to "watch our for OUR house!". The next year I received an interesting gift --- she gave us a lovely oil painting of that cabin and Roger frame it with some of the wood that had fallen off! It hung in our family room for years!

I'll miss her till we meet again!

Nina Black Bishop - August 27 at 01:08 AM

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“ What a talented lady. I remember her helping with many roadshows and programs. I was definitely blessed by her talents.  
Thinking of you all at this time.  
Love, Aleisa and Alan Eaton

Aleisa Eaton - August 26 at 09:16 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Merilyn Flora Luke Stanfield Urry.



August 26 at 05:42 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Merilyn Flora Luke Stanfield Urry.



August 26 at 04:41 PM

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“ We remember when the Urry's moved into Midway and became a part of the Midway 1st Ward. We were blessed to have Merilyn share her musical gifts and talents with Midway. I had the opportunity to sing with her in ward choirs and Swiss Days chorus, be in her reader's theaters, have her transpose music for me, and just be able to learn from her. She was always willing to help with musical programs, Swiss Days , etc. and sacrificed her time to help others. It was always a delight to see Roger and Merilyn as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and she made a perfect one.

To Roger and children, may you know of our sincere sympathy in the loss of your wife and Mother. May you be filled with the love of our Heavenly Father as the weeks and months go by. May you be blessed with peace, comfort, sunshine, laughter, and most of all love from your family and friends. Roy and Martha Remund

**Martha Remund** - August 26 at 04:22 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Marilyn in my days in Midway! Many musical times, fantastic Christmas parties, Swiss Days, Swiss chorus, I could go on. But one exceptional time was when she and I made the trip to Washington DC to the inauguration of George W Bush! We spent 4 glorious days going to the production at Lincoln memorial, the inauguration, the ball, the parades all in the freezing rain and snow and she-never slowed down! It was truly a glorious time and an opportunity to get to know her even more and all of her talents and tenacity. She is truly one lovely and talented lady Thank you Marilyn for your friendship and sharing of all your talents. With Love Dianne Davey

**Dianne Davey** - August 26 at 04:59 PM