

Carolyn Ann “Mitzi” Hansen Brady

June 7, 1935 ~ November 28, 2025

Carolyn Ann “Mitzi” Hansen Brady, age 90, passed away on November 28, 2025, from the effects of aortic stenosis and Parkinson’s disease, the latter which she fought for the last 10 years. Mitzi was born in Tremonton, Utah, on June 7, 1935, the fifth of five children born to Leland James and Ione Felsted Hansen.

Mitzi lived with her family between Tremonton and Garland, Utah, and attended Bear River High School where she participated in many extracurricular activities including newspaper, debate, and modern dance. She won awards for being an accomplished pianist, represented Bear River High School at Girls’ State in 1952, and became valedictorian of their 1953 graduating class.

After high school, she attended the University of Utah where she was a member of Spurs and Chi Omega Sorority. She graduated in 1957 with an honors degree in early childhood education which she used to teach 5th grade in West Point, New York, El Paso, Texas, Tucson, Arizona, and Wellesley, Massachusetts.

It was in Tucson that she met Rod Brady, a University of Utah graduate and Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. They were married October 25, 1960 in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rod’s career then took them, over the next 56 years, to live in Tucson Arizona; Cambridge, Massachusetts; Los Angeles, California; Bethesda, Maryland; Ogden, Utah; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mitzi supported her husband in his professional and church assignments and completed a master’s degree in her 60s. She enjoyed all her church assignments and her work as a community volunteer. Some of her last volunteer activities were being a docent at the University of Utah Fine Arts Museum and being a volunteer reading tutor at Lincoln Elementary. She was also an active member of the Assistance League of Salt Lake City. She wasn’t shy about her opinions on civic matters and was pleased to have letters to the editor published in major papers in Los Angeles, Ogden, and Salt Lake City. Mitzi was honored by the Utah Emeritus Association in 2005 for her work in the community and received an honorary doctorate degree from Weber State University, also in 2005. She always said her all-time, most-favorite project was raising her three sons, Howard, Ryan, and Brooks.

Mitzi was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney H. Brady, her parents and her four siblings and their spouses: Marjorie (Paul) Kutchinski, Leland Jay (Hally), Donald (Carol), and Gary (died as an infant). She is survived by her three sons Howard (Victoria) Seattle, Ryan (Kristy) Sugarhouse, Brooks (Nicole) Sandy, and eight grandchildren, Blythe (Glenn) Ferrell, Hayden, Spencer, Matthew, Grant, Kenton, Creed and Miles.

Funeral services will be held at 1300 E Fairfax Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84103 (Federal Heights Ward Chapel) on December 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. A visitation will be held at the same location an hour before the service.

In lieu of flowers, purchase a book for a small child in Mitzi’s memory.