

Elaine Sharon Hansen Hatch

September 27, 1933 ~ May 10, 2025

Elaine Sharon Hansen Hatch, wife of former U.S. Senator Orrin G. Hatch, passed away on May 10, 2025, at the age of 91.

Elaine was born to Sydney Hansen and Edries Nelson on September 27, 1933. The Hansen's were wheat farmers in Newton, Utah. Elaine graduated from North Cache High School in Logan, Utah. She taught elementary school after graduating from Brigham Young University (BYU). While at BYU, she met the love of her life, Orrin. They were married on August 28, 1957 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Elaine said her favorite career was being a mother. When Orrin decided to run for the U.S. Senate, Elaine, despite not wanting to move from Utah to Washington, D.C., wholeheartedly supported him and continued to do so for 42 years.

Elaine was true to her roots and wasn’t influenced by the trappings of political life. She was humble and kind. She focused on her children and served in many church leadership roles. She served in the temple weekly for 29 years and considered it her favorite place to be other than at home with family. She had a firm testimony of Jesus Christ and His Atonement. In her many travels around the world, she was a great ambassador for her faith. Everyone who met Elaine was struck by her genuine interest in their lives. Elaine rarely talked about herself, despite the amazing life she lived. Her posterity will be blessed by the journals she kept throughout her life.

When Orrin retired in 2019, Elaine was excited to live near family again. Even after Orrin passed away on April 23, 2022, Elaine knew that he was still working on the other side. Now, Elaine and Orrin are reunited and working together. Thanks to the Resurrection, we will see them again. Orrin and Elaine had six children, Brent (Mia) Hatch, Marcia (Randy) Whetton, Scott (Wendy) Hatch, Kimberly (John) Catron, Alysa (Jamie) Whitlock, and Jess Hatch, 23 grandchildren, and 44 great-grandchildren (with two more on the way). Elaine had 1 brother (Ramon Hansen) and 3 sisters (Glenna Peterson, Carma Mirabal, and Doris Crockett).

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 12 PM at the Pleasant View Chapel located at 3035 N. 1325 W., Pleasant View, Utah. A viewing will be held at the same location prior to services from 10:30 – 11:45 AM. Elaine will be buried next to her forever sweetheart in the Newton City Cemetery.

Services will be livestreamed via Zoom and can be accessed by clicking the “Watch Services” button above.