

# Diane B. Orton

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On the evening of New Year's Day 2025, Diane B. Orton, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home. Diane was born in Tooele Utah to Ray and Anna Bevan and was the cherished sister of Joan Shippen and Renee Malouf (Craig). She met her husband and soulmate, Kenny Orton, on a blind date. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised six children: Mark, Doug, Michelle, David, Sean and Scott (Kimberly). Diane's legacy also includes eleven grandchildren: Sarah (Tyler), Rebekah, Hannah, Corbin, Alexandra (Zach), Samuel, Anna, Chloe, Kaya, Kenny and Kassandra and two great grandchildren, Rowan and Felix. Diane was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenny, son Doug and granddaughter Hannah.

After Kenny's passing, Diane returned to school at BYU where she earned her bachelor's degree in English while contributing to the family business, Bookcraft Publishing. Her passion for literature shone through as she read and reviewed countless manuscripts. Diane's love of literature remained a defining feature of her life, oftentimes reading more than one book a week.

A devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Diane faced the challenges in her life with unwavering faith. She served in nearly every church calling, always going above and beyond. Diane was also known for her extraordinary cooking, providing meals to countless individuals in times of need.

Diane's talent for hosting made her gatherings unforgettable. Her grandchildren fondly recall that "parties at Grandma's house were the highlight of my childhood." As the "Queen of Cute", Diane found joy in crafting, quilting, cross-stitching, painting, sewing and decorating. Her close bond with her surrogate daughter, Joylyn Cluny, led to many quilting conventions and adventures across the country in search of fabric.

Diane was an active participant in her community, belonging to various book clubs, craft clubs, a doll club, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Utah MRAU.

Special thanks go to Dave Orton, who lovingly provided round-the-clock care for Diane during the last five years of her life, allowing her to remain in her home.

Per Diane's wishes, private graveside services will be held, along with a celebration of her incredible life.