



## Ellen Smith Ottosen

*January 10, 1940 ~ July 29, 2021*

Ellen Smith Ottosen, 81, died peacefully in her sleep July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021, next to her husband. She was at her beloved Pines Ranch in the Uinta mountains. She was born January 10, 1940 to Jesse Robinson Smith (Bob) and Lucile Rogerson. She was raised in the Chevy Chase area of Washington DC. She was the younger of two children. She had a pleasant and memorable childhood. Ellen attended Ben W. Murch grade school, Alice Deal Jr High School and Woodrow Wilson High School. Ellen earned a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Utah. While at the University of Utah she was affiliated with the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She married Peter Clifton Ottosen in 1963 and had 2 children Amy and Peter Matthew.

Ellen taught 3rd grade in the Salt Lake City schools for five years. She sang in the Salt Lake Oratorio Society. She volunteered teaching the Art Masterpiece Program in the Scottsdale Arizona School District for eight years, where they lived since 1969. Ellen tutored many young people in English as a second language (ESL) also in the Scottsdale School District. Ellen was a strong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in both Ward and Stake positions. Ellen and her husband served several times in the Mesa LDS temple. They served in the Stockholm Sweden Temple from 2003 to 2005.

Ellen enjoyed hiking with Pete in the mountains, especially in Sedona. The family enjoyed camping and traveling. A favorite summer Activity for Ellen was to go to the Pines Ranch in Northern Utah where they have a mountain home. After retirement they spent almost 6 months at the Pines each summer. There Ellen enjoyed being with family and friends, playing the piano, writing poetry, journaling, and watching for moose, deer and black-capped chickadees.

She was a caring person and loved her family, friends, God and Country. She is survived by her husband, Peter; children Amy (Jerome Demoulin) and Matt (Rylan) Ottosen and grandchildren Luc, Lauren and Peter Demoulin and Brittany Owens.

There will be a viewing held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, the services to follow at 11:00 am at Larkin Sunset Lawn 2350 E. 1300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Humanitarian Aid or Tunnel to Towers [t2t.org](http://t2t.org)