

Frances Sue Shepherd Martin

December 6, 1936 ~ October 13, 2023

Frances Sue Shepherd Martin mother, grandmother, and sister passed away October 13th 2023 at St. Mark's Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born December 6th 1936 in Cumberland, KY to Marvin Shepherd and Lydia Mae Creech Shepherd. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1955. Studied at Lindsey College for two years and graduated from Union College with a BS in education in 1959. She was a high school art teacher in Harland, KY when she met a missionary from Utah named James Ernest Martin. She was baptized and became a member of the LDS church in 1960. Shortly after James completed his mission and returned to Utah mom received a job offer from Granite School District and moved to Utah where she began her 30-year teaching career as a 3rd grade teacher at West Kearns Elementary. She married James Ernest Martin on July 23rd, 1963 in the Salt Lake Temple. They had 2 children, daughter Marianne Martin and son Andrew James Martin. They were later divorced. Mom was a talented artist and her beautiful oil paintings can be found in many homes of her friends and family members. She was a home making maven and our home was beautifully decorated for every holiday. She made the best scones and her peanut butter fudge was legendary. She was a true Southern Belle, always well dressed and accessorized. She carried herself with style and grace. She was kind, compassionate, nurturing, and a friend to all. She was selfless, always thinking of others and making sure everyone around her was taken care of. If you knew mom then you'd been on the receiving end of her southern hospitality. She was beautiful in every way. She was a loving mother who adored her children and doted on her grandchildren. She had a quirky sense of humor and a smile that lit up the room. Mom was a cancer survivor beating breast cancer and stage 4 melanoma prior to her recent illness. Now that she's gone the sun won't shine as brightly and there will be dark days ahead, but we take comfort in knowing that she's free of the pain that has plagued her for the last two years. We love you mama.

Survived by her children, 3 grandchildren, Katie, Maddie, and Kaynen, brother Paul Shepherd, and sister Ruby Ann Robison. Preceded in death by her parents, brother Vincent Shepherd, sister Helen Sturgill, and son in law Kent Phillips.

Special thanks to the nursing staff at St. Mark's Hospital and Tammy from Tender Care Hospice for their gentle compassionate care of our mother during her last week of life.

Funeral services will be held Friday October 20th 2023 at the Chevy Chase Ward House, 5235 S Wesley Rd Murray UT, with visitation one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Murray City Cemetery.