

Elain Chamberlain Young

September 14, 1935 ~ August 11, 2024

Elain Chamberlain Young passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, August 11, 2024 with family members by her side after a long battle with kidney disease. Elain was born in Kanab, Utah to Mark and Sally Heaton Chamberlain, she the 9th of 10 children. She was raised on a farm in Orderville and learned the value of hard work from an early age. She attended Valley High School, participating in cheerleading, band, drama, choir, yearbook staff, and student government. She then attended Dixie College in St George, graduating in 1955.

She married Gene Young on October 7, 1955 in the St George Temple and lived first in Orderville where their daughter, Sheryl was born. They moved to Salt Lake and then bought one of the first new houses in White City. Their sons Ken and Kurt were born while living there.
In 1965 they purchased an old farm house and seven acres in Granite. They have spent the last 59 years making their home and yard into a family gathering place. So many fun family memories have been made there.

Elain has always been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She started serving as a primary teacher as soon as she graduated from Primary. She served in some capacity in Primary for over 60 years, as a teacher, Ward Primary President, and Stake Primary President. She worked in the Boy Scout program for over 30 years as a den leader and merit badge counselor. She was awarded the Silver Beaver for her many years of service in Scouting.

When her three children were all in school, Elain went back to school herself and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught at Canyon View Elementary, beginning in the 6th grade, and then moving to 2nd grade where she taught for 24 years. She gained many new friends among the people she worked with and positively influenced hundreds of children during her years teaching.

Elain has been a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for many years and has enjoyed making many new friends there, and learning more about her pioneer heritage.

Elain’s favorite thing in life was her family. She taught us so much about loving each other and set such a good example for her posterity. She was only blessed with three children, but ended up with a large posterity of 15 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Her influence on many others not of her own family will be felt for many years to come.

Elain is survived by her children: Sheryl, Ken (Cynthia) and Kurt (Lisa). Grandchildren: Tracy Spencer (Paul), Mindy Ogden (Jon), Holly Carlson (Ben), Carly Rignell (Jason), Dane Smart (Mariah), Amber Young, Mandy McTiernan (Mike), Chayden Young (Ashlyn), Aleigh Birkeland (Kelly), Madison Anderson, Ashley Polidori (Will), Alexa Melancon (Matt), Aarika Rasekhi (Roshan), Julia Jenson (Seth). Thirty-eight great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Elain was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gene, of 66 years, son-in law, Stan Smart, her granddaughter Becky Smart, and her brothers: Val, Dell, Arel, Gard, and her sisters: Clella, Phyllis, LaPreal, Konda, and RaNee. There are so many people to welcome her home!

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building at 2675 East Mt. Jordan Road, Sandy, Utah 84092. Viewings will be held Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the church and again from 9:30 -
10:30 AM Saturday morning prior to the service. Interment will be in the Granite Cemetery located at 2969 East 9800 South, Granite, Utah.

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