

Cheryl Kathleen Taylor Barney

July 5, 1936 ~ August 11, 2025

Cheryl Kathleen Taylor Barney passed away peacefully on August 11, 2025, at the age of 89. Born in Ogden, Utah, on July 5, 1936, to Royal Vause Taylor and Geraldine Terry Taylor, she spent her early years on a farm, enjoying its freedoms and the many lessons it offered. At age 11, her family moved to the mouth of Millcreek Canyon, where she attended Granite and Olympus High Schools.

In 1957, Cheryl married her high school sweetheart, Kline Porter Barney, Jr., in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they raised three sons and two daughters in Southern California.

A dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cheryl served in many callings throughout her life, but her heart belonged to teaching. She taught early morning Seminary classes for many years, sharing her deep love for the Savior and her testimony of the Gospel. She was a scholar of Church History and delighted in sharing stories of the early Saints and their unwavering faith.

In 1997, Cheryl and Kline returned to Salt Lake City to be closer to family and enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren. She supported Kline in his leadership callings in the Ensign First Ward and continued to find joy in teaching the Gospel and sharing her faith.

Cheryl loved reading, particularly biographies, autobiographies, and a good mystery novel—often passing along her favorites to her daughters. In later years, as her health declined and her abilities became limited, she remained mentally sharp and spiritually strong, cherishing the love of her family and neighbors who offered companionship and care. She often expressed that her long life was a blessing and, in the end, her passing should be considered a relief and a joyful reunion with loved ones beyond the veil.

She is survived by her children, Peter, Suzanne, Cathleen, Patrick, and Andrew; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sisters Beverly and Penny. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kline; her brother, Gary; and her parents.

One of her favorite poems was by Anna Laetitia Barbauld:

Life! we have been long together,

Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;

'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;

Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;-

Then steal away, give little warning,

Choose thine own time;

Say not Good-night, but in some brighter clime

Bid me Good-morning!

Thank you to Aspen Ridge Hospice and Home Care, and Aspen Ridge Assisted Living for their kind and compassionate care of Cheryl.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to a charity of your choice, or to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A graveside service will be held at Salt Lake City Cemetery, Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 11 am.

For those unable to attend in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom. Please click the Watch Service button above.