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DEATH: GENEVE CATHERINE EVANS MERCER

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Geneve Catherine Evans Mercer, 98, died Sept. 3, 1995 in Bountiful.

She was born April 4, 1897 in Lehi, a daughter of Hyrum Jones and Lillian Mary Yates Evans, the third child in a family of nine. For short periods of time during her childhood, the family lived at Saratoga where her father farmed, and at Topliff in Tooele County where limestone was quarried for the Lehi Sugar Factory. A good student who loved mathematics, she graduated from Lehi High School and attended Brigham Young University and the University of Utah. She taught school for three years prior to her marriage.

She married Charles E. (Charley) Mercer of American Fork, Sept. 25, 1923 in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died April 29, 1961.

She was a partner with her husband during the years he was involved in mining at Mercur, Tooele County and farming on the Lehi bench. She loved the out of doors. She was deeply religious and proud of her grandparents, all of whom were Lehi pioneers. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. She valued education and was very proud of the educational attainments of family members, and the LDS missions they served.

In 1968 she moved to Salt Lake City to be near her sister, Lillian Evans Reader.

She is survived by sons and daughters and their spouses, Arva (John) Smith, Price; Charles E. (Dorothy) Mercer, Simi Valley, California, currently serving an LDS mission at Salt Lake Temple Square; Jedda (David) Monson, Bountiful; Julian J. (Diana) Mercer, Lehi; and William Y. (Beverly) Mercer, Menan, Idaho; 20 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters and one brother, Lillian Reader, Salt Lake City; Zona Steiner, Colombia, California; DeVere Oliver, Lehi; and E. Glen Evans, West Jordan; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, two grandchildren, Susan Mercer and Michael Smith; her parents; sister, Mary Kirkland, and brothers, Hyrum V. Evans, Thomas William Evans, and Abel John (Abe) Evans.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 8, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wing Mortuary chapel, 118 E. Main, Lehi, where friends may call Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. and Friday one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Lehi City Cemetery.

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