

Juna Ellsworth Griffiths

December 21, 1942 ~ December 16, 2021

Juna Ellsworth Griffiths, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on December 16, 2021.

Juna was born December 21, 1942, in Mesa, Arizona and spent her youth in the farming community of Queen Creek, Arizona. She attended Queen Creek Elementary and graduated from Chandler High School in 1960. Soon after, she moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to attend college. In July 1962, she met her eternal companion Gerald “Jerry” Wayne Griffiths. They were married in the Mesa Temple on November 1, 1962. A year later Juna convinced Jerry to move from Provo to be closer to her family in Mesa, Arizona. They raised their family in Mesa until 1978 when Jerry and Juna moved back to Provo, Utah where they lived until 2011. Jerry and Juna then moved to Draper, Utah to be closer to their children.

Juna was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in many church callings. She was deeply proud of her rich pioneer heritage and remained true to her faith throughout her life. Along with her faith, family was her greatest priority. She made sure to gather her family often, whether it be for Sunday dinner, holiday traditions, or casual get-togethers. Her children and grandchildren loved spending time with her in the kitchen, which overflowed with laughter and love. Juna was full of compassion and became an adopted mom to many. There was rarely a Sunday dinner in her home where she had not invited friends to join with the family. She spent her life helping others along their way. Juna is loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Juna is survived by her three children—David (Kathy) Griffiths, Debra (Marc) Didier, Donald (Angela) Griffiths, 20 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, sisters Carolyn Schnepf and Margaret Schnepf, and sisters-in-law Judy Ellsworth and Shirley Griffiths. She is preceded in death by her husband Jerry Griffiths, her parents Donald Ellsworth and Margaret B. Cooper Ellsworth, and brothers Donald Delos Ellsworth and Robert “Bob” Cooper Ellsworth.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 11:00am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 13112 South 700 East, Draper, Utah. Friends may visit family on Friday, January 14, 2022, from 6:00-8:00pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, Utah and Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 9:30-10:45am at the church prior to the funeral service. Interment will be at East Lawn Memorial Hills, 4800 North 650 East, Provo, Utah.