

Bonita Bryner

February 5, 1948 ~ June 18, 2024

Bonita Bryner passed away serenely on June 18, 2024, in her room at Riverpoint assisted care center in Provo. She was born February 5, 1948 to Utrich Redd and Virginia Castleton Bryner in Salt Lake City, She grew up with 5 brothers and 2 sisters in the big family home on Harvard Avenue. She graduated from the University of Utah in 1976 with a degree in early childhood development. She had numerous employment opportunities from J.C. Penney to the labs at the University of Utah.

Her father had a favorite cartoon, Barney Google and Snuffy Smith. He extrapolated Barney Google to Bonnie Doogle. The name "Doogle" stuck and most of her brothers and sisters called her that her entire life. She was not amused! She didn't like it and would remind us that her name was Bonita. We had a difficult time attempting to make the switch, with limited success.

With a real playhouse in the backyard of Harvard and Red Butte gully over the fence, growing up was filled with dolls, dogs, cats, kittens and exploring. Her friends would come over and play all day long and never repeat activities.

Although never marrying, she considered her nieces and nephews to be her earthly children. She would take them to Lagoon. An activity she learned from our Aunt Gwen, who would take us to Lagoon.

We take solace in the knowledge that she was greeted as heaven's newest member by Dad, Mom, brothers Jerry and John, grandparents (none of us ever met our 2 grandfathers, so we are sure she enjoyed meeting them) and numerous friends, aunts and uncles. Animals were an important part of her life, so maybe, just maybe, her long lost parakeet, Perky, was the first to offer her wing welcoming her home.

A graveside service will be held in her honor at 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. There she will join the members of the Bryner family who have prepared the way for her return.