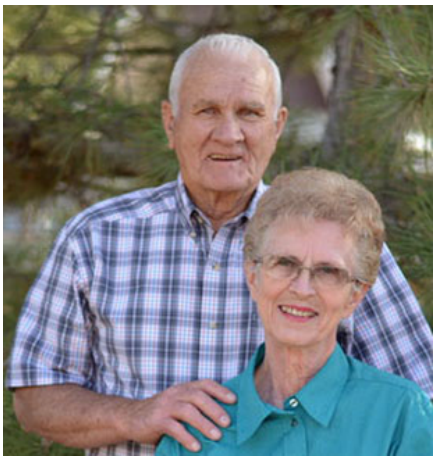

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Only 60 short days apart, but now with eternity together, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister passed away peacefully on December 6, 2022, and was reunited with our father. Kathern Rasmussen was born on September 14, 1941, to Maurice Farrell and Therresa Colby Rasmussen in Salina, Utah. Kathern was the third of five children.

Kathern excelled in school, especially in home economics. She enjoyed sewing blankets to donate to hospitals for newborn babies to be swaddled in as they were discharged from the hospital. She sewed countless minky blankets and made sure every member of her family had, at least, one made by her hand. Kathern married her eternal sweetheart, Lyle E. Taylor, on April 18, 1958. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Manti, Utah temple on April 18, 1959.

Mom was a “homemaker extraordinaire”. She was an excellent cook and an outstanding baker well-known for her baked goods she always had on hand to give to anyone who passed through her home. Brookies, marshmallow brownies, cherry pie and strawberry dessert were among the many family favorites. At a young age, Mom received a personal letter from Betty Crocker acknowledging her phenomenal baking skills with a personal invitation to visit Ms. Crocker at her home if ever in Minneapolis.

Having a child with “special needs”, Mom’s life revolved around son, Brady, and making sure he had every opportunity and advantage in life so he could live his best life. She helped pave the way for special needs programs in mainstream schools. She fought against the “handicap” ideology that they didn’t belong there. She was instrumental in getting changes made in the Jordan School District that remain intact today. Dad, Mom and Brady were always together and seldom apart and took care of each other.

Kathern was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints having served in many callings throughout her life. The greatest calling was that of Compassionate Service. She was also the ward food storage expert for many years and reinforced to always be prepared. Most important to Kathern was her family and she left quite the legacy with 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren – all who adored and respected her.

She is survived by her 7 children: Russell Taylor (Jil), Lindsey Taylor (Lisa), Danielle White (Max), Stacy Atkinson (Brent), Gregory Taylor (Lori), Natalie Geertsen (Robert), and Brady Taylor; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers Rodney (Eunice) and Brad (Kathy) and sisters Evelyn and Janet (Neil). She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

A viewing will be held Friday, December 16, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagle Cliff Ward, 1600 East Buttercup Drive, Sandy, Utah. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. noon with a viewing from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Cliff Ward, 1600 East Buttercup Drive, Sandy, Utah. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

If you would like to watch the recorded funeral service, please click the blue "Watch Services" button above.