

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY LORENE ISABELLE NICKLE TIDLUND

Lorene was the fourth child and third daughter of Dan and Lena Nickle. She was born in Springfield, Missouri, on June 19, 1922.

Lorene had a happy childhood with many friends and cousins to associate with. She was always bright and talented. She told of being in the eighth grade and scoring higher on an IQ test than any of the other students. She would have liked to have gone to college, but settled for a high school education and during this pre-war time she did like most of the other girls and went to work.

Lorene married Alvin LeRoy Tidlund on November 12, 1943. Al was a very good-looking Air Force pilot and while he was overseas Lorene moved back in with her parents and worked until his return. Being married during war time meant they were not able to have a temple marriage, but were married in the temple when Al returned home.

Lorene was a faithful wife and supported her husband through years of education and in his practice as an attorney – even working in his office to supplement their income.

Lorene was told in her patriarchal blessing (1940) that she would have the privilege of “mothering” children. She did indeed when Randall Eugene and Russell Dean were born. She was a very lovely mother and had much to share with her children. At her funeral her son Russell stated several times that as a mother she was second to none and both of her sons loved and adored her.

In addition to being a wife, mother, working, and keeping a lovely home, Lorene excelled in her church callings, accepting many positions and perhaps the ultimate one of becoming the first Stake Relief Society President when the St. Louis Stake was organized. Prior to this time she served as branch and district R. S. Presidents in the East Missouri District.

Like most people, Lorene suffered many difficulties and obstacles that were placed in her path. She was ill for a goodly portion of her life and toward the end was bed ridden, but she continued to work on family history, encouraged others and even did missionary work to those who would come to her house to help her. These were things she loved dearly.

After much tribulation with her health, Lorene passed away February 14, 2001 in Springfield, Missouri, having fulfilled a most useful life despite her poor health in her later years. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother and she loved all of these rolls and brought honor to herself and others in the way she conducted her life.

(Compiled by her sister, W. Nadyne Nickle, February 2006)