

Rhonda Renae Fox Westenskow

February 6, 1953 ~ June 4, 2021

Surrounded by loved ones, Rhonda Renae Fox Westenskow left her earthly home on June 4, 2021 and joined her heavenly family.

Families are eternal. Rhonda Renae Fox Westenskow knows and lives this better than anyone. She was born into a loving family on February 6th, 1953. Her young mother passed away when Rhonda was only two years old and subsequently, her definition of family expanded quickly to include not only her dad and sister, but grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as friends, neighbors, schoolmates, and church leaders.

Raised in homes that her father built in the Salt Lake Valley, Rhonda's family circle soon included friends in Murray, and schoolmates at Hillcrest High School, and Brighton High School. More family came in the form of classmates and colleagues as she attended beauty school and worked as a hairdresser and the executive secretary to a recruiter.

Her family grew again when she met the love of her life, Jerry, and with three children her family became complete when they were sealed together in the Salt Lake Temple on August 15th, 1987. She served her ward family as a Young Women's leader, worked in the Primary, was the Relief Society President and acted as unofficial neighborhood mother to so many of her children's friends as they matured.

A move to Colorado was another opportunity to make new friends who would become family. One of her favorite callings was that of an early morning Seminary Teacher to sleepy high school students who learned the joy of the gospel through her testimony.

Some of her dearest friends were made recently when her husband reunited with military veterans from his time in Vietnam. During reunions, conferences, and seminars Rhonda would rally together the spouses of Jerry's military comrades for adventures in town. The relationships she created with these women became another welcome family for her later in life.

Rhonda and Jerry enjoyed time together serving an inner-city mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They also made memories traveling across the country, often visiting family and friends, and sailing the world on cruises to Tahiti, Alaska, Denmark, and the Baltic Sea.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Jerry Westenskow; her children, Lincoln Stromness (Sheri), Jackson Westenskow (Heather), Maranda Anderson (Ryan); sister, Julie Koplin (Kerris); and her grandchildren, Samantha, Courtney, Alyssa Stromness; Jack, Scarlet, and Linus Westenskow; and Lucy, Axel, and Rex Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents Arlen Clifford Fox and Joan Renae Johnson and her brother Layne Fox.

The family wishes to express gratitude to Intermountain Homecare and Hospice, Rhonda's ward family, and the countless other friends and family for their kindness and compassion during this time.

A viewing will be held Friday, June 11 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy UT 84092 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Services will be held Saturday June 12 at the Alta View Stake Center, 1850 E 8600 S, Sandy, UT 84070 with a viewing at 10:00 AM and a funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment and graveside services will be afterward at Sandy City Cemetery, 700 E 9000 S, Sandy, UT 84093. Services will also be available to view via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89353422633. A Zoom account is required to access the service.