

Patricia Ann Trujillo Clay

March 8, 1949 ~ March 15, 2025

Patricia Ann Trujillo Clay passed away peacefully at home in Murray, Utah, on Saturday, March 15. She was born in 1949 in Los Alamos, New Mexico, to Theodore and Mary Jane Trujillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Mary Jane, and her brothers, Teddy and Carl Trujillo.

On May 17, 1973, Trish married John Charles Clay in Salt Lake City. Together, they raised a loving family:

• Matthew Clay and Kate Clay, along with their children Mira, Morgan, and Sam of Poway, California.

• Devin Clay and Sarah Van Gieson - Clay with their children Faith and Rayne.

• Maureen Clay Olsen and Andrew Olsen, with their children Elisabeth, Rosalyn, and Nathan of Kaneohe, Hawaii.

She is also survived by her brother, Tom Trujillo of Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Trish lived life with passion and abundance. She found immense joy in making friends, exploring art, reading, attending cultural events, and traveling the world. She visited over 80 countries across all seven continents.

She was a graduate of Los Alamos High School and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Art History and a Master’s degree in Special Education from the University of New Mexico.

Her career was dedicated to education and counseling. She worked at the Albuquerque and Tongue Point Job Corps before moving to Utah, where she became a stratistician at the University of Utah, supporting students with special needs. She later led the minority counseling department at Weber State University and worked with Planned Parenthood of Utah. Trish then spent 25 years teaching Special Education and later Art at East High School, a role she cherished deeply.

A passionate reader, she organized and participated in two beloved book clubs.

Above all, Trish treasured her family and friends. She often reflected on the success of her children with pride, saying, "We did a pretty good job raising children—just look at the results."

She also found great fulfillment in her students, frequently remarking on how wonderful they were and how much joy they brought to her life.

We will celebrate her life together at Larkin Mortuary (260 E. South Temple, SLC UT 84111) on Saturday March 22 at 2:00 pm. Friends and family may gather beginning at 1:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, the service will be streamed online, please visit the obituary page on Larkin Mortuary’s website and click on the “Watch Service” button.

Please join our family in celebrating Trish’s wonderful life. In lieu of flowers please donate to the local YWCA.