



## Vickie Ellen Stoddard

*April 3, 1957 ~ November 15, 2020*

Vickie Ellen Stoddard, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away at her home surrounded by family on November 15, 2020. She was born April 3, 1957, in Santa Clara, California. She was raised in San Jose, California, moving to Utah in 1970 with her mother and three sisters. She was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. In 1980 she met the love of her life, soulmate, and best friend, Brent Stoddard. Together with her two daughters Heather and Christina, she completed the family that she had been waiting for. Brent and Vickie celebrated 40 years of love, friendship, and companionship this year.

She began working with the Jordan School District in 1994 supporting the school lunch program. She found she enjoyed the energy of the kids and the spirit of the "lunch ladies". She had a talent for leadership and a gift for working with people which quickly led her to advance to kitchen manager, a role she spent the bulk of her career in. While she worked at several schools she retired after 25 years in 2019 from Oquirrh Hills Middle School in Riverton. She was proud to be a Lunch Lady!

Vickie always saw the beauty in every person she met and she treasured and valued every relationship. She had a wonderful sense of humor with a dry wit that she would zing you with if you were off guard. She loved word games and puzzles, especially those she played with her "grands". She looked forward to traveling to Colorado every year to visit her mom and step-dad with whom she was very close. They would spend hours out on the deck enjoying the Colorado sunsets and talking about love, life, and every topic under the sun (guaranteed a lot of laughter!) She especially loved going to Texas to be with her daughter and granddaughters who were the highlight of her life.

Family was most important but her greatest passion was her granddaughters; and she lavished them with her time and attention. Often she would devote entire days with only one girl at a time to make each one feel extra special and strengthen the bond between them. She made sure that summer visits to Grandma's were all about making memories. Going to Grandmas was like going to the best summer camp, and she called it that as well. She was the best Grandma ever!

Vickie will be forever remembered by all who know and love her as the glue that held everyone together. Her wise counsel, sage advice, creative ideas, and of course summer camp is greatly missed by us all.

Vickie is survived by her husband, Brent; daughters, Heather Dalrymple and Christina (Colby) Nish; granddaughters, Avery, Oakley and Isabelle Nish; step-daughter, Holly (Justin) Hall, step-children, William, Ethan, and Abigail Hall; sisters, Teresa Petersen, Deanna Victorson, and Tamara Vetitoe. She was preceded in death by her mother and step-father, Doris and Clifford Middlemiss.

At her request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Home Care and Hospice.