

Eva Darlene Collier

August 6, 1934 ~ May 14, 2024

Eva Darlene Collier, a beloved matriarch and cherished friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on May 14, 2024. Born on August 6, 1934, to Joseph Murray and LaRue Hall Chavez, Darlene's early years were spent amidst the serene landscapes of Idaho and Southern Utah.

From a young age, she was an adventurous spirit, delighting in fishing, playing baseball, and catching snakes.

As a teenager, Darlene met the love of her life, Donald Collier. Their love story began with a spark that ignited into a lifelong partnership. Darlene waited with unwavering devotion for fourteen months while Donald served in the United States Army. Upon his return, they were sealed as a family on February 14, 1952, in the Manti Temple.

The couple moved to Salt Lake City, where they nurtured their growing family and raised three wonderful children. Their marriage, spanning an incredible 65 years, was a testament to enduring love and companionship. Together, they joined a square dance group, with Darlene’s creativity shining through as she crafted many of their dance costumes. Her artistic talents also extended to quilting, crocheting, creating porcelain dolls, ceramics, and jewelry. Darlene's love for owls became well-known, and she cherished the many owl-themed gifts from friends and family over the years.

After dedicating 16 years of service to O.C. Tanner, Darlene retired, and she and Donald relocated to Santaquin, Utah. Her legacy lives on through her children: Marilyn (Roger) Barnes, Gary (Robin) Collier, and Diana (Rick) Steck; her siblings: Betty, LaReesa, Jolene, and Kent; 12 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

Darlene was preceded in death by her beloved husband Donald, her parents Joseph and LaRue Chavez, and her sisters Jeannice, Tonia, Phyllis, Jeannine, and Katherine. Her memory will forever be treasured by those who knew her and loved her.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM.
Interment will take place thereafter at:
Larkin Sunset Lawn
2350 E 1300 S
Salt Lake City, UT
Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591918430

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Copper Creek Senior Living and the ovation hospice staff for their exceptional care, compassion, and dedication in Darlene's final moments. Their endearing love and attention brought great comfort and joy to her in her last days, allowing her to pass peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

In this time of sorrow, we celebrate the life of Darlene Collier, whose warmth, creativity, and unwavering love will be remembered always.