

Arlene Hansen Harker

January 11, 1944 ~ June 7, 2023

Arlene Hansen Harker, age 79, passed away June 7, 2023, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arlene was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, doting Grammi, auntie, Tea Party Hostess, and friend. She adored her family and friends. She was thoughtful, generous, and always sensitive to the needs of others. It was important to her to always have a warm and inviting home. She loved cooking for visitors, no matter the time, day or night. Her Tea Parties were legendary.

One of 4 children, Arlene was born on January 11, 1944 to Denzel Lawrence and Verla Fay Wheeler Hansen in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she lived until she graduated from Bonneville High School in 1962. She then moved to Southern California where she met the love of her life, James Ray Harker. They were sealed for time and all eternity December 6, 1963 in the Los Angeles, California LDS Temple.

After settling in Southern California, Arlene began a successful modeling career at John Robert Powers, being proficient in runway, print advertising, and catalog work. This led to her launching L'Image Academy, a business dedicated to providing resources for self improvement and personal and professional growth.

Arlene was an enthusiastic student, always furthering her education. She returned to college once her children left home. She graduated with honors from Fullerton College in 1995.

After the birth of her grandson Ashton James, Arlene and Ray established a second home in Utah and began splitting time between California and Utah to be closer to him. AJ was the light of her life and brought her great joy. In the early 2000's, Ray and Arlene left California behind to live full time in Utah.

Arlene enjoyed traveling and took every available opportunity to see the world. She loved immersing herself in local cultures and experiencing new places.

Arlene dedicated her life to the service of others. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, faithfully serving in numerous leadership positions throughout her life. She was passionate about family history and found great peace in going to the temple.

Arlene was deeply loved and adored by her family and friends and will be truly missed.

Arlene is survived by her children: Melanie Morgan Leavitt, Eric Ray Harker, and Angela Lauren Harker; grandchildren: Ashton James Hermann, Ali Leavitt, and Nic Leavitt; sister Renee Hansen (Melvin) Farnsworth, sister-in-law Donna Hansen, and brother-in-law William Lee Haynie. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ray Harker, her parents, Denzel and Verla Hansen, brother Jerald D. Hansen, and her little sister Janice Haynie.

Funeral Services will be held at 1pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - 272 E. Traverse Point Drive, Draper, Utah. Friends and family may call Tuesday evening from 6 to 8pm, at

Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, Utah and one hour prior to the services. Interment: Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Those wishing to view the Completed services via Zoom can click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/USHVgINimo6YC5hS-OjISscL5HucIyHx_h-aGhzDV-RGiFN5R6bWiF3BMAdXB2vU.w