

# Joanne Bushman Doxey

*April 17, 1932 ~ November 7, 2020*

Joanne Bushman Doxey, after enduring valiantly to the end with grace and poise, passed away peacefully on November 7, 2020, at the age of 88, while holding her loving husband's hand. She was born in Salt Lake City on April 17, 1932, the daughter of Bliss LeRoi and Eva Murdoch Bushman, as the youngest of five children. She attended East High School and the University of Utah, where she was active in student government. Primarily focused on preparing herself for motherhood, Joanne graduated with a double major in Child Development and Interior Design in 1954 and on June 7 of that year, married her long-time sweetheart, David Watson Doxey.

Children quickly joined the family: five boys in five consecutive years, followed by three girls. Joanne found her greatest joy in teaching and loving her children and extended family. In the busy years of raising children, she developed her many talents, including composing music and poetry. She founded Foothill Publishing in 1968 to publish her music, and ran the business successfully for many years. Her music is beloved by many, and her more than 50 songs include "Where Love Is" and "Seek the Lord Early," published in The Children's Songbook. She never took credit for her artistic achievements; rather, she steadfastly maintained that she was open to inspiration and the Lord allowed it to come through her.

A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Joanne served in many callings at the local and general church level. She was a national officer of Lambda Delta Sigma, the Church's sorority; she also served on the Primary General Board, as the first Church Building Hosting Director and, from 1984 to 1990, as Second Counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency with Sister Barbara W. Winder. In 1978, she and her husband were called to preside over the Spain Barcelona Mission, and they made it a family affair, taking along their children. This experience proved significant in Joanne's life, as she grew to love Spain's people and history and it paved the way for her future service and study. She later served as Assistant to the Matron of the Salt Lake Temple. In 2002, David and Joanne were again called to serve in Spain, this time as President and Matron of the Madrid Temple.

A lifelong learner, she graduated from Brigham Young University with a Master's Degree in Family Science, with an emphasis in religion, at the age of 61. She loved to research many topics related to religious history and the scriptures. Her posterity, which includes 38 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, treasures her legacy of always striving to learn more and be better.

Joanne is preceded in death by her parents, Bliss and Eva Bushman, sisters Nadine Barton and Colleen Lemmon, brother Bliss Bushman, her infant son Joseph Doxey and two grandsons, John and Jeffrey Stevens.

Surviving loved ones include her husband, David Doxey; children Dave (Merle) Doxey, Gary (Debbie) Doxey, Steve (Liz) Doxey, Jim (Lark) Doxey, Debbie (Bob) Stevens, Cindy (Rick) Green, and Christie (Kim) Facer; and sister

Beverly McCune.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, a funeral service will be held for family members only on Monday, November 16, at 11:00 am. It will also be broadcast online through the following link: http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/saltlakemonumentparkstake Event Code: 88970. Please be advised that there will be up to a five-minute buffering delay in the broadcast due to the servers the system uses.

A private graveside service will take place on Tuesday, November 17, at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Donations in honor of Joanne's memory may be made to the Humanitarian Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.