

Gloria Dawn Cook Hansen

October 2, 1941 ~ July 12, 2021

Gloria Dawn Cook Hansen passed away peacefully on July 12 at the age of 79, surrounded by loved ones. Dawn was born on October 2, 1941, to John William Cook and Dora Faye Petersen in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She met and married the love of her life, Mel Hansen, and spent the next 65 years raising their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and creating a loving home for her family and friends. They loved taking their young family camping in the Uintas and boating on Echo and Rockport reservoirs.

Dawn was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. As a young wife and mother, she loved to bake bread, cook, and can and preserve. She kept an immaculate home and took great care to nurture and watch over her family. Her children knew without a doubt they were her highest priority; she was their number one fan, and their number one protector. As the grandchildren came along, her children joked that they knew they had been replaced for the top place in her heart, and when the great-grandchildren began to arrive, her kids dropped another notch. Nick was the first grandchild, and he could always make his grandma laugh, she loved watching him grow up, and even his friends called her “Grandma”. As a dedicated grandmother, she loved to pick her granddaughters Courtney and Kerestin up from school every day to take them home with her so she could make them dinner and spend time with them. She loved to have her great-grandson Kayden come every morning before school and after school, they would watch TV and pop popcorn, and Grandma Dawn made the absolute best brownies, She loved to hold great-granddaughter Aliza in her lap to read stories and rock in the rocking chair. She adored Baby Henry, and her face would light up whenever he came to visit.

Dawn returned to school to finish a degree in accounting after her children were grown. She was a gifted accountant, and worked at First Security Bank and then CR England Trucking in the owner/operator division.

Dawn was preceded in death by her parents, brothers John Jr. and Gordon Cook, her special aunts and uncles, and her precious granddaughter Staci Rae Hansen. Dawn leaves behind her loving husband Mel, her adoring children Deborah Hansen (Deena Fullmer), Jeff Hansen, and Boyd Hansen (Vickie Sachs Hansen), and grandchildren Nicholas Hansen (Kari Kallin Hansen), Kerestin Hansen, and Courtney Hansen, great-grandchildren Kayden Hansen, Aliza Hancock, and Henry Hansen, nephew Donald Cook, and niece Dee Douglass.

Services will be held Friday, July 16 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy. There will be a family gathering from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m., a visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Internment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens.