

Janet Leatham Penman

April 14, 1933 ~ October 27, 2024

Janet Leatham Penman passed away at age 91 at home on October 27, 2024.

Janet was born on April 14, 1933, to Louis Salisbury Leatham and Anna Grace Carn in Salt Lake City, Utah. Janet had two brothers, William Wallace Leatham and Jon Paul Leatham.

Janet grew up in the Fairpark neighborhood of Salt Lake City. She attended Jackson Elementary School and graduated from West High School in 1951.

Janet lived in post-World War II Europe for three years (1946-1949) with her parents as her father worked to restore Germany's banking and financial institutions. While there Janet attended the U.S. Dependents Schools in Mannheim, Wiesbaden and Heidelberg, Germany. Art was one of her interests and in 1948, she won first prize in the Heidelberg High School art exhibit for watercolor, copper plaque, and oil painting.

Janet attended Brigham Young University and the University of Utah (1951-1954) where she studied education, interior design and photography.

On September 3, 1954, Janet married Franklin Lewis Penman, a young man from her neighborhood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Salt Lake Temple with President Joseph Fielding Smith presiding at the ceremony.

Together Janet and Lewis created a family of seven children: 3 boys and 4 girls. Janet also created a lovely home with her exceptional homemaking skills: cooking, baking, sewing and decorating.

One very heartbreaking trial for Janet and the family was the death of her youngest child, Jason at the age of two years old in 1974. One of the ways she overcame her grief was by returning to work outside the home. She was an accountant in the offices of Primary Children's Medical Center for over 20 years. Even as she worked full time, she didn't miss a beat as a wonderful homemaker.

After Janet and Lewis retired, they worked in the Salt Lake Temple baptistry for several years and in the name extraction program. Janet loved to travel, to see new things and places. Although she loved exotic places, a ride up the canyon made her just as happy.

When Lewis's health began to fail, Janet devoted herself to his care. Her loving care for him provided a contented end to their earthly chapter together.

As a mom and grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 10, she made our holiday dinners and family gatherings so memorable and enjoyable. Her love, support and generosity to us all in her unique way will always be remembered with love and gratitude.

Janet joins her husband Lewis, daughter Linette and son Jason in the spirit world.

Survived by her children: Lewis L. Penman and Norman Van Manen, Laura and David Brown, Leslie and Lynn Croft, Rheim and Jon Penman, Mike Fisher, Linda and Joal Savage.

Grandchildren: Emily and Jonathan, Kimberly, Carly and Katie, Lauren and Malinda, William, Erik and Spencer, and Jason and Jonny. Great-grandchildren: Abigail, Annalyn, Caroline, Eva, Lauren, Ashton, Jack, Alec, Charli and Andi.

Viewing: Larkin Mortuary – 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Monday, November 11, 2024, 6- 8 pm.

Funeral: Larkin Mortuary – 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

12 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, with a viewing 11:00 am. – 11:45 am.

Interment at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Click the Watch Service button above to watch the live broadcast of the service.