

Karen Jean Brown

May 24, 1940 ~ February 2, 2023

Karen Jean Brown, age 82, passed away from this life to the next surrounded by her family at home on February 2, 2023. Karen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 24, 1940 to Henry and Erma Banham.

On October 26, 1973 she was married to the love of her life and best friend Mervin Brown in the Salt Lake Temple. The two of them were inseparable - even working together at the County Recorder's Office until their retirement.

Of all her many jobs in life, her favorite was that of a Mother. Her girls were her pride and joy. Since she was married later in life she only had her 2 daughters but would proclaim that she had "quality not quantity". She happily raised them on homemade bread and bottled peaches. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Even more joy filled her life with the arrival of her grandchildren. They are cherished blessings and in her eyes, can do no wrong.

Karen's life was dedicated to the service of others. You could count on her to take in a meal, bring over a loaf of bread, talk on the phone or visit someone who was in need.

This life of service was magnified during her service as a missionary for her church in both her younger years in England and later in life with her favorite companion, her husband. They served together faithfully and lovingly in the Salt Lake City East Mission, blessing the lives of many young missionaries and others in the process. The love she had for this mission and those she met because of it continued throughout the rest of her life.

Her family itself may seem small, but she was adopted by many as a mom and grandma. She cared for and loved each of these relationships. Because of this, her posterity is large and far reaching. We are so grateful for all of our adopted brothers, sisters and dear friends who truly are family.

Karen served diligently in her church callings throughout the years. She was an influence for many girls in the Young Women's program - most of which are still her best friends. She served as Relief Society President 3 times, saying they asked her to keep doing it until she got it right.

She loved her Savior, Jesus Christ and dedicated her life to following in His footsteps. We have all been greatly blessed by her faithful heart and beautiful example in the gospel.

Karen is survived by her husband, Mervin, daughter Heidi (Brian) Ball and their children Taylor (Andrea), Jordan, Madison and Reagan; Daughter Kellie (John) Dickamore and their children Deserae (Kyle) and Ty, and great grandson Stetson. Sister Cindy (Greg) Shoop and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Erma Banham, Sister, Sharon West, Brothers Ron and Ed Banham, Niece, Krecia Petersen and Nephews David Shoop, Sean Brearton, and Brandon Banham.

Funeral services will begin at 1:30 PM on Friday, February 10, 2023 at the LDS Church located at: 3155 South 900 East, Millcreek Utah. A viewing will be held at the same location Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM and again starting at 11:30 AM prior to funeral services. Karen will then be laid to rest at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.