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Etheleen Anderson Shell Bowler, age 88, passed away from complications of terminal cancer Dec. 26, 2004 at her daughter Judy's home in Richfield, Utah.

Besides her daughter and son-in-law Neal, all of her grandchildren and great-grand-children were present to give

loving support during the last days of

her life. Etheleen was born August 9, 1916 in Mayfield, Sanpete County, Utah. She graduated from South High in Salt Lake City. She married Kenneth Ray Shell, April 26, 1937 in Sparks, Nevada. Sealing ordinances were later performed in the St. George LDS temple. Ken died January 31, 1985. She married Marion Bowler in Gunlock, Utah on August 15, 1987, and they shared happy years together. He died February 25, 1998. Etheleen will be remembered for many qualities, particularly her love of people, a love amply returned to her. For many years she worked as a greeter in the St. George LDS Temple and enjoyed putting her arms around people and welcoming them to the temple. She was at ease with people of all ages from her small great-grandchildren to the teenage ones, to her contemporary friends, "the girls." She frequently helped neighbors. She had a keen sense of humor and was fond of sharing anecdotes with friends and family. She was always stylish and meticulous in her dress, taking pride in her appearance. She was graceful and beautiful, yet spunky and strong. She played golf until she was 86, and won the championship at the Red Hills golf course in St. George four times. She also played in the Dixie Classic golf tournament several years with her second husband Marion. Over her lifetime, she had three holes-in-one. Etheleen was a superb homemaker. Excellent meals, a peaceful atmosphere, good conversation, and loving hospitality were the order of the day in her home. Though she was always welcome in her daughter's home and in the homes of her grandchildren, she liked the independence of living alone in her later years. Etheleen lived in St. George for over 30 years, moving there from California with her husband Ken when he retired. She traveled to many interesting places with her family, including Japan, Germany, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean. She is survived by her daughter Judy (Neal) Busk; five grandchildren: Kerri (Brad) Nielsen, Kirsten (Russell) Hendry, Chris (Becca) Busk, Jeremy (Maren) Busk, and Noelle (Ryan) Ringel; as well as nine great-grandchildren: Kamis, Marissa, Logan, and Torrey Nielsen; Anne and Adam Hendry; Mayen and Emery Etheleen Busk; and Zachary Ringel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Linda Anderson, and her sisters, Blanche Christiansen, Delma Miller, and Thelma Ash; and by her brothers, Glen, LaMar, and Royal Anderson. Her younger brother, Ted (Phyllis) Anderson, resides in Campbell, California. The funeral will be Thursday, December 30, at noon at the Fifth Ward Chapel in St. George, 85 South 400 East. Viewings will be Wednesday evening, December 29, from 6 to 8 at Metcalf Mortuary, 288 West St. George Blvd, and at the church one hour prior to services. Interment and graveside services will be at noon on Friday, December 31, at Lake Hills Cemetery, 10055 South State in Sandy. If desired, donations can be made to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, 2000 Circle of Hope Dr. #5127, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-5550.