

Ruth Elaine McPherson

February 18, 1940 ~ September 23, 2025

Ruth Elaine (Olson) McPherson, 85, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Ruth passed away of natural causes on September 23, 2025, at Apple Village in Layton, Utah. Born on February 18, 1940, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania to Arthur and Viola Olson. Ruth's life was shaped by faith, family and a devotion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ruth met her sweetheart, Jim when she was 12 years old. They married in 1958, when she was 18 and they shared an enduring love and partnership for 63 wonderful years. Together they built a life rooted in family, faith and community. Ruth was the proud mother of four children.

Ruth and Jim joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1964. She served in many organizations and her passion was searching family history and teaching others about genealogy.

A natural organizer and community builder, Ruth left a lasting mark wherever she lived. She was instrumental in establishing the AYSO soccer program in Sandy, Utah, giving countless children the opportunity to play, grow and belong. Later, in San Jose, California, she helped form the Al-Anon program, providing a place of healing and hope for many families.

Known for her energetic personality, Ruth had a gift for bringing people together. She delighted in hosting gatherings and organizing celebrations. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Ruth is survived by her children, Douglass (Pamela) McPherson Sr, Laurie (David) Meyers, Erick (Cherie) McPherson and Jared (Leigh) McPherson, 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with immediate family will be held on September 25, 2025 at 11:00am at Larkin Sunset Gardens, in Sandy, Utah.