

Wanda Lou James Bolerjack

March 26, 1933 ~ June 16, 2023

Wanda Lou James Bolerjack passed away on June 16, 2023 in Sandy, Utah (a suburb of Salt Lake City). She was born on March 26, 1933 in Bakersfield, Missouri to Cecil and Velda Amyx James. The family soon settled in Willow Springs, Missouri where her father was a manager with a regional office of the State Highway Department. She was baptized into the Christian faith as a young girl.

Always enthusiastic and outgoing in school, Wanda excelled in academics, marching band, drum and bugle corps, and was editor of both the school newspaper and yearbook.

She met her lifelong soul mate, Don Bolerjack during school and they married after her graduation. Don served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War while Wanda, after some brief training, worked as a medical assistant for a local doctor. She told vivid stories of assisting in difficult maternity cases, emergency surgeries, sewing up fingers and toes, and other procedures when fully trained nurses were not available.

The couple settled in Kansas City and raised their two sons, Steven and Craig there. When they left for college, Wanda went back to work, starting as a receptionist and working her way up to Director of Sales and Customer Service with Bausch & Lomb's Kansas City office. She was the only woman in the company to become a National Sales Manager.

Some years after son Craig established a successful career as a sports broadcaster in Salt Lake, and son Steven moved to California as a lawyer, Wanda and Don relocated to Utah to be closer to family and their three grandsons. She delighted in helping them grow from young boys to successful young men. Still full of interest and energy, she continued working part-time with the Sandy Chamber of Commerce and various charities including St. Mark's Hospital Mammogram Awareness Program and the YMCA Women's Clothing Project, which provided professional business clothing to disadvantaged women. Throughout her career, Wanda strived to be an advocate for women in business.

After 72 years of marriage, she is survived by her husband Don, son Steven Bolerjack, son and daughter-in-law Craig and Sharon Bolerjack, grandsons Don James Bolerjack, Nicholas and wife Ana Bolerjack, and Brody Bolerjack.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) in Sandy. Friends may come at 1:00 pm for a brief visitation. After the service, interment will follow at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.