Luana May Gilbertson Bryant

July 31, 1948 ~ March 22, 2020

Luana May Bryant, our loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother "GG" passed away unexpectedly on Sunday March 22, 2020 at Riverton Hospital in Riverton, Utah. She lived to be 71 years old. Under normal circumstances she would have been surrounded by her family and loved ones. We are saddened that COVID-19 protocols kept her earthly family from being by her side, but we are comforted in knowing that her loved ones from beyond the veil were there to greet her and escort her to her next journey.

Luana was born on July 31, 1948 to Charles Johan Gilbertson and Ewa May Layton in Los Angeles, California. She was the baby of the family and had two older sisters, Beverly and Joyce.

Luana lived her life in the service of others and she did what she could to provide her time and many creative talents. She loved to read, crochet, tat, paint, and do ceramics- she was a very talented artist! She was a dedicated wife, an inspiring mother, a wonderful grandma and a loving great grandma. She was a loyal sister and a friend to many. She served in many different callings for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a Relief Society President, Young Women's President, Sunday School Teacher, and Gospel Doctrine Teacher. She even served a faithful mission for the Church. She loved teaching about the Savior and His Gospel.

Luana lived and loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She stood firm in her testimony and her beliefs. She was an incredible example to all of us. She loved the scriptures, especially the Book of Mormon and she feasted upon the Words of Christ daily. She was valiant in her testimony of the Savior, Jesus Christ. She knew Him, she knew He died for her and she knew He lived! She loved the Savior with every fiber of her being. Luana had a strong testimony of the Plan of Salvation and knew that families can and will be together forever.

Luana married Paul Albert Diedrich in 1969. Together they had a daughter, Natalie. They later divorced. She then married Kenneth Tomlin in 1971. Together they had a son, Jason. They later divorced. She then married James Robert Bryant (Bob), the love of her life, in 1978 and they blended their two families.

She was a stay-at-home mom and enjoyed tending her grandchildren and many others she considered family. She worked for Intermountain Healthcare for 20 years at Cottonwood and TOSH. She loved her time there and the friendships she made.

She loved and adored her children, but the ones that truly were the light of her life were her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the healthcare workers that cared for Luana at Riverton Hospital, especially Dr. Briganti and Pam, her ICU nurse. They were with her until the end when we couldn't be. The love and compassion they showed her means the world to us.

She will be missed by her loyal four-legged companion, Bobby, who has been by her side since her husband passed away in 2010.

Luana was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ewa, her husband Bob, her brother-in-law Wayne Jacobson, and her four-legged companion, Ginger. She is survived by her sisters, Beverly Jacobson and Joyce (Brent) Bailey, many nieces and nephews, her children Natalie (Robert) Staker, Jason (Heather) Tomlin, her beloved grandchildren, Corbin (Katelyn) Staker, Nathan (Brittney) Staker, Shaylee (Shane) Sorensen, Kaitlyn Tomlin, Ian Tomlin, and her great grandchildren who were the light of her life, Gage, Sawyer, Lexie, Jordie, and Mack Staker, and her step-children Karla Bryant, Sherry (Gary) McCormick, Kurt (Pat) Bryant, Russ (Susan) Bryant, Kathy (Ken) Cannon, and Jennifer (Ron) Stanger, and many other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Luana was an avid funeral goer. We are saddened due to the current state of uncertainty of our world and the social guidelines put in place. At this time we are unable to hold a viewing or funeral to celebrate and honor her life. We know she would be disappointed so we will plan a memorial celebration later this summer. She would have wanted us to make it up to her.

A private graveside service was held Friday March 27, 2020 at 2:00pm for immediate family members. Her interment was at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

God be with you til we meet again, our family is eternal!