

Diana Nelson Wray

August 26, 1942 ~ August 25, 2024

A special lady, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and friend retired from this earthly sphere on August 25, 2024. Diana escaped the restraints of Parkinson's disease and the shackles of Parkinson's related dementia. She died at her home in Salt Lake City with family at her side.

Diana was born August 26, 1942 in Tremonton, Utah; the first born to Verl and Wanda Nelson. She attended Tremonton public schools, followed by study at Utah State University, earning a B.A. degree in English in 1963.

In September 1963 she married her life-partner Robert B. Wray, MD and to this union three children were added: Robert Jr, Richard and Teresa. Subsequent additions included the children's spouses: Holly, Cory and Stefan; followed by four grandchildren: Ryder, Scarlett, Leo, and Lila.

In addition to being a great wife, mother, grandmother and mentor she was an outstanding teacher, beloved by her students and often called 'the best teacher I've ever had'. She was a multi-talented individual, providing active service in the PTA and Junior League. She published a book of 'Urban Cowboy Poetry', two children's books, and was a gifted designer of beaded jewelry. She accepted her illness but did not let the 1989 diagnosis of Parkinson's disease hamper her artistic undertakings until the dementia raised its ugly head robbing her of access to her many talents.

Diana is survived by her husband, her three children and their spouses, her grandchildren, a sister Toni Wintermute, and brother Craig Nelson. She remains a hero to us all.

A special thank you to each of her physicians, physician assistants, and nursing personnel along the journey. And, heartfelt gratitude to our special CNA Rosemary Silva for such loving, dedicated care; and to CNS Hospice Care for providing outstanding care and attention to Diana – as well as the family, the last week of her life. And lastly to Bob, her loving husband and loyal caregiver. His commitment to his wife was unwavering and inspirational.

Diana's wishes were to be cremated and to have a private, family celebration of her life. In lieu of flowers, she would be honored by family and friends making time and effort to visit the infirmed, and by staying connected, or reconnecting, with old friends.