



## **Ileen Sunderland Cook**

Our beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, got her wish of spending her 50th wedding anniversary with her sweetheart. Ileen Sunderland Cook, age 83, passed away on November 7, 2002, at her home in Cedar Fort, Utah.

Ileen was born November 20, 1918, in Lehi, Utah, nine days after the armistice ending World War I was

signed. She was the third of eight living children born to Thomas Edward and Alice Elizabeth Chadwick Sunderland. Ileen grew up on a farm in Lehi between the banks of the Jordan River and the Cutler Railway Station. When she was three years old, Ileen had her first major trial when she contracted the crippling disease of polio. The effects of this illness would always affect her life. Ileen graduated from Lehi High School in 1937 where she was one of seven honor students to give addresses at graduation. Ileen attended BYU where she received her bachelors in elementary education. Her first teaching job was in Henrieville (bottom of Bryce Canyon), Utah. For more than 31 years, Ileen taught school and substituted many more. Ileen worked at American Fork's Harrington School, and both the old and new Lehi Elementary schools. Her last 15 years were spent at the Cedar Valley Elementary School where she taught kindergarten, first and second grades in their little two room school.

Ileen served a full-time stake LDS mission for the Lehi Stake and was a teacher and counselor in the Sunday School, Young Women, Primary and Relief Society. She was Relief Society president for many years and Cedar Valley Ward organist for over 20 years.

On November 17, 1952, Ileen married Fon Elvin Cook in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. While still teaching school, Ileen helped him on their poultry farm in Cedar Fort. They were blessed with four children: Darrell Cook and Brian Cook of Cedar Fort; Blaine (Marla) Cook and LaNae (Brad) Kirkham of American Fork. Ileen is survived by her four children and her six grandchildren: Cameron, Landon and Rachel Cook and Kathleen, Elizabeth and Trenton Kirkham. She is also survived by her brother Reed Sunderland, and her sister Alta Powell, both of Lehi; and her sisters, June Arave, Blackfoot, ID; and Iva Dell Anderson, Claremont, CA. She is preceded in death by her sweetheart, parents, and her brothers, Wayne and Boyd Sunderland; and her sister, Mirl Healey.

Many thanks to Karen Wilcox and Vista Care Hospice for making mom comfortable and letting her stay in her home. Funeral services will be held Monday, November 11, 2002, at 12 noon at the Cedar Fort LDS Chapel. Friends and family may call Sunday evening 6-8 p.m. at the Wing Mortuary, 118 E. Main, Lehi, and Monday at the church one hour prior to services. Interment, Cedar Fort City Cemetery.