

Myrtle Ellen Campbell Short Dilworth

Myrtle Ellen Campbell Short Dilworth was born to Warren Campbell and Mary E. White Campbell in Liberty, Utah, December 7, 1890. She was the fourth child born into a family of 7 brothers and 7 sisters.

Her early life was spent engaging in the activities of helping her parents and brothers and sisters make a happy and loving home. She attended school until she was fifteen years of age when it became necessary for her to work to contribute to the finances of the family.

In December of 1899 she was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, a step which was to start her preparation for greater Church service.

At the age of 16 she met Ira Temple Short and after a courtship of four years they were married in the Slat Lake Temple, November 15, 1911. They were blessed with eight children, Lyle Temple, Grant Warren, Viola Mary, Glenn Ira, Twins - Cleo and Leo, Ellen Myrtle and Irene Margaret. The twins died in infancy and Viola died at the age of 22 due to a heart ailment.

The first few years of her marriage were spent on a farm in Farr West, Utah, until 1919 when they moved to Heyburn, Idaho. It was to be the home where they would raise their family and build their lives together with their children. During the years that followed she was called upon to make many sacrifices while her husband was serving as a Bishop of the Emerson Ward. But her deep and abiding love for her husband and the church made it possible for her to carry on when his duties made it necessary for him to be away from the home. Because of this love and their testimonies of the Gospel they were able to provide a home of love and serve the Lord with all their hearts.

During the years 1936 to 1937 her husband was called on a short term mission for the church in Oregon and she joyfully accepted the responsibilities to support and sustain her husband and to direct the affairs of the family while he was gone.

In 1939 her youngest son, Glenn, was called to fill a two year mission for this church in Texas-Louisiana. Again great sacrifices were made to support Glenn on his mission. It was during this time that her oldest daughter, Viola, passed away leaving her son, Jay Eldon, who was 16 months of age, to her mother's kind and loving care until his Father's re-marriage 4 years later.

The next few years were to test her faith and courage when two of her sons were called to active duty during World War II. But with love and devotion she assumed her share of added responsibilities on the farm until the boys would return.

Her beloved husband was stricken with cancer and required her constant care and keeping. But true to her character and devotion to her loving husband she provided the kind and tender care that helped make their remaining years together, years blessed with a true and everlasting love for one another. All this was accomplished while continuing to serve her Father in Heaven through the many positions of service in the church.

Her service was unique in the respect to the wide and varied positions of responsibility she had been blessed with-that of a War Clerk for two years when her husband was Bishop.

After many years of suffering her husband passed away in 1949. Life was lonely for her now but a few years later she was blessed with the companionship of Ernest Dilworth and they were married in the Spring of 1952. their life together was one of dedicated service to the Lord.

They were active temple workers together and even after he lost his eyesight they continued this work. The majority of their married life was spent together in their humble little home in Kimberley, Idaho.

The true sign of her character was again exemplified by her concern and love for her husbands children. The joys and sorrow she suffered with them is an indication of the boundless love she had for all. Once again she was called upon to give whole heartedly of herself in help to her husband when he lost his eyesight, until his death, June 1, 1965.

Following the death of her husband, Ernest, her life became centered again to service in the Church and sharing in the joys and accomplishments of her posterity - ever willing to do all she could for her children and their families. Her life exemplified the great role which God intended a woman to be - a devoted wife, loving mother, precious grandmother, ever willing to give of herself to her fellowman, willing to endure all that life yields in mans struggle to attain that which we were sent here to accomplish. Remembering only the thoughts and teachings of the Savior "when in the service of your fellowmen you are in the service of your Father in Heaven."

Following a short illness, she passed away Friday morning, March 1, 1968, in Cassia Memorial Hospital, Burley, Idaho.

She is survived by three sons, Lyle Temple - Hayward, California, Grant Warren - Pocatello, Idaho, Glenn Ira - Portland, Oregon, - two daughters, Ellen Bailey - Rupert, Idaho, and Margaret Kinney - Hayward, California, two brothers, Glenn Doral Campbell and Donald Ira Campbell, Three sisters, Sarah Luella Alvord, Bessie Lovina Randall, and Vera Jane Woodfield. Twenty grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The family wants to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped make her life happy during the years she was here and especially to the little group of Relief Society quilters with whom she spent so much time. This helped make her life so full, and this association was so dear to her.