

Lillian Aldrich Smith

April 16, 1932 ~ August 1, 2023

Our beloved mother, Nanny, and dear friend, Lillian Aldrich Smith, passed away peacefully on August 1st, 2023 in Draper, Utah at the age of 91. She was cherished beyond measure and those who had the opportunity to know her and love her will miss her so, but will bask in the kindness and love that she left behind. Her ability to find joy and connection with those around her was a gift she shared constantly.

Lillian was born on April 16th, 1932 in New York City to her loving parents, Sadie and William Engelstadter. Lillian attended Flushing High School and in later years, Rutgers University and the University of Utah. She married Raymond Aldrich in 1952 and together they raised four children. Being a mom was Lillian’s greatest joy and she was a wonderful mother. She loved to sew, read, play the piano and cook for her family. She loved all animals and she was happiest when the house was full of neighborhood kids and loved ones. Lillian worked at St. Mark’s hospital and volunteered at her church, All Saints Episcopal, but her favorite job by far was volunteering at the Children’s Center, a place that provided mental health care to enhance the emotional well-being of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Lillian later married Jack "Pop" Smith and gained 4 stepchildren, whom she loved very much. She has 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Jack passed away in 1990 and she remained very close to his family. Lillian is survived by her children: Rich Aldrich and his partner, Lavene, Karen Mancini and her husband, Enzo, Bill Aldrich and his wife, Karol, and her four step-children. She was preceded in death by her dear husband, Jack Smith and her beloved daughter, Peggy Lynn Aldrich, who passed away in 2002. What a beautiful reunion that must have been!

Our family is grateful for the loving, compassionate care provided by the exceptional staff at Ashford in Draper. We also want to thank her hospice nurse, Lori, and the rest of the staff at Symbii Home Health and Hospice, who took such excellent care of her. Our mother treated those around her with such kindness and compassion. Her smile lit up a room and bathed you in warmth, as is evidenced by the many people that mourn her passing.

A memorial service will be held at All Saint’s Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday, August 19th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please pay forward the kindness and empathy that Lillian always demonstrated.