

Catherine Coverston

October 21, 1948 ~ November 14, 2021

Catherine Robinson Coverston departed this world on Sunday, November 14, 2021. She was the second child of Florenia Whitmer Robinson and Irwin Jacob Robinson Jr. Born on Thursday, the 21st of October 1948 in Safford, AZ, she is survived by her devoted husband Sam Dennis Coverston, and her children Jason, Daphne, Ben, and Zach, her sister Trish, 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She joins her mother, father, and brother, Irwin Jacob Robinson III, who passed before her.

Catherine was dedicated to her career. After years of perseverance and hard work she obtained a PhD in Nursing from the University of Utah. As an instructor and associate professor she taught nursing at Brigham Young University for over 20 years, garnering the respect of her colleagues and earning the love of her students. Her research and clinical activities helped save the lives of thousands of mothers and infants. As Associate Dean of the College of Nursing she made key changes to the curriculum to benefit students which resulted in a streamlined admissions process. Catherine also served a term as the president of the Utah Nurses Association.

As a woman of faith Catherine held a deep love of God. She served two missions with her husband Sam. The first in Munich, Germany, where she served as the mission nurse, and the second in San Diego California. Catherine spoke fondly of the time she spent serving, especially of the youth that she grew to know and love. As a parent, she encouraged and supported her children in their seeking and struggles with the great, and unanswered questions of life.

Catherine encouraged each of her children to learn and become educated. They all obtained at least a Bachelor’s degree. She also supported and encouraged her grandchildren in their educational pursuits. By her encouragement and example she left behind a tradition of intellectual curiosity, knowledge seeking, and wisdom.

In her final years Catherine suffered from Alzheimer’s disease. The disease took her sharp wit, her mental agility, and many of her cherished memories. For much of her illness she understood what was happening to her and she faced it bravely. As her health declined her husband Sam dedicated every waking hour to her safety and well being until the time her suffering ended. We are grateful to have witnessed her life and will miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Lone Peak Stake Center, 11570 South Wasatch Blvd., Sandy, UT. A viewing will be held Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT and on Saturday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 am prior to the services at the church. Interment Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

To watch the recorded services, please click on the blue "Watch Services" box above.