

Kathryn Parr Minson

February 15, 1948 ~ December 11, 2020

Kathryn Parr Minson was born in Salt Lake City on February 15, 1948, to Afton Boberg and Paul Wallace Parr. An admirer of Robert Frost, classical music, and ballet, she attended Skyline High School with some of her dearest, life-long friends and graduated in 1966. She married her sweetheart, Stanley Harker Minson, on June 10, 1968. Together, they sang in choirs, built a beautiful home, and raised seven children—six boys and one girl.

Kathy changed the lives of countless students through her teaching in Jordan School District over 23 years. She taught English and Reading at Union Middle School for many years, instilling her love of poetry and good books into generations that followed. Many of her students still remember poetry they memorized in her classes. Her children continue to meet her former students and enjoy hearing how she positively influenced so many of their lives. She eventually became a middle-school librarian and built a wonderful legacy in her library by seeking out special grants and introducing students to the best of the written word.

Kathy is also known for her special green thumb. She has always had the ability to grow glorious flower gardens, and even though her children did not inherit this gift, they are competent gardeners thanks to the wisdom she shared with them. She loved to beautify her surroundings.

Kathy had a refined, warm, loving, intelligent, well-educated, artistic soul. She blessed the lives of so many people, including many caretakers and fellow-sufferers later in life. Kathy brought hope and peace to those around her as she endured the amputation of her right leg along with many other health challenges. Her strength and vibrancy inspired all those who came in contact with her, and she continued to love, mentor, and mother many precious souls until the end of her time on earth. She wrote poetry and primary hymns to express her deep and abiding testimony of God, her love of her Savior, Jesus Christ, and her joy in serving faithfully in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Kathy returned home to her Heavenly Father on December 11, 2020, after a long and valiant battle with Parkinson’s disease. She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild, who were joyfully waiting to greet her. Kathy is survived by her three brothers, (John, Sheldon, and Kenneth), her husband Stan, and some of her favorite gardening efforts—her children: Paul (Johanna-Maria), Kent (Trilea), Melynn (Hany Sheet), Mark (Michelle), Glen, Alan (Kristin), Bret (Laura), and 20 grandchildren and a grand-puppy. Her family misses her greatly, but they rejoice that she can now run, laughing and singing, “through the open fields of grace,” well and whole again.

At her request, there will be no memorial services. Her ashes will be interred in the Lehi City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the LDS Humanitarian Fund.