

Gull-Britt Elenor Richardson

May 21, 1938 ~ June 2, 2022

Born on May 21st, 1938, to Alf and Hilda Bjorklund, Gull-Britt Elenor Richardson spent her formative years developing a deep love of folk dancing, accordion music, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gothenburg, Sweden.

She spent her free time cross-country skiing, running hurdles, ice skating and diving into the Baltic Sea. At an early age, her mother taught her to knit and sew. These skills served her and her family throughout her life. Having parents who helped to establish her church in Scandinavia, Gull-Britt was raised with a deep reverence for the faith. It was this reverence and desire for a deeper connection with the center of her religion that moved her to immigrate to the U.S. in 1964, where she met the love of her life: Paul Richardson. After a quick romance, they married on June 21, 1968.

Perhaps one of her greatest accomplishments was raising six children with exquisitely unique and varied personalities, Britt, Samantha, Rebecca, Sofia, Fredrik, and Annika. On more than one occasion she tearfully begged them to value each other. There were many Family Home Evenings where you could hear the strained voices of her children singing Love One Another as Gull-Britt pleaded with them to take the words to heart. Through her valiant efforts, she taught her children the importance of tolerance, forgiveness, and making space at the table for others. This legacy lives on to this day, as her children work to instill these same values in her grandchildren. Gull-Britt worked to appreciate most of what the U.S. has to offer, but her heart remained in Sweden, and with the family she left behind. She enjoyed sharing her pride and love for her first home. Her children understood which country to cheer for during the Olympics.

Most importantly, Gull-Britt worked to connect her children with their Swedish Family. She yearned for them to learn the values of service, compassion, and humility taught to her by her parents. Gull-Britt felt strongly that her children never put themselves above others. She modeled and lived this principal until her last breath.

Gull-Britt's sense of humor was known throughout the neighborhood. Even when furious with her children, she could soon be brought to tears by a goofy joke or pun. She loved harmless pranks and practical jokes and delighted in spending hours remembering the mischief she got into as a child.

She sought almost instinctively to build community whenever she could, and it showed most frequently in the swarms of neighborhood children that frequently graced the Richardson household.

Gull-Britt's stubbornness and tenacity were things of legend. In her later life, her love of participating in sports and physical activities was curtailed by the effects of several compounding medical issues, and her ability to do so many of the things she loved was taken from her bit by bit. Through it all she strove to find ways to serve others, knitting baby clothes and baking by proxy, up until the last of her days. She fought for every scrap of independence

and autonomy she could maintain, sometimes to the horror of her devoted caregivers.

Gull-Britt was the last remaining sibling of a wonderful family, and is survived by her husband, six children, four sons-in-law, Shawn, Mike, Jeremy, and Gabe, and twelve grandchildren, Gavin, Chloe, Aidan, Cedrik, Zander, Ella, Conrad, Kaiden, Eli, Logan, Milo, and Felix.

We invite you to commemorate her life with us on June the 10th at 2:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at the Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, as well as closed-casket visitations on June 9th from 6:00 to 8:00, and June 10th an hour before the funeral itself. Interment will take place at Larkin Sunset Lawn.

For those who wish to view the recording of the services may do so here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2M1BxMK_852camllJovXKTr9JqLlZVLUgDhnVOcIcdTBvzQ05xANDhD_vQovKbW-.yi Services can be viewed for 30 days.