

Mary Charleen Kienke Clark

May 20, 1936 ~ February 3, 2021

A wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved and supported her family passed away peacefully in her beloved home surrounded by her husband and children on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Charleen was born May 20, 1936 in Salt Lake City to Byron Horne and Olea McNeill Kienke. She was an accomplished pianist and singer, performing in college with the “Sigma Tones” quartet and choirs. She graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in elementary education and a minor in home economics. On August 12, 1959, she married the love of her life, Norman Ellsworth Clark, in the Salt Lake Temple. She enjoyed teaching kindergarten and first grade until her first child was born, at which time she devoted all her love and attention to raising her family.

She lived her life with graceful strength and had an unshakable faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ. From within the walls of her home and through her industrious devotion to family, she inspired, encouraged, and taught her posterity determination, obedience, and charity. She was honored to fulfill her sacred role of being a mother.

She served in the church with dedication in many capacities including RS & YW President, but her favorite callings were serving in the Special Needs Mutual for 15 years with her husband and being a faithful visiting teacher/minister.

Charleen struggled for 30 years with health issues, yet she was an example of endurance and determination to get well. She loved attending family gatherings and keeping in contact with those she loved. She embraced all with whom she made contact and impacted the lives of countless people. Her encouraging words and laughter will always be remembered.

Charleen was preceded in death by her parents and four grandsons. She is survived by her husband Norman, children Michelle (Brian) Harris, Janene (Brad) Wright, Susan (Greg) Hatfield, Stephen (Cathy) Clark, Brian (Amanda) Clark, Cheryl (James) Wright, Melissa (Jeff) Quigley. 26 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and her sister, Kathryn Kienke Hershkowitz.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 13th at noon at the Holladay 3rd Ward, 4568 Holladay Blvd., Holladay, UT 84117. A viewing prior to services will be held from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we ask that you join us with the zoom link below. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Lawn.

You can watch the zoom recording of the services here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/0b84eBwdd9AX4gFDeHG0645H9iGVYKQGIsg-d8cNvt9b2IJv6TbI-2IeiJDoiMZO.bI7Zj