

Vivian Rogene Gogel Gordon

June 24, 1925 ~ April 8, 2023

Vivian Rogene Gogel Gordon passed away peacefully on April 8, 2023, after suffering from the effects of dementia for several years. Even as she dealt with the pain she had, she still expressed her love to her family and caregivers and remained happy.

Vivian was born to Lester Harrison Gogel and Alice Willson Gogel on June 24, 1925, in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She lived the first 17 years of her life with her family in the oil fields in Calpet, Wyoming. She went to school in LaBarge, Wyoming, through 10th grade. She went to 11th grade in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Her family moved to Sandy, Utah, in 1942, and she graduated from Jordan High School. After graduation, she worked at Salt Lake Hardware.

She married her lifelong friend, Thomas K. Gordon in 1947. They had two children, and she was a stay-at-home mom until 1970, when she went to work for Jordan School District as a school secretary. She worked at Sandy Elementary, Crescent Elementary, and East Sandy Elementary, before retiring in 1987. During the years she was a stay-at-home mom, she served as PTA President and was very involved in the lives of her children. Tom passed away January 20, 2005.

Mom was a very thoughtful and caring person. She was always making gifts and giving them to friends and acquaintances, and she never missed giving birthday and holiday gifts to her family. She did beautiful handwork until macular degeneration took away her ability to see to do her hobbies. She knitted, crocheted, made all kinds of plastic canvas decorations and gifts, and made beautiful projects with counted cross-stitch. Everyone she knew, from close friends to waiters and waitresses in restaurants, had a “cross in my pocket” or “hug” that she’d made from plastic canvas. Mom loved ice cream! Next time you have a “little dish of ice cream” (that’s not so little), think of Mom.

She had a strong faith in God and was a longtime member of the Lutheran Church in different congregations in the Salt Lake Valley. She was currently a member at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverton, Utah.

Vivian is survived by her daughter Carol Delliskave (Ralph, Jr.); her son Michael Gordon (Jacquie), and her sister, Betty Lloyd. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Kristi LaMont (Juan Enriquez), Ben Delliskave (Jill), and Tyler Gordon (Danielle Sullenberger); three great-granddaughters: Jade LaMont, Keira LaMont, and Teagan Delliskave; and her nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers, nurses, and staff at Auberge at Aspen Park for the outstanding care she has received for the past five years and for all the love and joy they brought to her life while she was a resident there. Thank you also to Dr. Steven Fehlauer and Debbie Quick, NP, for the excellent care they provided to Mom.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 1:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road (10600 S.) Sandy.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the Rooted and Growing Building Campaign at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 13249 South Redwood Road, Riverton, UT, 84065.