

Denise Kimball Buchi

May 28, 1953 ~ February 12, 2025

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Denise Kimball Buchi, 71, passed away on February 12, 2025, surrounded by the family she so deeply cherished. Born on May 28, 1953, in Price, Utah, to Blane and LaRene Kimball, Denise lived a life full of love, laughter, and unwavering dedication to those she held dear.

She treasured her time at Skyline High School, where she made lifelong friendships that she nurtured throughout her life. Her caring heart led her to a career as an LPN, working night shifts as a pediatric nurse, she helped Night Time Pediatrics get off the ground, where she comforted and cared for countless children. But above all, her dream job was to be a mother. Raising seven children was not just her calling—it was her greatest joy. There was nothing she wanted more in life than to be a mom. She poured her heart into motherhood, and later, into her role as a grandmother, treasuring every moment with her family.

Denise was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and found immense fulfillment in serving within the Young Women's program, one of her favorite callings. She was also deeply involved in her community, advocating for her children and others through her work in the PTA. Her dedication to ensuring opportunities for young athletes was unmatched—she helped establish the street name "Wildcat Way" for Woods Cross High School, secured a permanent wall mount in the gym to honor athletes, and fought to increase funding for sports programs. It was no surprise that she was recognized as Bountiful City's Best Mom, an award that only captured a fraction of the love and effort she put into supporting not only her own children but so many others.

Denise was the heart and soul behind the success of her beloved husband, Mark Buchi. She was his greatest support, his biggest cheerleader, and his secret weapon at every social event, effortlessly lighting up the room with her warmth and charm. The two met, fell in love, and were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple on June 4, 1973, embarking on a beautiful life together.

Denise had a vivacious, magnetic personality that made everyone feel like an old friend. She could talk to anyone, anywhere, and often did—leaving people better for having known her. She had an incredible way with words, writing heartfelt poetry that she lovingly passed down to her children, ensuring that her voice, wisdom, and love would live on through them.

Her legacy is one of deep love, fierce loyalty, and an unshakable devotion to family. While her absence leaves an unfillable void, her influence will be felt forever in the lives of those she touched.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mark; her six children, Melissa (Jared), Bethani (Jeff), Tiffani Heather (Cabot) , Bo (Heidi), Zack (AnDe), and Ashlyn (Tyler); and her 20 grandchildren, who were the light of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Blane and LaRene Kimball, and her beloved daughter, Whitney Buchi, whom she has longed to reunite with. While our hearts ache in her absence, we find comfort in knowing she is now embraced by those who went before her, watching over us with the same love and devotion she gave so freely in life.

Services for Denise will be held on Thursday, February 20th, with a viewing from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Larkin Mortuary, located at 260 E South Temple St., Salt Lake City. A second viewing will take place on Friday, February 21st, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, followed by the funeral service at 12:00 PM at 1350 N 650 E, Bountiful. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens, located at 1950 East Dimple Dell Road.

Denise was one of a kind, and to be loved by her was to be truly blessed.