

# Nancy McEntire Cotro-Manes

*December 16, 1936 ~ January 22, 2023*

Shortly after visits from each of her five children, Nancy McEntire Cotro-Manes returned to her Heavenly Father on Sunday, January 22, 2023. She was 86 years old.

Nancy was born to William Godfrey Peterson and Ruth Agnes Phillips on December 16, 1936. She grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she was both an active girl and “Tom boy.” She took dance lessons as a young girl, but also loved playing baseball and football with her brother, Phil, and his friends.

Nancy attended Oquirrh Elementary, Bryant Junior High and West High School. She was accepted into and graduated from the nursing program at Brigham Young University. She then worked as a nurse for the Student Health Clinic at the University of Utah.

Nancy met her husband, Dr. Jim McEntire, while in a speech class in junior high. The two became great friends, and were married in the Salt Lake Temple on May 31, 1960, after Jim returned from the North Central States Mission. They were blessed to have five children and enjoyed various vacations together as a family. She adored her grandchildren and could often be found reciting nursery rhymes to them.

Nancy and Jim’s motto was “Always room for one more.” Several individuals and families from around the world benefited from their hospitality, including nieces, foster sons, exchange students, and humanitarian refugees to a new state.

Music and performing were an integral part of Nancy’s life. She loved to sing and performed in the choir at BYU, ward choirs, the Jay Welch Chorale, and performed in various plays including The Sound of Music, Hello Dolly, and The Pirates of Penzance.

The gospel of Jesus Christ was important to Nancy, and she served in various callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Primary, Young Women’s, Relief Society, and in various missions including Temple Square. She also loved to work on family history, genealogy, and temple work.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers Richard and Phil. She was also preceded in death by her husband Jim (who died at age 57), her second husband Paul Cotro-Manes, and her granddaughter Jessica. She is survived by her birth-children Stephen, John, David, Becky and Tom, their spouses, 24 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and all others who were adopted in her heart.

The family expresses appreciation to the staff of The Lodge at Riverton, the hospice nurses, and the Copperview 10th Branch Relief Society for their love and care in her final weeks.

Her viewing will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 10:00 am at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) Sandy, Utah. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the same location. To watch

services online or to share a favorite memory of Nancy please visit www.larkincares.com.

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