

Porcia Sue Straw

December 16, 1944 ~ February 21, 2025

Porcia Sue Peterson Straw was born in Centerfield, Utah, to Ross and Johanna Peterson on December 16, 1944. She was the youngest of 9 children. Porcia lived in Salt Lake City for many years and passed peacefully after struggling with many health issues on February 21, 2025.

Porcia grew up in learning how to work and cook. She helped her parents on the farm with gardening, chickens, sheep, cows (her least favorite), and pigs. Porcia worked for many financial companies and most recently with BFI Waste Systems.

Porcia served as a missionary in the South Carolina Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has served in multiple church callings, including the Primary. She had a natural ability to love and teach children.

Porcia also shared her talent and love for music wherever she lived and enjoyed playing both the piano and organ, providing music by playing in multiple wards. She played a pump organ in the Centerfield Ward.

While serving on her mission, Porcia had the opportunity to play for military branch meetings. There, she met Composer and Tabernacle Choir Organist Robert Cundick. For a time, Porcia lived on 'A' Street, and while in the ward she played the organ, she would arrive early to practice the music. During that time, the Prophet Joseph Fielding Smith would often come to listen to her play.

Porcia loved to knit and crochet gifts for friends and family. She was blessed with a huge heart and was always willing to help anyone in need. Serving others brought her much joy.

As a child, Porcia was not allowed to have dogs on the farm since they would scare the chickens. After she was married, her husband brought home a Labrador, Kara, that he had purchased from a neighbor. At that time, she didn't know how to care for a dog, but she quickly learned and fell in love. Since then, she has had multiple dogs, all of whom she has loved (and spoiled) dearly.

Porcia's most recent dog, Moses, visited her at the care center when she passed, 3 days later Moses passed.

Porcia loved growing flowers of all kinds and knew many varieties. She said her life was never dull as she always had plants, friends, and pets.

Porcia was a woman who had incredible faith, a contagious laugh, and a loving heart. She will be missed by so many.

To her many friends and to the Waterloo Ward members, please know your friendship, kindness and loving service has been greatly appreciated.

The family would like to thank her care team at St. Joseph Villa, Utah Home Health and Hospice for the care she received during the last few years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles Straw, a stepson, her brothers and several sisters. She is survived by a sister, Frankie Christiansen, a stepson, step grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

There will be a memorial service in the Waterloo Ward, date March 8, 2025 at 11:00 am, located at 1623 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Porcia and her husband Charles P. Straw will be interred in the Centerfield Cemetery, following a graveside service.