

Vicki Lorraine James

September 18, 1942 ~ June 29, 2023

Once Upon A Time .... a special angel came to this world.

Vicki Lorraine Adams James was born on September 18th, 1942 in Santa Monica, California to parents Frank Ralph Adams and Olea Lorraine Hill. Born in the same room as the famous Shirley Temple, it was no wonder that Vicki's smile revealed similar dimples, which thrilled her parents. She had a magical and happy childhood, developing a love for nature and singing wherever she went. Growing up as the only girl with 2 older brothers Dusty and Mike and her younger brother, "Irish", Vicki became a sports enthusiast. She loved the cracking sound of her bat meeting the baseball and the feel of throwing a football in a perfect spiral. She grew up in Huntington Park, California as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She remembered as a young girl, many church activities and how thrilled she was to attend the dedication of the Los Angeles Temple, where she would eventually be married. Music was an important part of her family culture and some of her favorite childhood memories included singing with her brothers when relatives visited and harmonizing in the car on family trips. She attended the same high school where they filmed the movie "Grease" and was voted Homecoming Queen. She loved serving in student leadership as Senior Vice President and member of many clubs, including Girls League. She entertained professionally, singing with her brother Irish as he played his guitar. Performing together, they frequented many reputable venues in Southern California.

After high school, she attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. One day, during her freshman year, a young man bumped into her accidentally, knocking her books to the ground. As he picked up her books, he introduced himself as Stephen Virgil James from Texas. The movie-like introduction turned into a romance. For 2 years, she waited for Steve while he served as a missionary in the northwestern states. Upon his return, they married in the Los Angeles Temple. She was warmly welcomed into Steve's family by his parents Virgil and Frances James and his 2 sisters Nancy and Julie. After growing up with only brothers, Vicki was elated to finally have sisters.

After welcoming her first baby (Steve Junior) to the world, Vicki discovered that her greatest joy in life was being a mother. Three additional children followed (Tammy, Wendy and John), as the family moved between California, Utah and Idaho. Vicki loved being with her family having canyon picnics,, backyard barbecues and going on trips. She visited many lovely places throughout the country and beyond. In her travels, she found that her favorite place to be was at home with her family and loved ones. After her husband's passing, she moved in with her oldest son's family. She lived there for more than 20 years, right up to her passing. There was no place like home to Vicki.

Vicki enjoyed singing, listening to beautiful music, writing poetry and descriptive verse, going for walks and

appreciating the changing seasons and beauties of nature. She loved reading a good book on a rainy day, a fire in the fireplace, doing puzzles of any kind, cooking, baking, viewing the majesty of snow-capped mountain peaks and watching the ocean waves along the coastline. She adored gathering as a family during holidays, especially at Christmastime.

Vicki truly loved and accepted everyone without judgement and set a Christ-like example of true compassion and unconditional love. Whether it be for her family, friends, community or church, she was in constant service of others. She served in many church callings, and especially found joy in Relief Society, Primary and being a temple worker. Still her favorite calling in life was serving her family as a mother, grandma, great-grandma, daughter, sister and aunt. She lived for our family and now waits for the day when we can all be reunited to continue our journey into eternity.

Vicki is survived by her children: Stephen (Lisa) James, Tamera (Sam) Hull, Wendy (Doug) Warr and John James, her brother Irish (Sunny) Adams, her sisters-in-law Dianne Adams, Lauri Adams, Nancy Linder and Julie (Dennis) Moselle, in addition to 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, parents in law, her husband Stephen Virgil James and 2 brothers Frank and Mike Adams.

And now heaven has welcomed our angel Vicki in infinite peace and joy. She is surrounded by loved ones who have gone before and wait for us to return home, where together we will live Happily Ever After.

There will be public viewings held on Wednesday, July 5th from 6:00-8:00pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road in Sandy, Utah and on Thursday, July 6th from 10:30-11:45am at the South Jordan Stake Center (2450 W. 10400 S. in South Jordan)

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 6th 12:00pm at the South Jordan Stake Center followed by a graveside service at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy.

To view previously held services please click on the link provided
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/9QVp8ksRpLBpNV0vNyN2NCKb_w4Q_q74Aqr9QFYkwD7x9Uq75eS0K6QWHSQCU