



# Theda Elaine Clegg

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**T**heda Elaine Farnsworth Clegg, 93, of Spring Valley, California, graduated from this mortal school on January 1, 2018, and is now working on her graduate degree surrounded by her husband and those beloved family members who graduated before she did. Elaine was born in Seattle, Washington, on October 30, 1924, and was the eldest of three children. She later moved to the San Francisco area and then to Redwood City. She graduated from Sequoia High School and later from San Jose University with a Bachelor's degree. She also served an honorable full-time mission in the southern states for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She married Robert H. Sanders, and together they had six children. They later divorced, and Elaine moved to Ogden, Utah, to be near her sister, Shirley Berlin. Elaine reared her six children in Ogden as a single mother. She obtained employment with the State of Utah as a social worker where she worked hard to support her family and to help others who were struggling. Life was hard for the family, but because of her efforts and strengths, all of her children graduated from high school, and five obtained college degrees. Three of her children served missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and all six received their temple endowments. All of her children made good reputations for themselves, and this is to her credit and is due to the morals she instilled in her children. In 1982, Elaine met and married Ervan Leland (Lee) Clegg in the Ogden Temple and then moved to San Diego where she started a new life and faced new challenges. She and Lee owned and managed rental properties. She was a generous landlady who got to personally know each of their tenants. Their tenants loved her and appreciated her kindness and counsel. Lee and Elaine served two full-time missions. First, they served in Guatemala, and then they served in Pennsylvania. They later served as missionaries in the Spanish Branch of the Sweetwater Stake in California. Elaine held more church callings than can be named. She was always willing to serve others and to help those less fortunate. She



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had a reputation among those who met her as someone who was wise, knowledgeable, and charitable. Elaine truly had the gift of charity. She was also an avid reader of Gospel doctrine books that would give her more knowledge about God and His Plan of Salvation. She loved to get into Gospel discussions with her mother, family members, and friends. We are sure that she is asking her relatives on the other side of the veil many questions and is excited about learning even more in her graduate program. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, and by both of her younger siblings, William Yates Farnsworth, Jr., and Shirley Berlin. She is survived by her six children Greg (Linda) Sanders, David (Julie) Sanders, Judy (Gary) McWilliams, Donna Sanders, Linda (Doug) Voy, and Suzanne (Richard) Tillmond. She is also survived by three stepchildren Spencer Clegg, Bonnie (David) Martin, and Jane Clegg. Together Lee and Elaine have 36 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Spring Valley Ward Chapel located at 3348 Sweetwater Springs Blvd., Spring Valley, California at 10:00 a.m. A viewing will be held that day before the services from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Spring Valley chapel. Interment will be in at the Redcliff Cemetery in Tabiona, Utah on January 15. To post memories or thoughts of Elaine, please click on GUEST BOOK.



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EH

**Emory Hook** posted:

My condolences to Jane. If you need to talk, I'm here for you. If someone could pass this message to one to, I would really appreciate it. Thank you

December 22 at 11:35 AM

RT

**Renee Tillmond** posted:

My name is Renee' Tillmond and my brother is married to Suzanne. Elaine was a special person. She touched so many lives, especially my mother. She would take time out of her day and visit my mother, which she treasures. Elaine had the best laugh and made you feel loved. We are better people for having Elaine in our lives. Thank you Elaine for touching my mothers heart.

January 13 at 2:30 AM

GM

**Gary Mcwilliams li** posted:

What a great woman and grandmother. One of my fgfondest memoriesg with her was when helped me with my lines for my 6th grade play. I love you and you're in a better place.

January 12 at 12:38 PM

KE

**Kestin Miller Erickson** posted:

One of my mothers most prized friendships....what a reunion. She shared with my amazing stories, that have changed my life. She always gave great advice. I think of her often, and will never see a albino peacock, without thinking of her.

January 10 at 6:11 AM



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**Brian Berlin** posted:

Jan. 9, 2018 My Dear Cousins, I send my condolence to each of you at this time of the passing of your Mother, my Aunt Elaine. Tho it is a bittersweet time for each of you, it is comforting to have the the gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives, that tells us that instead of this being the end for your mother, Elaine, that it is a birth into a far better life, free of the struggles of this mortal life. What a grand reunion Elaine has had when she passed through the veil to be greeted by love ones. May the Lord bless each of you with his comfort and reassurance that your Mother has moved on to a much greater life and to you my cousins, Donna & Linda, at this time of great change in your life, of no longer being the care takers of your Mother, I pray that the Lord will bless you with guidance and comfort in the beginning of this new chapter in your lives. Love your cousins. Brian, Mart, Jim, Laurie, Linda, John Berlin

January 9 at 11:08 AM



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