

Dixie Lee Hansen Robbins

October 4, 1939 ~ February 21, 2021

Dixie Lee Hansen Robbins, beloved wife, mother, “Grandma Dixie”, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, friend, and disciple of Christ, completed her mortal journey on February 21, 2021. With humor, determination, and grace she took on a 17year challenge of Parkinson’s Disease. She is reunited
with her beloved husband Dave. Shortly before her passing, her children were able to gather at her bedside and say goodbye for a season to the mother they adore.

Dixie was born October 4 , 1939 to Keith and Ruby Hansen in Royal Utah. She grew up in Fairview Utah along with her two brothers, Larry and Jerry. It was in Fairview that she learned to work hard, maximize fun, and love and lift others. These life principles became a strong foundation that helped her find joy in life and then shared it with those around her. Dixie’s childhood included: playing the drums in the marching band, cheerleading, plays, dances, and riding horses. There was always a twinkle in her eye when she spoke of her childhood in Fairview and her own children discovered the magic, adventures, and love found in those wide-open spaces and Grandma Ruby’s kitchen!

Dixie married David Leonard Albright Robbins on July 29, 1966 in the Salt Lake Temple. Together they raised four children. A team that worked side by side to solve problems, supporting each other and their children. There weren’t many events that their children participated in that they weren’t there for. Always cheering! Family memories of summers camping, boating, time in Fairview, and hours planning, planting, and nourishing gardens together. Through thick and thin there was always love and laughter in their home.

Dixie loved learning. She graduated from Snow College and went on to get her degree in Elementary Education from Utah State University. She taught school in California and Utah. Dixie possessed the art of teaching! A gift to connect and love each child and a curious mind to keep continually outgrowing herself. She had a love of books and passing them along. During her last few years, while living at Spring Gardens, she began a book club where she would read favorite picture books to her friends in Memory Care.

Dixie was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and a willing servant of the Lord in many callings. She particularly loved assignments where she was teaching and discussing the scriptures with groups of young adults. She lived a life of striving to “do” what
she believed which included: making meals, worshiping in the temple, looking for ways to lift, listening, and making friends with everyone!

Dixie was known for her quick wit and cheerful disposition. She was just so much fun. She loved playing games with her grandchildren and took on the role of the ‘angel’ in the family reenactment of the Christmas Story with enthusiasm. Her wisdom and encouragement buoyed

and guided her children. She was always quick to say, “It will all work out.” She had a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ that radiated in her countenance.

We give thanks to the army of angels who helped care for Dixie including many family and friends. We are grateful to the staff at Spring Gardens Holladay, and Dr. John Steffens for their exceptional care. We love you all! We are also grateful for the tender care from our dear friends
at Canyon Hospice, especially Lacey. Thank you for guiding us through this last chapter with such gentle, loving care. Dixie was preceded in death by her husband Dave, parents Keith and Ruby, in-laws Leonard and Carol, brothers Jerry and Larry, and brother in- law Doug. She is survived by her four children David (Leslie), Melanie (Mark), Jennifer (Brad), Steven (Katie), in-laws Doug (Suzanne), Mike (Shauna), Pamela (Bruce), Cathryn (Richard), sisters’ in-law LeeAnn Hansen, DeAnna Hansen and 11 grandchildren that were the apple of her eye!

Family and friends may pay their respects at a socially distanced viewing on Friday February 26, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Larkin Mortuary, 2350 E. 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. A limited, family only funeral service will be held on Saturday February 27, 2021 at noon, 2350 South 2100 East. Services may also be attended via zoom. please select the button at the top of the obituary labeled "watch zoom service"

Interment will take place in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made toward the research and hopeful cure of Parkinson’s Disease or a charity of your choice.