

Georgiana "Cissie" Lees Burbank

April 13, 1940 ~ February 28, 2026

Georgiana “Cissie” Lees Burbank died in Salt Lake City on February 28, 2026 at the age of 85. She was born April 13, 1940 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to C. Lowell Lees and Georgiana Taylor Lees. As the daughter of a theatre director Cissie’s childhood house was frequently full of interesting people. An often-told story was when Orson Wells bribed a young Cissie with a pastry to pacify her so they could rehearse. Cissie adored her parents, and siblings, Taylor and Sondra. They stayed close throughout her life.

Cissie was part of the original Salt Lake Ballet Company (Ballet West), and loved dancing in the famed Nutcracker. Cissie met “Tony Scott” when they were ballet dancers at University of Utah. When signing the marriage license, Cissie was surprised to see the name of the man she was marrying was Lorin Burbank, and “Tony” (which he continued to use) was a stage name. That was the nature of their marriage- both Tony and Cissie rolled with life as it came at them. They lived in NYC dancing together, moved to the University of Kansas for Tony to study – and had two sons along the way (Chris and Michael). Then they moved back to Salt Lake City where they had a third son (David) and spent the remainder of their lives.

Cissie was a hard worker, but made it seem effortless with her good humor and gentle disposition. She was very proud to work for Intermountain Healthcare for over 40 years. Everyone who worked with her loved her, and appreciated her kindness.

Many will remember Cissie for her weekly/monthly catch ups. Always making the rounds with visits, phone calls and check-ins to make sure she was current on all the *going-ons* of family and friends. She remained a lover of the arts, dance and theatre throughout her life. As required by her genetics from the Lees Family – Cissie could tell a good story. As expression goes – Cissie *never let the truth get in the way of a good story* – which made her a sought-after companion.

Family was very important, this showed up when she relished taking everyone to every Star Wars opening, to spoiling with too many (but always equal) Christmas gifts, to never missing kids/grandkids sporting events. Cissie never judged – Cissie loved and supported.

A fitting tribute came to Cissie as the family prepared for her funeral services - her loved ones have met this farewell with much tenderness and disbelief to imagine a world without her.

Tony and Cissie were definitely a pair, you didn’t find one without the other. They did well together with their time on earth, and are now experiencing a joyful reunion.

Cissie is survived by her sister-in-law Janet Lees, sister-in-law Jean Ewell, son Chris (Maura), son Michael (Jennifer), son David. Grandchildren: Alexa (Josh), Thomas (Jessie), Mathew (Hailey), Madden, Sam, Destiny, Denise, Mason and six great-grandkids.

Funeral services will be Saturday March 21, 2026 at 11:00am at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E South Temple St. in Salt Lake City. The viewing will be held the same day, Saturday March 21, 2026 at Larkin from 10:00am-11:00am.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163226999