

Linda Burke Dalley

May 16, 1945 ~ September 16, 2022

Linda Burke Dalley, age 77, our beloved sister, aunt, and friend passed away September 16, 2022, at her home in Salt Lake City from heart and liver complications.

Linda was born May 16, 1945 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Oscar and Lavetta Fugal Burke. She married Orien Austin Dalley February 4, 1972 and they were sealed a year later in the Salt Lake Temple. They divorced in May 1985.

She loved being a “farm girl” and found much joy in animals and nature, and especially working alongside her siblings on the farm. She was an avid reader, enjoyed playing board and card games with family. She also loved camping, hiking, and many sports (mostly as a spectator!), but especially tennis, golf, football, and basketball.

Linda graduated from Shelly High School, attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, worked as a secretary in the Chemistry Department at the University of Arizona in Tucson, the Education Department at Utah State University in Logan, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City.

Linda enjoyed traveling and for over 25 years she, her sister JoAnn, and brother Roger took many vacation trips together. After JoAnn’s death, Linda and Roger continued the tradition and took a cruise through the United Kingdom and France, spending a day in Paris. Linda had fond memories of Temple Tours throughout the U.S. and Canada with Roger, her sister Irene and brother-in-law Allan. Upon her retirement she celebrated with a one-month cruise through Chile, around Cape Horn, across the Drake Passage to Antarctica, up to the Falkland Islands, Argentina, Uruguay, and a side trip to Iguazu Falls.

With her niece Becky, she also toured Israel, Jordan (Petra), and Egypt where she cruised down the Nile River, saw the Valley of the Kings, many ancient temples, the Sphinx and Pyramids. The last memorable exotic adventure was with Becky and Roger on a cruise to Cozumel and Belize. She never tired at seeing how kind and loving God is for providing so much beauty on this earth for us to enjoy.

Her deepest regret was not having been blessed with children, and her greatest joy was found in many happy moments spent with her beloved parents, brother, four sisters, many nieces and nephews, cherished cousins, and friends. Her greatest treasure was her family. She was always happy and full of optimism, and is now rejoicing once again with those whom she loved so dearly during her earthly life.

She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. She especially enjoyed being a temple worker, serving in many Relief Society and Primary callings. She treasured the many friendships made while serving in these capacities. Linda also was called to serve a full-time LDS mission to the Eastern Atlantic States and had the blessed opportunity of seeing many dear people brought to a knowledge of our loving savior and His gospel.

Her 43 years of employment as a secretary in the Church Administration Building of the LDS Church were filled with many happy, touching, inspirational, and deeply moving spiritual experiences. Her love of the Savior was the cornerstone of her life. Her abiding faith and testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ was the foundation upon which she built her life. Her firm resolve and dedication to her work resulted in a life well lived and carried her through the challenges in life that she faced.

Linda is survived by her brother Roger Oscar Burke, Shelley, Idaho, and sister Irene Murdock, Mapleton, Utah; 12 dearly loved nieces and nephews; 49 great nieces and nephews, and many great-great nieces and nephews, all of whom meant the world to her. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Joyce Robertson, Sherril Thompson, and JoAnn Packer, brothers-in-law Bud Thompson, Allan Murdock, niece Rynell Robertson, and nephew Mark Douglas Jeffs.

A Viewing will be held September 29, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Larkin Mortuary Downtown, 260 E. South Temple, SLC, Utah. Funeral services will be held September 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in the Chevy Chase Ward of the Salt Lake South Cottonwood Stake, 5235 S. Wesley Road (1100 East), Salt Lake City, Utah. There will be a viewing prior to the funeral services at the Ward building from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.. Interment: Taylor Cemetery, Shelly, Idaho.