

Berdene Jeppsen Atkin

August 23, 1941 ~ January 20, 2024

Berdene Jeppsen Atkin, beloved Daughter, Mom, Grandma, and “GiGi,” passed away peacefully on January 20, 2024, at St. Marks Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Berdene was born August 23, 1941 in Logan Utah to Howard W. and Mattie Burrell Jeppsen. She married Thomas R. Atkin and later divorced. She was survived by her sons and daughters Steven (Jessica), Shane (Michelle), and Garret (Kristy), eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Berdene was also survived by and so thankful for her cousin, Alona Jones, and her many, many friends.

Berdene graduated from Murray High School and LDS Business College. She held numerous jobs in her life, often several at the same time in order to support her three sons, but she was most passionate about the successful market research firm she started and ran for many years.

Berdene’s sons and their families filled her life with laughter and wonderful memories. She loved each member of her family very much and left indelible impressions, memories, and life lessons with each of them.

Berdene loved to read, especially David Baldacci and Michael Connelly but was always open to new authors. She also developed a love of playing Canasta with her friends in her retirement community. She loved to go to lunch or dinner with her many friends, several of whom she has been friends with for 40-50 years. Once Berdene entered your life, you never wanted her to leave.

Berdene’s real passion and where she loved to spend her time was with her family. She was there for every significant event in everyone’s life. She never missed a game, graduation, wedding, birth, or whatever event she was asked to be at. She loved to host “spook alleys” with her grandchildren and organized summer and Christmas parties with her growing family.

She was the sweetest, most loving, most fun, most thoughtful, and most organized person we knew. She wanted the best for us, thought the best of us, and brought out the best in us.

Berdene was preceded in death by her parents, twin daughters (Heidi and Denise), two great-grandchildren, and many cherished friends. Berdene’s last words were focused on how happy she was to see her parents and daughters again. She was ready to go home.

Her family would like to thank the staff at St. Mark’s Hospital and the staff and her friends at Highland Cove Retirement Community for their care and friendship.

A gathering of family and friends will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10:00 – 11:00 am followed by a graveside dedication at 11:00 am at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made in her name to the St. Jude’s Childrens Hospital or the American Red Cross.