

Karlene Bauer

May 11, 1940 ~ November 27, 2021

Karlene Humphrey Bauer passed away on November 27, 2021 at the age of 81, at her home in Sandy, watched over faithfully by her husband of 64 years. She was born in Salt Lake City on May 11, 1940, to William Ernest and Grace LaVerne (Knaphus) Humphrey. From her youth, Karlene loved people - especially young people - and she loved life. She also loved reading and learning. She spent much of her life combining all of those loves into a career of teaching biology at both the junior high and high school level.

A natural leader, with a crazy work-ethic, she worked many summers writing science curriculum for science teachers across the state of Utah and followed it up by working throughout the school year teaching it in the classroom. She taught at Butler Junior High School, as well as Jordan High School. She began teaching science in the secondary schools when that was seen as a man’s domain. She spent her career purposely opening-up careers in science and math to young women, as well as serving as the head of the science department at Jordan High School. Her love of learning was contagious. All of her children earned multiple college degrees.

Her life was one of service. In addition to her teaching duties, she spent years assisting the coach of the women's gymnastics team at Jordan High School (spending extra time learning how to judge gymnastics so she could help coach the young women appropriately). While working many summers on state curriculum, she was hyper-active in her local ward (of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), serving for years in roles in music, and with the young women. She was a hardcore Girls Camper (no small feat for a mother of all boys). And even in retirement, she spent many days working at the Church Museum of History and Art.

Karlene has also led her family in passing. She is survived by her husband, Joel; their three sons, Brad, Keldon and Barry; two of her daughters-in-law Sonia (Ontiveros), and Cristina (Da Encarnacao); her five grandchildren Ezra, Jonathan, Giselle, Edison, and Amanda; a granddaughter-in-law Christina (Dennis); two great-grandsons Jared and David; as well as her five siblings David Humphrey, William (Bill) Humphrey, Kimball Humphrey, Ruth Wilder, and Daniel Humphrey. She will also be missed by her sisters-in-law, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter-in-law Valerie (Blackburn).

Those wishing to say goodbye to Karlene may attend the viewing on Monday December 6, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road, in Sandy. A second viewing will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1050 East Galena Drive, in Sandy beginning at 10:00 AM on December 7, 2021, prior to the funeral service which will begin at 11:00 AM. Karlene will be interred in the Cedar City cemetery, 685 North Main Street in Cedar City, on December 8, 2021, at 11:00 AM.

Funeral services on Tuesday will be streamed via Zoom. You will need to log in to your own Zoom account. Once logged in, click the “Watch Services” link above.