

Joyce Marguerite Houghton

February 24, 1941 ~ June 30, 2025

Joyce Marguerite Hunter, a cherished soul, passed away on Monday, June 30. This obituary is dedicated to honoring her memory, celebrating her accomplishments, and preserving the legacy of kindness, wisdom, and love that she leaves behind.

Joyce was born on February 24, 1941, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to William Frederick Hunter and Elizabeth Janet (Macbeth) Hunter. She had one sister, Marion (Hunter) Hathaway. The family lived together in Winnipeg while growing up. They were surrounded by many relatives and friends.

Joyce married David John (Jack) Chorlton on April 4, 1959. They had two daughters, Deborah Chorlton and Sharon (Stuart) Gale. The family immigrated to the U.S. in 1963. They moved to Los Angeles, CA.

Joyce always worked hard and began her seamstress career in Los Angeles, where she learned the trade and became an exceptional seamstress. She sewed many types of clothing, including both her daughter's wedding dresses, friend's wedding dresses, Olympic team sporting wear, and numerous other alterations for friends. She later worked for Catalena Clothing, sewing mostly bathing suits.

The family moved to Bozeman, Montana, in 1969, where they made amazing friends and enjoyed the outdoor life. They moved to Salt Lake City in 1977 where they stayed for many years. Joyce also enjoyed living in Tioga, ND. She made lifelong friends wherever she lived.

Joyce and Jack were married for 24 years before divorcing. Joyce remarried William (Bill) Houghton, retired and relocated to Torry, Utah. She was widowed seven years later.

Joyce spent the next few years traveling and camping in her Scamp trailer with personalized license plates of "Dumpling." She could always laugh at a joke and had a great smile.

Joyce was an outstanding cook. She entertained frequently and cooking with and for friends was a lifelong joy. It was very common that someone was invited to dinner. She was skilled in gardening, canning food, cooking, and could set a magnificent table for any meal. She is surely in the kitchen with friends Lois, Erna, Marge, Karen, and Ruth, who preceded her in death.

Joyce was a very compassionate person, loving animals and had numerous dogs and cats. Once she brought home three kittens and her daughters were elated. She also made numerous charitable donations to organizations that supported animals and those less fortunate. It was frequently said that "Joyce would give you the shirt off her back."

Joyce treasured her friends and family and cared for everyone. You always felt loved. Her friends and family remember her as being kind and generous, but she was not a pushover. Family was her heartbeat. She helped before being asked, her door was always open, and you never left hungry. She was always ready for a road trip

and loved taking her granddaughters along. Her friends and family remember her kindness and loving spirit, and if you hear a little whistle, you will know she is near.

Joyce had a strong Scottish heritage, with both her mother and father being of Scottish descent. This provided her with a strong personality, courage, bravery, and never being afraid to try something new. Her heritage follows the Scottish lines for Clans Hunter and MacBeth, the Hunters being from Hunterston, Scotland, where a small castle resides, and the MacBeths being from northern Scotland having worked in the wool industry.

Joyce is preceded in death by her mother, father, sister, and husband.

Joyce is survived by her two daughters Deborah Chorlton and Sharon (Stuart) Gale, granddaughters Jessica, Sarah, and Savannah, and great-grandchildren Isaiah, Cassidee, and Declan.

Special thanks to those who helped along Joyce’s journey. Sunrise of Sandy Senior Living provided constant loving care and Inspiration Home Health and Hospice was there to help keep Mom comfortable and ensure her painless passing.

Joyce will be interred after cremation at Larkin Sunset Gardens. At her request she will not have a service.