JoAnne C. Watrous

July 23, 1936 ~ December 3, 2022

JoAnne Christensen Watrous passed away December 3, 2022 from causes incident to age. JoAnne was born July 23, 1936 to Ernest and Mildred B. Christensen in Herriman, Utah. She graduated from Granite High School in 1954. She married Earl R. Watrous November 26, 1954. They were married for almost 60 years before his passing on May 29, 2014.

She worked as a legal secretary for various lawyers and the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office for over 20 years. She went to work for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office in 1976. She was executive secretary to Sheriff Pete Hayward from 1979 – 1991 and to Sheriff Aaron Kennard from 1991 – 1997 where she retired after 21 years of service.

Her proudest accomplishment was her family. She was the last of a generation of Matriarchs and she truly was the glue that held our family together. She was always there to support everyone in whatever endeavor, however large or small. She never missed a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. She always made you feel loved, special and accepted. She didn't ask if you were coming to a family gathering, she told you what time to be there.

Thank you, Mom, for all your love, advice, support, and acceptance! You are truly irreplaceable!

JoAnne is survived by her sons Jeff, Brant, and Dirk (Amanda) Watrous, grandchildren Darin (Teri) Watrous who was raised as a son, Zach (Audrey) Watrous, Brantly (Meghan) Watrous, Mitchell Watrous, Chelsea Cook, Brianne (Cody) Petersen and Ashley (Chuck) Luna, great grandchildren Addison Watrous, Luke Earl Watrous, Demi Jo Watrous, Lennon Watrous, Lia Petersen, Saige Petersen, Brielle Petersen, Ryli Luna, Kambri Luna, Jack Luna, Jack Cook and Avery Cook. Preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Shauna Watrous, brothers Dick, Jerry, Leon and Kearns Christensen and sister Maureen Bangerter.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 9, 2022 at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 East 4580 South, Millcreek, UT. A viewing will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT from 12:30 – 1:30 pm on Friday prior to the services.