

Karen Arlene Larrabee

July 13, 1943 ~ September 13, 2022

Heaven gained our angel, Karen Arlene Larrabee at age 79. She passed away peacefully on September 13, 2022 with her sweetheart by her side. She is our loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend.

She was born July 13, 1943 to Dellis Reuben and Mary Esther Forbush. She grew up on Creek Road in Sandy, Utah. She was proud to be a Beetdigger from Jordan High her whole life, serving on the Alumni Committee for several years in many leadership positions. She met her sweetheart and soulmate Doug Larrabee in the 8th grade. She became fast friends with the “city boy” from Salt Lake City. Their friendship turned into a courtship and they were married in the Manti Temple on November 29, 1962.

She was a very faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She held many callings in her life. Two of her favorites were teaching and Relief Society President. She served a service mission with her husband at the Sandy Employment Center for three years. Her favorite way to show love to all around her was with her homemade bread. The smell of fresh-baked bread was a constant in her home.

She had an infectious smile that she shared with everyone throughout her life. She is known for her smile and for hugs that she freely gave to anyone who crossed her path. She loved square dancing, traveling, and any kind of party. Her favorite gathering was having her home or yard full of her family. She was famous for the “candid” Kodak moments that she captured with her camera that always seemed to be in her hands.

She is survived by her sweetheart Douglas R. Larrabee, her children Rick (Kris), Carol (Greg) Anderson, Maylyn (Scott) Murdock, 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and her sister, Connie Simper. She is preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey D. Larrabee; grandson, Tyler Anderson; her brother, Jerry Forbush; and her parents.

The services will be held at the Canyon Ridge Ward located at 2695 East 7000 South, Cottonwood Heights, Utah. A viewing will be held Sunday, September 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with the funeral Monday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m., preceded by a viewing from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

She suffered from Altzheimer's for eight years. We are grateful for the care and love she received the last three years at Escalante at Coventry and Utah Home Health and Hospice.

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