

Shirley Jean Turner Dunn

February 2, 1933 ~ December 31, 2020

Shirley Jean Turner Dunn passed away on December 31, 2020 at the age of 87 due to Covid-19 complications.

Shirley was born February 2, 1933 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Joseph Daril Turner and Lucile Pulver Turner. She was raised in a loving and caring family consisting of three sisters and two brothers. Shirley graduated from South High School where she performed in theatre productions and played on the basketball team. She also sang in a Stake Youth Choir where she met her high school sweetheart, Jared Leon Dunn. While Jared was serving an LDS mission, Shirley served an LDS Stake Mission. After their missions were completed, Jared and Shirley were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they raised three children in Sandy, Utah. She and her husband enjoyed serving as missionaries together in the Visitor's Center on Temple Square and loved sharing the gospel with visitors from all over the world. Later, they happily spent countless hours researching family history, performing temple work, and completing church extraction work. Shirley was known for her positive attitude and work ethic and was missed by her colleagues when she retired from the Jordan School District. During her life she faced and overcame many health challenges with patience, resilience and by turning to the Lord. She was an accomplished seamstress creating intricately embroidered keepsakes for family and friends. Shirley also was a talented tole and oil painter. She carefully and lovingly tole painted rocking chairs, shelves, frames and other cherished items for every child, grandchild, and great grandchild. She also created beautiful oil paintings which she later gave as gifts to the members of her large and extended family. Shirley's greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her grandchildren looked forward to the delicious meals she cooked, the Christmas parties she hosted, and her yearly cousin sleepovers. Every grandchild knew that Grandma would always provide a listening ear, offer kind advice, share a safe place to stay and prepare a delicious sandwich made with love. Shirley was admired for her strong and unwavering faith in the Plan of Salvation and love for her Savior. Prior to death, she shared her great desire to return home to her Heavenly Father and to reunite with her husband, parents, and family members. Her last wish, prior to passing, was for her family to love more every day and to be kinder every day.

Shirley is survived by her children Jared Jr., James (Marianne), and Sheri (Kirk) Ebert, her siblings Barbara Lloyd, Gayle Flink, Diane Wright, and Lee Turner, 21 grandchildren, and 35 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Jared, parents Joseph and Lucile Turner, brother Steve Turner, and twin grandsons Jacob and Daniel Dunn.

As a family we wish to express our appreciation for the love, service, and kindness extended to Shirley by family, friends, and health care providers during her final days of earth-life.

A visitation will be held 6:00 – 8:30 PM Sunday, January 17th at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. As Covid precautions Larkin Sunset Gardens' limits visitors to 50 @ a time and requires masks and social distancing. Funeral services will be held in-person and broadcast on Zoom at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 18th at the Crescent 7th Ward Chapel, 949 East 10600 South, Sandy, UT. Masks are required and those in attendance are asked to sit together in households. Due to Covid, the church allows only 99 people in the building at a time. Our 90 immediate family members, church leaders, and the Larkin staff total 99. During these unprecedented times, and even though we wish everyone could attend in-person, celebrating Shirley's life by attending on Zoom is a wonderful option and will protect everyone's health.

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