

Elisa Ann Posey

October 20, 1962 ~ February 18, 2021

Elisa Ann Posey passed away peacefully on February 18, 2021. She was born on October 20, 1962 in Spokane, Washington. She grew up in Southern California where she became an athlete, avid surfer, and Beach Boys fan. Elisa lived most of her adult life in Salt Lake City, Utah and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elisa graduated from Alta Loma High School in Rancho Cucamonga, CA in 1981. As a high school student, Elisa excelled in academics and lettered in multiple sports, including tennis, basketball, volleyball, and track & field. Elisa earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education and a minor in Psychology from Brigham Young University in 1993. In 2016, she furthered her education and received a Master of Education Administration from Southern Utah University.

As an educator, Elisa taught at Union Middle School from 1998-2002, Alta High School from 2002-2013, and Corner Canyon High School from 2013-2018, among other teaching assignments. She taught Physical Education and Psychology, and coached sports such as basketball, tennis, track and field, and cross country.

Elisa also had the privilege of working with students who were homebound due to health issues. These were some of her favorite teaching experiences because it allowed her to gain a deeper understanding for each student and their family as she influenced and guided them toward success.

In 2014, Elisa was honored in KSL's Teacher Feature (https://kslnewsradio.com/teacher-feature/elisa-posey-corner-canyon-high-school/) for her tremendous work. In 2017, she received the American Heart Association Heart Saver Hero Award (https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/general-news/3937-corner-canyons-receives-award-for-using-aed-on-student/).

Without a doubt, Elisa was happiest when helping students. She exuded empathy and compassion to those she taught. Her devotion to teaching and her community were worth all the sacrifices. Students used to say, "Posey walks on water." Part of her earthly legacy will be the work she did to single-handedly change lives.

Elisa was a devoted mother and grandmother who loved with fierce and unconditional loyalty. Her two daughters, Julia Posey and Lauren Posey, will forever carry a love and admiration for the strong woman who raised them. As a single mother, she worked hard to give her daughters the best. She dedicated her heart and hands to them. She absolutely worshipped her grandson, Eli Anndrew Posey. He will forever carry her name and a deep love for her. She spoiled him with Legos, trips, art projects; everything a grandma would do and more.

Elisa loved a good road trip listening to Neil Diamond on the way to Dead Horse Point, Disneyland, or anywhere with Lauren, Eli, and their beautiful canine Posey Pack: Riggins, Taylor, Lyla, Garrity, and Kora.

One of her proudest memories was running the Los Angeles marathon and the Salt Lake City marathon in 2001 with her father, Tony. She also ran the OC half-marathon in 2011 with her daughter, Lauren.

Elisa had a presence about her that brought beauty to the world. She had a keen eye for photography and loved being behind the lens. She loved the anecdote, “Life is like a camera. Focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don’t work out, take another shot.” She wasn’t a quitter and expected the best from herself and from those around her.

We honor the life of Elisa Posey. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister with a voice that could be heard and appreciated. She could make you smile no matter how bad you felt. She brought beauty and grit to this world and left everything changed because of her love and loyalty to those she loved and served.

Elisa is survived by her daughters Julia and Lauren Posey, and grandson Eli Anndrew Posey. She is also survived by her parents, Susan and Antonio Vargas and siblings: Audrey Mijares, Doris Donley, Robert Carpenter, Deborah Randol, Chris Carpenter, Linda Tong, Dorothy Vargas, Miguel Vargas, and Ramona Chronis. She loved all of her family and each of them held a special place in her heart.

She will be interred at Larkin Mortuary after a private graveside service.

Please drink a Diet Coke in Elisa’s memory and take her one - we all know she could use one. To help preserve her memory, please email any fond memories to posey.lauren@gmail.

Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose!