

Elizabeth Oliver Sanchez

March 26, 1934 ~ January 8, 2026

Our beautiful mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend, Elizabeth Buchanan Oliver Sanchez, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2026, at her home in Scottsdale, Arizona. Beth was born March 26, 1934, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Charles (Chick) and Bessie Oliver.

While growing up in Murray, she was surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. This is where her strong family values took root. Her family was the anchor that held her steady throughout every stage of her life. She graduated from Murray High School and received her Bachelors' degree from University of Utah. While working and raising four children, she received her Master of Education from Arizona State University.

Beth was a devoted educator who began her career in Coalville, Utah. She continued teaching in and out of the classroom for the next 50 years. There wasn't a child she wouldn't help. Whether it be in the classroom, neighborhood, family, hospital, or in her own dance studio.

In 1971 Beth and her family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. There, she continued her lifelong passion for education, focusing on Special Education. She was deeply beloved by her students and respected by her colleagues for her patience and dedication.

Above all, Beth was a selfless mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She blessed her family through her many talents and her quiet, faithful service. She was immensely proud of her heritage and spent many hours compiling family histories and conducting valued genealogical research.

It can be said that Beth's life was defined by service, kindness, and love for all those around her. She was always there with her beautiful smile, offering kind words and a helping hand to anyone in need. A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Beth was loved by many and will be missed beyond measure.

Survived by her children: Laurie Jorgenson (Paul), CharLeCartledge (Chris), Marcy Sanchez, and Robert Sanchez; her eight grandchildren: Chris Risi (Joslyn), Matthew Risi (Nikol), Jake Jorgenson, Cole Cartledge, Carsen Cartledge, Ashley Richards (Mack), Jessica Sanchez, and Kobe Sanchez; and her four great-grandchildren: Beckham and Ellie Richards, Valentina Risi, and Alessandra Risi. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Barbara McHenry.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to her caregivers, for their compassionate care.

Service Information: Thursday, January 22, 2026, Funeral at 12 o'clock at The Lone Peak Stake Center, 11570 S Wasatch Blvd., Sandy, Utah 84092. A viewing will be held prior to the service from 10:30 - 11:30.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be available via Zoom by clicking "watch services."