

Kyrona Marie Breese

August 1, 1962 ~ May 15, 2025

Kyrona Marie Breese, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, surrounded by her devoted and loving family. Marie was born on August 1, 1962, in Covington, Kentucky to Leon C. Breese and Betty J. Harris Breese. She was the third child of four born to her parents. In 1968, Marie moved with her family to Utah where she has resided ever since. She graduated from Jordan High School in 1981, and after high school, went on to serve a genealogical mission in the state of California for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Marie was sometimes quiet and could be known by others to keep to herself, but there was so much more to her. From a young age, Marie was deeply spiritual. She loved learning about the gospel of Jesus Christ and spent many years studying as a seminary and institute student. She read her scriptures diligently and spent countless hours listening to the words of prophets and apostles; one of her favorite apostles to listen to was Elder Neal A. Maxwell. Marie spent her life getting to know her Savior, Jesus Christ, and striving to become like Him. Through her consistent spiritual learning endeavors, the Savior became her best friend. She had a deep understanding of gospel principles and had the desire for everyone to draw close to Him.

We believe it is because of her dedication to her Heavenly Father and Savior that Marie became who she was and who she will continue to be. She was a natural nurturer, loving, compassionate, dedicated, service-oriented, faithful, obedient, pure, innocent, and ultimately sanctified. The light of Christ shined through Marie in all that she did. She was a hard worker, and despite some of her mortal limitations, she did all that she could to maintain her independence and contribute to this world in meaningful ways.

Marie worked in janitorial services at the University of Utah for over thirty years. She rode the Trax daily to work and would rarely (if ever) miss a day she was scheduled to be there. She diligently fulfilled her duties until her recent diagnosis left her too sick to work. Marie had a deep love of gardening, and she tenderly cared for her vegetable garden every year. She loved God’s creations and had a desire to create and beautify through her garden. She was a talented seamstress and made many of her own clothes. She enjoyed crocheting and playing the organ. She loved every holiday and decorated her family home for each of them. She carefully and lovingly cared for her dog, Winter. Her dog would prove to be a loyal companion to Marie until the very end of her mortal life.

There are so many things that could be said about Marie and the life she led, but of those many things, her quiet strength and humility are among her most treasured attributes that all who knew her greatly admired and loved. Her service to others was quiet and often not seen. She was well-known for the little gifts that she would bring to friends, neighbors, and family every Christmas. She remembered people and she wanted them to know that. This

desire to remember others led her to dedicate immeasurable hours working on family genealogy. Marie wanted to make sure that every family member was found and had the opportunity to have their temple work done. She didn't want anyone to be left behind or forgotten.

She lived life simply, yet profoundly, and was very giving of all that she had. Rather than obtaining money for her two cars, she donated them to a school for mechanics because she wanted somebody to learn from them. The 'profit' she cared about was not of this world. She worked for spiritual gains. Marie's peaceful way of life brought so much love and joy into her parents' home. She loved her parents dearly and did all that she could to serve them. They love her dearly too. The tenderness between Marie and her family in her final weeks was a bold demonstration of the depth of her love and concern for them and theirs for her. Her life and legacy will stand as a powerful witness of Jesus Christ. He is our refuge from the storms of life, our friend, and our motivation to do all that we can, with what we have, to better ourselves and this world. We don't have to be well-known or wealthy to make a difference. Marie made a difference to all she served, and we will always remember her. She is already missed by all who knew her and loved her. Marie wanted all to come unto Christ, so for her, we share the following scripture. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Her faith in Jesus Christ *is* what lifted and sustained her through the difficulties of her life and recent illness and is what gave her absolute confidence in what was to come upon her passing. Marie will always be our precious angel.

Those left to mourn Marie are her dear parents, Leon and Betty; her sister and brothers Morna, Norman, and Dwayne; her loyal companion, Winter; her nieces and nephews; her aunts and uncles; and many cousins. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Cliff and Evoda Breese and Frank and Lula Harris; her sister-in-law, Sharleen Breese; and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 11:00 am with a viewing prior beginning at 9:30 am at Larkin Mortuary, 1950 East Dimpl Dell Road (10600 South) Sandy, UT 84092.

We send our love and appreciation to the healthcare professionals that cared for Marie during these difficult past weeks, including the close family members that allowed Marie to pass peacefully and surrounded by love.