

Cinda Kaye Baldwin

April 19, 1954 ~ February 6, 2025

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:29

Cinda Kaye Baldwin passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones, on February 6, 2025, at the age of 70. While our hearts mourn the loss, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering.

Cinda was born April 19, 1954, in Little Rock, Arkansas. As a child, she loved playing in the front yard, catching fireflies and shelling peas with muzzy, grandmother Hathcock, and Aunt Ima. She loved going to baseball games with pawpaw, long road trips with her parents and hanging out with her best friend Patty. She was a ravenous reader, and especially loved history. Always a music lover, she drove her mom crazy listening to folk and rock music non-stop in her room. She sang in both the Lads and Lasses choir at McClellan High and the choir at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. Cinda was a stellar student, loved learning and unsurprisingly graduated from high school with honors.

In 1974 she had her first child and then went back to school. This meant taking on the challenge of being a new mother while also building her career. She earned a Master’s in Anthropology from the University of Arkansas in 1984.

She became a research curator and then registrar at McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina. During this time, she wrote the book *Great and Noble Jar*, which was the first authoritative study of South Carolina stoneware and its rich tradition. This book is still in press today and remains a highly respected resource on this topic for scholars and collectors.

She then moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where she had her second child. During this time, she took a step back from her career to focus more on family, working part-time as a secretary at the University of Utah and an adjunct professor at the Salt Lake Community College.

In 2000, she moved to Indianapolis, Indiana and worked as a Donor Researcher at Conner Prairie Living History Museum. During this time, she also was a Rotary Club volunteer, which meant she spent many hot, loud summers on the Indy 500 Speedway.

She moved to Seattle in 2009 to be closer to her daughter. During this time, she had the unique opportunity to work in the Perennial Tea Room in Pikes Place Market. She greatly enjoyed becoming an expert in blending and preparing tea, while meeting the many celebrities who visited the shop over the years. She found Seattle fun to explore and enjoyed walking around the city and visiting all the beaches and parks. She also loved taking the ferry to spend time visiting with her grandchildren.

In 2017, following her daughter, she moved back to Salt Lake City. During this time Cinda faced metastatic breast cancer with a quiet, courageous determination that inspired everyone around her.

Cinda was a loving mother, grandmother, and beautiful soul who cared deeply, lived simply and always saw the good in things. Although Cinda is gone, she will live in our hearts forever.

She is survived by her children, Harmony “Mo” Starr (Ben), Cody Baldwin (Junko); grandchildren, Mathilda, Eli, Isamu, and Sophia; mother, Frances May Red; sisters, Lana Wiedower and Melissa Norris (John); nephew, Kiffin Rogers; the father of her children, John Baldwin (Jeanette); as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Cinda is preceded in death by her father, Joseph Red Jr.; grandparents, Eva and Joseph Red, and Viola and Fredrick Fleming; and niece, Melanie Reeves.

The viewing will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E. 1300 S. SLC, UT. This will be followed by a graveside service at 1:00 pm at Mount Olivet Cemetery. You may watch the graveside service online through Zoom by clicking on the “Watch Service” button above.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Cinda's name: https://donate.huntsmancancer.org