

Corrine “Corina” Archuleta Burton

July 10, 1939 ~ October 13, 2024

It is with profound sadness that my family and I announce the passing of our sister and aunt, Corrine “Corina” Archuleta Burton. Corina was born to Robert Joseph and Lura Sharp Archuleta on July 10, 1939, in Clayton, New Mexico. In this sleepy little northeastern New Mexico town. Surrounded by aunts and uncles, two more children were born, Tauna (Victoriana) and Dolores. When Corina was 4 years old, the family moved to Salt Lake City so her father, a welder by trade, could work on parts used for military equipment. Two more children were added to the family, Robert (Bobby) and Wilma (Swindel).

Salt Lake City was 90% white English people…. diversity was not common. Nor were children who spoke only Spanish and weren’t quite the same shade of white. Corina protected her siblings and was known to cause a black eye and receive one in return.She was, throughout her life, a person who believed in encouraging acceptance of those who are challenged. She knew instinctively that knowledge was the key to achievement. She earnestly sought knowledge, and her business life was very successful.

At 11 years old the family moved to Sandy, Utah. Sandy was a small town; a grocery store, apothecary, show house (she worked there at 14 years old), two beer joints and a shoe shop and, yes, a saddle shop. It had a hitching post for your horse, smelled like liniment and had all sorts of fascinating things. It was a small town where you could run and play, pick apples, pears and sweet peas. The last two of the Archuleta children were born in Sandy, Glenna (Bytendorp) and Wendy (Hales).

Corina was a hard worker, both in her personal life and professional life, retiring from Mt. Bell after 35+ years. She and Jack built their house on the same 4 acres as the place where she died (now a care center). Once the Fitzgerald Dairy Farm, she and Jack transformed the land into a beautiful home and Burton Sand and Gravel. They enjoyed their home in Bear Lake and time spent gambling. They shared 42 years of marriage, two children, many friends and, most especially, love.

In her 60’s she found great joy and fascination in traveling. She went to Rome twice and Mexico several times. She loved BUYING jewelry, clothes and shoes, purses and EVERYTHING.She was a true shopper and loved the days when each department store would have their ‘senior citizen’ discount.Whenever we would go out people would stop and comment on how beautiful she was. She took care of herself and loved being ‘decked out’.

Corina is survived by her sisters Tauna Mace, Wilma Swindel, Glenna Bytendorp and Wendy Hales. She had a special place in her heart for her nephew, Nick Hales, who assisted her throughout her life. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, sister Dolores Vawdrey and brother Robert “Bobby” Archuleta.

Corina requested no services. Her cremains will be interred with Jack, Scott and Warren at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Draper, Utah. Rest in eternal peace Sister.