

Coral Lee Coffey

April 18, 1934 ~ April 29, 2022

Coral Lee Coffey passed away on April 29, 2022. She was born on April 18, 1934, to Thelma and Dwendon Lee, in Torrey Utah.

Coral had fond memories of her hometown of Torrey and the people of Wayne County in general. She often shared stories of her childhood adventures and countless tales of her ancestors, hoping that we understood and appreciated our heritage.

Coral attended school in the Torrey school house where her mother Thelma, was a teacher. Later, she went to Wayne High School and then the University of Utah where she earned a bachelors and master's degree in education. Coral married Jim Coffey in 1954 after being set up on a blind date by her longtime friend Terri. They were married for 67 years. Together they raised three children: Brad, Chris, and Cheri. Jim and Coral enjoyed their time together, even teaching at the same elementary school before their retirement in the 90's. Coral and Jim enjoyed traveling after their retirement, and spent as much time as possible in Torrey, at the old family home. Coral enjoyed sharing the history of her hometown and published a book about the history of homes in the area.

Coral taught in the Salt Lake City School District for her entire teaching career. She loved teaching and working with children and their families. She filled every available moment with activities. Coral was active in the Salt Lake Teachers Association, advocating for the rights of fellow educators. After retirement, she volunteered in Title I classrooms, assisting as a reading tutor, became a Master Gardener, and enjoyed her small group ministry at the Unitarian Church. She had a lifetime love of politics and supported many candidates with her time and talents. She was actively involved with the Women's Democratic Club of Utah and served as their president. She especially enjoyed working for woman candidates and thought there should be more of them.

Coral cherished her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's events and was very proud of each of them and their accomplishments. She also loved animals, especially her beloved dog Max.

Coral is survived by her husband Jim, her son Brad (Robert Thompson), daughter Chris Schafer (Randy), grandkids: Katie, Sarah, Peter, Sydney, Jake, great granddaughter Aubrey, brother-inlaw Larry Harman, niece Natalie (Bill) Cullen and nephew Mike Harman. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Mac Lee (Ann), Larry Lee, sister Mary Jean Harman and daughter Cheri Coffey.

Family and friends will gather on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary, Salt Lake City. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 3:00 pm at the Torrey Cemetery in Torrey Utah.

We are incredibly grateful to the incredible staff at Spring Gardens Senior Living and Janie, from Inspiration Hospice for the patient, loving care they gave Coral at the end of her life. In lieu of flowers, the family would

appreciate donations to Color Country Animal Welfare, Torrey Utah, and your promise to vote in the next election.