Markay Larsen Turner Jackson

April 18, 1948 ~ July 25, 2019

Markay "Katie" Larsen Turner Jackson, 71, passed away at the home of her daughter, Lorie Pearson of Riverton, on Thursday July 25, 2019 due to cardiac arrest. Katie was born April 18, 1948 in Sterling, Utah to parents Evan H. Larsen and LaVern Marx Larsen. She had two younger brothers, Scott and Clyde, who lived with her in Ephraim until the family moved to Salt Lake City when the children were young.

Katie graduated in 1966 from East High School in Salt Lake City. She married Denver Turner in 1967. They had four children: Denver Duane Turner, Julia Emalee Turner, Tonissa Lorie Turner, and Robert Van Turner. They later divorced, but they stayed close through the years. She later married Patrick Jackson, who passed away in 2007.

Katie loved her children more than anything in this world. She volunteered at their elementary school many times as a room mother and as a member of the PTA. She worked very hard in retail all her life to provide for her four children and made sure they had Christmas gifts every year. She wanted them to know that she was doing her best and taught her children to work very hard by her example. Since the extended family lived near Manti, Katie took her children often to see the Mormon Miracle Pageant. She cherished family reunions at the farm in Sterling.

Crocheting was a life-long love for Katie; she made countless blankets for family and friends. Her dogs and cats were showered with love and returned her affection with their loyalty and comfort. Katie loved country music and was an avid reader of uplifting and self-help books. She was always trying to become her best self.

Katie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Three years ago she reached a dream of going to the temple for the first time. She had a strong, heartfelt testimony of the temple that changed her life and felt peace there. She loved Jesus Christ and was trying to follow Him by changing her life and giving all her love to her family and those around her. Many remember her, "I love you," after a hug. She had a tender heart and the hardships of life were a trial for her. She was close to her daughter Lorie, whose family she lived with for several years.

Preceding Katie in death are her parents, her two brothers, and three of her children, Denver, Julia and Robert. She is survived by daughter Lorie (Scott Pearson) of Riverton, grandson Jaden Pearson of Riverton, granddaughter Shyleah Hampshire of Layton, sister-in-law Nancy Larsen, and niece Leah Larsen of Murray, and former husband Denver Turner of Murray.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m., with funeral service following at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Harvest Park 5th Ward, 4501 West 11800 South, in Riverton.

A family lunch will be held after the service at the same location.

After the lunch, interment will take place at Sterling Cemetery in Sterling, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, daughter Lorie suggests that donations may be made toward funeral expenses