

Barbara Jean Knight

June 16, 1936 ~ July 6, 2022

Barbara Jean Knight passed away peacefully at her home July 6, 2022.

Barbara was born June 16, 1936. She was surrounded by her loving family and caring parents Gene and Tella Mae Cahoon. When she was 10 years old her beloved father Gene passed away. She remembers changing schools many times and recalls when Tella Mae paid a sum of money to have the house that Gene built moved from Bountiful to Provo to be closer to her family for support and help.

In Provo, Tella Mae married Glenn J Bethers who formally adopted Barbara. She was surrounded with a large, loving family of aunt, uncles, and cousins.

Barbara met the love of her life, Neal Eugene Knight. They were married on October 25, 1954, for sixty-seven years as happy companions and had four children Keith (Gwen), Dolores (Jay), Blane (Julie), Linda (Denys).

They made a great team and worked hard to build their family and life together.

As a wife and mother Barbara made her house a home and took great effort managing all the tasks required to do so.

As her children grew Barbara had a successful working career in many different industries. She was accomplished in Gregg Shorthand and earned a business certificate at the U of U. She became proficient in the use and application of Data Processing Equipment often streamlining and removing redundancy in the work environment. She worked for Rocky Mountain Bank Note, Salt Lake Hardware, Reliance Insurance.

She pursued a career at Capitol Records in leading her branch to excellence. She has a gift in her attention to detail and in her ability to connect the clients in the music industry. Through her vision and work ethic, Capitol Records offered her a career in California. She was honored for the opportunity.

She and Neal considered all options and decided they desired that Salt Lake Valley would be the home for their family.

She worked for Mountain Bell/U S West Telephone Company for 19 years and retired in 1996.

She had the ability to make good judgements and sound decisions. Barbara’s abilities in the public workforce and ability to navigate through the business world. Her knowing how to ask relevant and respectful questions and quick wit during the interviews with customers.

She had a golden gift of seeing the strength and good in people, which created lasting friendships with many people over the years.

All these skills helped Barbara and Neal build a successful business.

After her children were raised Barbara and Neal enjoyed visiting the “roads less traveled”. One such adventure was a boat ride down the Nile River in Egypt where they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with newfound friends. She loved to share the stories and memories of the people and places they visited.

The family would like to thank Hospice for the many hours of service to help Barbara be comfortable. We thank Larkin Mortuary for the kind and respectful service they have provided. Also, the many family and friends who have spent countless hours helping and providing service.

A special thanks to Dolores Smith for her 24-hour devoted care over the past several weeks of taking care of her mother with Neal in her time of need.

Viewing will be on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 9:00 through 10:45 am at Larkin Mortuary (260 E South Temple) with a funeral service to follow at 11:00 am. Graveside service at Salt Lake Cemetery (200 N St E).

To vie the recorded services please select the following link:https://youtu.be/_a1wvL8Knu8