

Elaine Woolston Blackhurst

September 27, 1959 ~ July 3, 2020

DOUGLAS ROBINSON BLACKHURST, age 62, and ELAINE WOOLSTON BLACKHURST, age 60, died in a plane crash on July 3, 2020, in American Fork Canyon, Utah. Doug was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Robert and Virginia Blackhurst. Elaine was born to Joseph and Vyrle Woolston in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on July 1, 1980. Together they raised four sons, Tyler, Cameron “Bum”, Nate, and Zach.

Elaine loved the mountains, Choffy®, and dogs of all sizes. Her greatest passion was her family and friends. Her smile could light up a room and her eyes always sparkled with love, humor, and a zest for life. Affectionately known to her family as Grammie, she could always be counted on for big hugs, a pantry full of treats, and letting the grandkids stay up way too late. She continually served others in her family and in the community. Her kind and compassionate spirit touched the lives of all who knew her. Elaine had a gentle heart and the capacity to love others “to the moon and back.”

Doug had a passion for music and a beautiful tenor singing voice. He spent 17 years singing with the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square. Whenever a choir performance was broadcast, playing “Where’s Waldo?” was a delight to his friends and family. “Papa” to his grandkids, Doug strove to teach his family through his quiet service and Christlike example. His easy-going nature and quickness to serve blessed family, friends, and strangers alike. Doug loved the outdoors, all things scouting, and was an avid Utah Utes fan. He was a 6’4” gentle giant and will be remembered for his warm smile, big heart, and his barbequed tri-tip.

Doug and Elaine actively served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Their favorite assignments were in serving the young men and young women.

Doug and Elaine are loved by their four sons, four daughters-in-law, and twelve grandchildren. They were inseparable in life, inseparable in death, and now they are inseparable in heaven.

A memorial service will be held at 9:00am, preceded by a visitation at 8:15am, on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Larkin Sunset Lawn (2350 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84108). For those who cannot attend the memorial service, it will be streamed live via Facebook Live on the Doug and Elaine Blackhurst Memorial Group. The family invites all who knew Doug and Elaine to post memories on this group page.