

# IN LOVING Memory

Dorothy Marie Berrier James was born November 2nd, 1935, in the family home that her great-great grandfather built in Lyman, Wyoming.

Her parents, John Lee (Jack) Berrier and Leah Jane (Voss), lived their entire lives in Lyman. Dorothy had five brothers, John Lee Jr., Lewis Emerson, Duane H, Kendal Richard, and Gordon Hale.

Their most favorite thing to do was to visit the Uinta mountains to hunt and fish.

When Dorothy turned 4, the school district asked her parents if she could start a year early because Doe Holfer (Platts) would have been the only girl in her class that year. She graduated in 1953 (?) from Lyman High school with a class of 10 boys and 2 girls.

She attended the University of Wyoming. While there she enjoyed the LDS institute program and met her future mission presidents, Ed and Elizabeth Baird. Upon graduation Dorothy moved to Green River, Wyoming and taught elementary school for 7 years.

Dorothy's bishop asked her if she would serve a mission. She was called to serve in the Southwest Indian mission based in Gallup, New Mexico. (We can only imagine her driving a pick-up truck across the Indian reservation in a dress). While on her mission she met the love of her life, Elder Charles Wesley James from Palo Alto, California. However, the mission rules did not allow them to pursue a relationship. Chuck returned home first and spent Thanksgiving in Wyoming with Dorothy's family before she came home. Dorothy returned home. Their first date was late December of 1963. (Thus, the song was infused into our lives). After that, Dorothy didn't have much of a choice but to say yes. They were married three months later on March 26th, 1964, in the Salt Lake Temple.

They chose to live in Taylorsville. Dorothy found an elementary teaching job there and Chuck worked for Union pacific while he attended BYU at night. Their marriage was blessed with two sons. Richard Michael (Judy) of Springville, UT and Brion Lee (Belinda) of Riverton, UT.

Dorothy taught in Taylorsville for seven years. In 1972 the family moved to Salinas, California to be near Chuck's family. That only lasted 6 months, when they packed up and moved to Flagstaff, Arizona to be back near the mission field.

Dorothy took a 2 ½ year sabbatical from teaching while in Flagstaff. Her children remember those years having mom at home.

In 1976, Dorothy and Chuck moved the family to Lyman to be closer to her family. She taught 3rd grade and Kindergarten in Lyman until she retired in 1999. She enjoyed living in her parents' home that she and Chuck remodeled, carrying on the family heritage for more years. There she enjoyed hosting parties, reunions, and weddings in the yard. She loved living in Lyman making new friends and rekindling friendships with old friends.

In 2012, Chuck and Dorothy moved to Springville, Utah. This allowed them to be closer to grandkids, Richard and Judy's kids, Andrew Scott (Aubrey, Springville, great-grandchildren David Redford and Molly Mabel), Brandon Voss (Kennedy, Bluffdale), Olivia Xochitl (Paul Murphy, Springville, great-grandchild Clara Rose), Tyler Clark (Springville), Wesley Quinton (Orem). Brion and Belinda's kids, Austin Lee (Jessica, Daybreak, great grandchildren, Faith Mariah, Jaylee Robin, and Aurora Lee), Cassandra Ariel (Jordan, Daybreak, great grandchild Winston Alexander), Shelby Nicole (Riverton).

She was preceded in death by her parents and all five brothers.

Dorothy made new friends everywhere she went and enjoyed her sunset years in Springville. She will be missed immensely by those who knew her, including the 1000s of elementary students who remember Mrs. James.



Dorothy Marie Berrier James  
November 2, 1935 – April 22, 2023



