

Teri Wells

April 2, 1951 ~ April 14, 2023

Born, 2 April 1951, to Lowell Alley and Wilma Kearl Wells
Died, 14 April 2023

Teri grew up on the avenues in Salt Lake City, Utah. She spent her summers living on the ranch of her grandparents, in Round Valley, in Rich County, Utah. She really enjoyed all of the time she was able to spend with Grandma Kearl and with her cousins.

She always loved handcrafts, and became quite an artist at sewing, embroidery, cross-stitch, knitting, crocheting, quilting, and the somewhat rare skill of tatting.

Teri was a great genealogy enthusiast and very involved in temple work.

She was a graduate of Salt Lake City's East High School, and of Brigham Young University. Teri also attended the University of Utah before transferring to BYU. She was an elementary education major and was on the NCAA competition synchronized swimming teams at both schools.
She loved children and always wanted to be a teacher. For her student teaching at BYU, she worked in the elementary school in Montezuma Creek, Utah. After graduation and certification, she had a full-time teaching position in Roosevelt, Utah.
Teri was then called to serve in the Spain Seville Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and thoroughly enjoyed her time as a missionary.
When she got home from Spain she taught again, briefly, in Roosevelt but then got a new position at a school in Lyman, Wyoming.

But Teri felt that she should go to California, so she soon started looking for a position there. She has always liked smaller towns and we all expected that to happen in California. We were very surprised when she said she was moving to Sacramento.

What a wonderful decision she made! It was definitely inspired. It became a great blessing for her and for the many people she worked with in those schools – but mostly in the Nong Shala (Hmong-speaking) Ward. Teri was able to teach scores of children over nearly 40 years of involvement there. We constantly heard her tell us about, "my kids" who had gone on missions, and married, and grew to be such good friends to her.

Our family can't say enough good about Teri's other family in Nong Shala. What great people!

She is sorely missed.

Teri is survived by:
- a brother and sister-in-law - Robert & Patty Wells, of SLC
- two nephews - Dan (& Dawn) Wells of North Salt Lake, and Rob (& Erin) Wells of North Salt Lake,

- one niece - Allison (& Chris) Hill of North Salt Lake
- eleven great-nieces and great nephews - Audrey, Zoe, Jo, Ethan (and Rachel), James, Samuel, Morgan, Noah, Max, Lincoln, and Rebecca
- and several cousins of both the Wells and Kearl families

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Larkin Mortuary (260 East South Temple, Salt Lake City) at 2:00 pm. Live broadcasting information below. A viewing will be held an hour prior.

For those who wish to join via Zoom, may do so here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84579546651
Please note that a Zoom account is necessary to enter. For those who do not have a zoom account, when clicking the link, a dialogue box will appear. Click on "sign up" and follow the prompts from Zoom. If there are any questions, please call Larkin Mortuary to walk you through the process. No passcode required. Host will begin meeting 5 minutes prior to services. Access to mic and camera will not be given. A link to view the recording will be posted here the following business day.