

Patsy "Pat" Lorraine Sorensen Morris

December 16, 1944 ~ October 13, 2020

Patsy “Pat” Lorraine Sorensen Morris (75) peacefully left this mortal life on October 13, 2020, in Draper, Utah, with her seven living children, three grandchildren, and two siblings by her side.

Pat arrived on December 16, 1944, the oldest of eight children born to Hugh and Alta Sorensen. She had a big, infectious smile and was known as a woman of great faith, and always had a willingness to serve whenever and wherever needed. Pat was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and her faith increased throughout the many different trials in her life.

At the age of 7, her parents moved the family to California (Downey and later Anaheim), where she graduated from high school. After a short stint at Brigham Young University, she moved back to California to marry her high school sweetheart. Over the next two decades, they circled southern California, living in Anaheim, Mira Mesa, Fallbrook, and Santa Ana, where they welcomed eight lively, rambunctious and sassy children into the world, JoLyn, Buffi, Scott, Boyd, Kristin, Sean, Jon, and Holly.

In 1984, Pat was faced with the unexpected passing of her fourth child (Boyd) at the young age of fourteen. A year later, Pat became a single mother and began a very new and challenging stage of life. With 6 children still living at home, she began working outside the home to support her family. It was, however, important to her to be at home until her youngest child began kindergarten and Heavenly Father blessed her to do just that. She knew it would be critical to the health and well-being of her family to spend that precious time together. Once she went back to work, she worked as a legal secretary for approximately 22 years.

Pat’s family was her world. She spent countless evenings and Saturdays attending events for her kids, and later for her grandkids. No matter the sport, dance recital, etc., she made it to nearly everything she could to show support for her family. She even kept score and stats as she watched basketball games, just because she loved it. When her younger children were old enough to stay alone overnight, she loved spending the occasional weekend with her parents in Carlsbad.

As the years passed and Pat saw that nearly all her kids had settled in Utah, she sold her home of 26 years in Santa Ana in order to retire and make the move to Lehi, Utah. There, she spent the last 13 years of her life in a home that was perfect in her eyes because it served as a gathering place for her children and grandchildren. She also loved to host family from out of town, as her children lovingly called her home “La Casa De Pat.”

Pat served in many different callings in the Church. At various times throughout her life she served in the Relief Society and as a Relief Society President, a Primary President, a ward missionary, a temple worker in both the Los Angeles and the Mt. Timpanogos temples, and most recently as the ward chorister. She also served as a senior missionary in the Nebraska Omaha mission from 2009 to 2010.

Exercising was something Pat loved to do, and was known by many as the neighbor who walks for hours, dark or light, hot or cold, by herself or with friends she met along the way. She also sang in the ward choir for many years, despite the teasing from her children because she was a tenor and sang with the men.

Pat truly lived a Christ-like life. Her goal was to live worthy of the blessings of eternal life, so she could be reunited with her son, Boyd, and all her family once this life is over. She left an impression on everyone she met and the world is a better place for having had her in it. She was an example to many of not just enduring to the end, but of enduring well.

Thank you, thank you, thank you...Mom, Grandma, sister, daughter, friend, and most importantly disciple of Christ. God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Alta, her son, Boyd, brothers in-law Charles and Kenneth, and sister in-law Julie. She is survived by her children: JoLyn, Buffi, Scott (Shelly), Kristin (Scott), Sean (Danielle), Jon, and Holly (Dave); her 19 grandchildren: Brooke (Jake), Mikelle, Austin, Ashley, Logan, Landon, Calvin (Kennison), Dustin, Sophia, Quinn, Skylar, Jade, Connor, Tanner, Taylor, Lincoln, Katelyn, Elizabeth, and PJ; her first expectant great-grandchild; and her siblings: Carolyn, Barbara (Kip), Linda, Dale (Debbie), Richard (Andrea), Julie (Rod), and Kent (Carol).

Due to restrictions related to the coronavirus a viewing will be held from 12:30pm - 1:30pm on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, located at 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, Utah. A small graveside service will be held in Pat’s honor at 2pm the same day.

“NOTE: please remember to follow current Covid guidelines”