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PAUL, ID-Velma Braithwaite Coray, 79, of Paul, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Valley Vista Care Services in Rupert, Idaho, after a valiant struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Velma was born on Jan. 21, 1936, in Spanish Fork, Utah, to Roy Easel and Emma Lottie (Burraston) Braithwaite. She grew up in Dividend, Utah, and, throughout her life talked about her fond memories living there. When Velma was 11 years old, her sister and lifelong friend, Linda, was born. When Velma was in high school, they moved the family house from Dividend (now a ghost town) to Payson, Utah. Following high school, Velma earned a nursing degree from the University of Utah. She married her sweetheart, Don Hurst Coray, on Sept. 4, 1958, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They lived in Payson, Utah, for several years, then moved to Granger (West Valley) where they built a home together. Velma was a devoted mother to her four children.

Velma worked as a registered nurse. However, most of her life was spent as a hard-working homemaker. She gardened, sewed, crocheted, knitted, baked, made chocolates, and decorated cakes. She loved holidays and made each one special with fun traditions and delicious goodies - mint brownies being a favorite.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Velma served faithfully in all of her church callings, from the smallest to the largest. Don and Velma served as missionaries at the Church Museum of History and Art. After Don's death, Velma continued serving for as long as she was able. Velma had a strong testimony of prayer and of Jesus Christ. She had a good attitude, especially when life's journey was difficult. She was loved by all those who came in contact with her.

In 2004, Velma moved to Paul, Idaho, to live with her daughter, Wendy, and her family. She moved to Valley Vista Care Services in Rupert in 2013. We are grateful to the employees at Valley Vista, Dr. Glen Page, and Minidoka Home Health, who so lovingly cared for her.

She is survived by two daughters, Wendy (Shannon) Brown of Paul, Idaho, and Karen (Wayne) White of Joplin, Mo.; one son, Darron (Amy) Coray of Sunset, Utah; a son-in-law, Dave (Katre) Nye of Pocatello, Idaho; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Linda Davis of Draper, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don; one daughter, Denise Coray Nye; and a grandson, Morgan David Nye.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 3, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., in Paul, with Bishop Shannon Brown officiating.

A graveside service and dedication of the grave will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Payson City Cemetery, 805 E. 400 N., in Payson, Utah.

Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

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