
Marla Madge (Cook) Stone



ST. GEORGE, Utah - Marla Madge Cook Stone departed this life on Jan. 31, 2013.

She was born May 13, 1919, in Lyman, Idaho, to Charles Freeman Cook and May Florence Thornton Cook. Madge was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 57 years, Hileman Guy Stone; son, Guy; brothers, Charles Sylvanus, Orval, Ronald and LeGrand; and sister, Nettie Cook Miller.

She is survived by her daughter, Krista, and son-in-law, Robert; grandchildren, David, Michael and Guy Stone, Bruce, Jamie and Ryan Robertson; and seven great-grandchildren.

Madge's favorite pastime was reading; she loved to read. She also liked gardening, picnics and fly-fishing.

Madge liked to embroider quilt blocks and to work on afghans. She liked square dancing in her younger years. She was thankful for and thoughtful of her friends. She had as many friends as she did because she was a good friend. Madge's father worked on dry farms east of Rexburg when she was a young girl. She recounted the story many times when she and her brother rode the horse four miles through the snow to the two-room school house. When her brother reached his girlfriends house, Madge had to get down out of the saddle, grab on to the horse's tail and was literally pulled through the snow the last mile or so until all three of them reached the school.

Madge lived with her family on the Fort Hall Indian reservation where an Indian lady named Leota Luceer showed her how to bead moccasins and let her help water the horse. The following year, her father was hired by the Union Pacific Fruitland Express and the family moved to Cuppetville, a little town close to Pocatello. Madge's fondest childhood memories were of Cuppetville and the years she lived there. The family left this wonderful childhood haven when her father, Charles, became ill and they had to move back to Rexburg in 1932.

Madge met Hileman Guy Stone at a main street drugstore (Woodnancy drugstore) in Rexburg. Madge would see Hileman during the fall semester when he was awarded a scholarship during the football season. Hileman was the quarterback for the team and also played that same position in high school. Madge and Hileman married on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, 1940, in Rexburg. Two children were born, a son, Guy, in September, 1941 and a daughter, Krista, born May 1948. Hileman joined the LDS Church in 1957, their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1966.

Madge liked to attend religion classes and continuing education classes at the college. She was an excellent cook and home-maker. Every summer, Madge canned the family's favorite - bottled raspberries and raspberry jam. Madge complained little, when, in her last months, she endured much illness.

Graveside services will be held Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, at 1 p.m. at the St. George City Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday, prior to services, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m at Metcalf Mortuary, 288 West St. George Blvd., St. George, Utah. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Metcalf Mortuary, 435-673-4221. Please visit our website at www.metcalfmortuary.com for condolences, complete obituary and funeral listings.

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