Obituaries

LaVerne Moser

1932 ~ 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to LaVerne F. Moser, 91, an affectionate and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. LaVerne passed away on April 23, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

LaVerne was born on December 3, 1932 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Wilmer and Lovie King. Shortly after she graduated from high school, she married the love of her life, Gene Moser. Gene and LaVerne had an adventurous life together with many defining chapters. The first chapter followed Gene's rodeo career as a cowboy and rodeo clown. This job proved to be a bit too dangerous when their daughter, Susan, was born. The next chapter was supporting Gene through his career in the insurance industry which brought two more children, Dan and Pam, into the family and many moves across the country. Moving to Park City, Utah was the last and most defining chapter in LaVerne and Gene's lives. Lifelong friendships were made through the many activities and the community involvement in which they participated. LaVerne developed a love of quilting and was very excited to have one of her quilts win a ribbon at the State Fair. Cheering hot air balloons at Jordanaire followed by a champagne toast became a common activity as Gene's love of hot air balloons became a way of life. She was a gracious host always welcoming anyone who happened to cross her path with warmth and kindness. Through Gene's work and upon his retirement, they enjoyed travelling throughout the country and to many foreign destinations from Hong Kong to Athens, making new friends and memories. Throughout their lives, Gene and LaVerne returned frequently to their beloved New Mexico.

Those who went before her were her parents, Wilmer and Lovie King, her twin brother, Vernon King, and her husband, Gene Moser. She leaves behind her children, Susan Clement (Bill), Dan Moser (Heller), and Pam Strasser (Fred); grandchildren, Shannon Gudowicz, Kyle Strasser, Christina and Katherine Moser; great-grandchildren, Dakota, Grace, Lali and Liam, as well as many nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

The family would like to thank Jessica at Utah Home Health and Hospice for her devoted care and love for LaVerne, as well as the staff and her many friends at The Ridge at Cottonwood who brought so much joy to her life as a resident for the last six years.

In honor of LaVerne, a celebration of life will be on Monday, May 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East Millcreek, UT. Guests are encouraged to use the parking lot and entrance located on the north side of the building.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks Funeral Parlor. Please visit www.Starksfuneral.com to share photos and memories with LaVerne's family.

Judy Couey

1953-2014

Woodland, UT—It's been a decade since Judy departed from this world, leaving behind cherished memories that continue to warm our hearts.

She always brought a breath of fresh air and light-heartedness to the room. We will always remember her loving hugs, deep conversations, and unconditional love. It was in those moments that you knew you were cherished beyond measure. She had an energy that made others feel happier after being around her.

Her thirst for knowledge was boundless. She taught herself to play piano, violin, ceramics and much more. She enjoyed cooking, baking bread and reading books. The aroma of freshly baked bread, always lingered in the air whenever she held our family gatherings. She was very competitive and loved games and ALWAYS won at Scrabble! She loved bringing people together, especially during the holidays.

She possessed a keen eye for a bargain, a zest for life, a passion for spirituality, music and the arts. She cared about her community and enjoyed teaching Art's Kids and Charm School to children. As a dedicated volunteer and talented artist, she left an indelible mark on those she encountered, inspiring others to embrace their creative passions.

Sundays were reserved for quality time with her husband, Allen, indulging in the simple pleasures of movies, plays, and dining out. They were so loving to each other and a true example to us. The two of them were able to travel a lot together and traced her family's roots in Europe. Their playful banter, the endless declarations of love, spoke volumes of their admiration for each other.

She left a video for us before she passed and reminded us to compliment others. When we see the good someone, we should let them know.

In her memory, we carry forth her love, her laughter, and her spirit of adventure, knowing that she will always be with us, watching over us with a smile from above. Happy Mother's Day!

George Angelo Massa

October 19, 1935-April 7, 2024

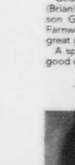
Highlands Ranch, Colorado—George passed away the morning of April 7th 2024 with family by his side. He was born in Highland Boy, Bingham Canyon, Utah to Giorgio and Addolaratta Bartoto Massa on October 19, 1935.

George was Bingham High's senior class president in 1953. He was a hard worker and worked for Kennecott Copper as a teenager. He also worked as a salesman for E. F. Mariani Company, a mechanic for Mountain Fuel as well as the Washington County School District. George's hobbies included fishing, gambling and woodworking. George was also known for keeping a neat and tidy yard. George was known as the Master Spinner Maker at the Tuachan Craft Fair where he and Gloria spent Saturdays selling their crafts with all their good friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents as well as first wife Yvonne Bell Massa, sister Eugenia (Bob) Cochran, brother Pete (Patsy) Massa, brother in law Eddie Osoro and wife of almost fifty years, Gloria Petersen Massa.

George is survived by sister Joann Osoro, daughters Felicia (Brian) Janeck, Gia (John) Chaffin, Tazia (Terry) Vickrey and son George Massa along with step children Mike and Sheri Farnworth. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren as well as 8 great grandchildren.

A special thank you goes to Felicia and Brian for taking such good care of our dad in his final years.



Joslyn Spilsbury

Happy Birthday

Salt Lake City, UT—Joslyn, you are celebrated today as a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, person, and friend. We miss you dearly and can feel you watching over us with those beautiful green eyes of yours. Happy Birthday.

Ernest "Ernie" Gust

May 27,1937 May 3,2024

Magna, Utah—Ernest "Ernie" Gust was born May 27, 1937 to Helen Lewis Gust and Nick Gust, at the family home in Magna, Utah. Ernie passed away May 3, 2024, a few weeks short of his 87th birthday.

He graduated from Cyprus High School in 1955. With his '56 Chevy, he courted and married Kathryn "Kay" Leonard on July 12, 1958. They had three children, Cindy, Jim and Nick. Ernie and Kay helped Kay's sister Susan raise her daughter Katie.

Ernie supported and cared for his wife Kay as she battled multiple myeloma for several years. Kay passed in 2015. Two sisters also preceded Ernie in death; Dorothy Milar and Stella Brown, as well as Kay's four brothers and one sister.

Survived by his children Cindy Gust Jenson (Cory Jenson), Jim Gust (Annie), Nick Gust (Melissa Baxter) and honorary daughter, Kate Jenkins Mickel (Matt). He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his cousins, and many nieces and nephews. His siblings, John Gust (Jeri) and Joyce Young survive him.

Special thanks to dear friends Deeloy and Jeannee Rupp and to his friend Von, who was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Thanks also to Jenna Barrington and her teammates at Utah Home Health and Hospice; the staff at Escalante at Coventry Assisted Living; the family and staff of Tui Tu'itupou; his dedicated physical therapist 'Randy from Sandy;' Ernie's sister Joyce for her support and companionship, and to so many others.

As he was fond of saying, "Sweet Dreams."

May his memory be eternal.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests the following charitable organizations:

Fisherhouse.org (For veterans & their families)

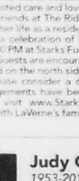
givehuntsmancancer.org (For treatment & research)

Or the charity of your choice.

A visitation and viewing will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. It will be followed by a graveside service at 12:00 noon.

Both will be held at VALLEY VIEW MEMORIAL PARK AND FUNERAL HOME. 4335 West 4100 South, West Valley City, Utah.

Please visit https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-valley-city-ut/ernest-gust-11796743 to share photos and memories with Ernie's family, and to read the full obituary.



Elaine Barlow Peterson

1925-2024

Our loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother passed away of natural causes on May 7, 2024.

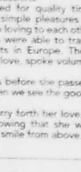
Mom was born in Richfield, Utah, on December 18, 1925, to Hyrum and Mary Maude Miller Barlow. She graduated from Richfield High School in 1944. She married Dean H Peterson on June 26, 1946. They were happily married for 60 years.

Mom retired from JC Penney after 33 years of service. After retirement she volunteered at the LDS Hospital and River's Bend Senior Center. Mom was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed crafts, painting, gardening, doll making, and scrapbooking. She taught scrapbooking and crafts at the Senior Center.

Mom is survived by daughters: De Anne, Lorelee, and Becky; son Russell and daughter-in-law Connie. She is also survived by grandchildren; John, David, Lisa, Stacy, Jason, Christy (Sean), Michelle (Nick), Terilyn (Joe), great-grandchildren Marcus, Jordan, Shaan, Armani, Nadia, Olivia, Melanye, Quinn, Harper, Henry, Everett, Savannah, Grace, Henna, Elizabeth, Lennox and Dominic; great-great granddaughter Ellie. She is also survived by nephew Kent Barlow.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband, father and mother, brother Lloyd H Barlow and sister Lorene Prows.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, May 13th at 11AM at Memorial Redwood Cemetery located at 6500 S. Redwood Rd, West Jordan, UT 84123.



Marian Driggs Gresseth

1935-2024

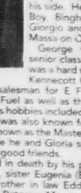
Marian Driggs Gresseth, of Salt Lake City, passed away on April 27, 2024 at age 88.

Marian grew up in the Sugarhouse neighborhood with her sister Ann and parents Keith and Connie. She graduated from East High School, then from the University of Utah, with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

She was happily married for 46 years to Gerald Gresseth, a University of Utah Classics professor. They raised five children: Delia, Hilary, Curt, Cecily, and Maggie. Marian adored her four grandchildren: Darren, Angelica, Hayden, and Max – and three great-grandchildren: August, Diovanni, and D'Artagnan.

Marian was a life-long artist who loved painting cows and horses at Wheeler Farm, designing fantastical costumes for Halloween, creating beautiful holiday tables, and more. She was a friend-for-life to many. Known for her vigorous and vibrant approach to life, she will be missed.

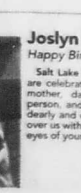
For information about memorial services, expected in early June, please visit: https://www.larkinmortuary.com/obituary/view/marian-driggs-gresseth/.



Catherine W. Garnas

1942 ~ 2023

The world lost one of its brightest lights, Catherine "Cathy" (Gretchen) Garnas. She was an amazing mom, best friend, amazing sister, loving grandmother and the love of her husband's life and he was hers. A celebration of life/open house will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12-3 PM at Jeremy Ranch Country Club, 8770 Jeremy Road, Park City, Utah. Arrangements entrusted to Starks Funeral Parlor. Please visit www.starksfuneral.com to share photos and memories with Catherine's family.



Larry Joseph Branson

1943-2024

Salt Lake City, UT—It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Larry Joseph Branson on April 20, 2024.

Joe was born and raised in Mattoon, Ill. and graduated from Southern Illinois University. He and his wife, Mary Ann, moved to several states before they found their permanent home in Utah where they raised their family.

Joe leaves behind his children Zach (Tiffinny) and Beth (Jeff) and his grandchildren Mayzie, Ryder, Sophia. We love and miss you Dad! To the day!! A celebration of Joe's life will be held on June 2, 2024.

William Arvid "Buck" Torstenson

January 2, 1949 ~ February 29, 2024

William Arvid "Buck" Torstenson died February 29, 2024, in Ogden, Utah of an anoxic brain injury due to cardiac arrest.

He was born January 2, 1949, in Hancock, Michigan to Arvid Edward Torstenson (31) and Edith Irene Propst (23).

He enlisted in the Marines from Michigan in 1965. He worked a broad spectrum of jobs during his life. The jobs he was most passionate about had him driving: High risk load truck driver, personal car delivery, pizza delivery driver, Sheboygan Cab driver, and OTR Truck driver.

Buck had 4 wives which broke up his adventures through life into very different stages: 1. Sandy (FL), 2. Evelyn Brunetti (Salt Lake City, UT) 2 children were products of the union: William Joseph (DOB 07-07-77) and Elizabeth Edith Irene (DOB 10-09-78), 3. Marlene Spotted Eagle (Salt Lake City, UT and Ogden, UT), 4. Kristi May Albiston (Ogden, UT).

He raised Kristi's children: Truce Amanthis Hales (DOB 10-01-91) and Michael Ronald Hales (DOB 05-30-93). They had 2 children together: Celestine Anastacia (11-23-95) and Gabrielle Aurora (12-22-98). All 4 children were involved with the wedding when Buck and Kristi got married. It was in a Castle at Camp Rokilio in Schleswig, Wisconsin, on Halloween under a Blue Moon, 10/31/2001. They lived in Sheboygan, WI. (Buck was an annual Polar Bear). Moved to Twin Falls, ID then to Buhl, ID in 2003. They moved to Ogden, UT in 2007, and to Harrisville, UT in 2013.

Buck is survived by his loving wife, Kristi May Torstenson of Harrisville, UT; daughter, Liz (Nate) Robinson of Salt Lake City, UT; daughter, Truce Hales of Ogden, UT; son, Mike Hales of North Ogden, UT; daughter, Celeste Torstenson of Ogden, UT; daughter, Gabi Torstenson of North Ogden, UT.

He was also survived by his brothers and sister: Tom Torstenson of Sturgeon Bay, WI, Ron (Cindy) Torstenson of Manitowoc, WI, Sue Torstenson of Iaona, WI, and Arnie (Kathy) Torstenson of Sheboygan, WI; many nieces and nephews, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Buck was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Irene Propst Torstenson 09/19/1965; his father, Arvid Edward Torstenson 05/02/1968; his brother, James Edward Torstenson 06/18/1995; his sons, Wolfgang Arvid Torstenson 12/22/1998 and William Joseph Torstenson 01/18/2023.

There will be a Celebration of life on June 15 and 16.

Condolences may be shared at: https://www.aaronsmortuary.com/obituaries/william-torstenson

David F Crotty

10/10/1926 - 04/23/2024 In Loving Memory

Salt Lake City—David Francis Crotty

10/10/1926 - 4/23/2024

David was born in Sioux City, Iowa to parents Francis and Kathryn Crotty. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during WWII, part of the greatest generation.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Ermalinda, his 7 children- David W., Bruce, Constance (Charles), Kevin, Caryn (George), Pamela and Anne (Richard). Grandchildren- Aaron, Loren and David R. Crotty, Juston Dixon, Frank and Erica Frampton. Great grandchildren- Jadyn and Tyson Frampton, Cannon and Ares Crotty.

David worked in the mineral exploration field which took the family to many locations in the U.S. Salt Lake City was their last move and final home.

He loved to walk, enjoyed fishing, hunting and outdoor activities. David could fix anything and would frequently be found helping family, friends and neighbors. After retirement David and Ermalinda were 'snowbirds' near Yuma, AZ where they made many friends.

He was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Memorial Services and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Ginger Lee Horwitz

1936 ~ 2024

Ginger Lee Horwitz (Boggs) passed away on May 5, 2024 in Murray, Utah at the age of 87. She was born August 3, 1936 in Greeley, Colorado to John and Roxie Boggs. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, her son John Parker and granddaughter Jasmine Wilson. Ginger married Parker Earl in 1953, later divorced and then married Jack Horwitz in 1974. Ginger is survived by her husband Jack and children; Roxanne Earl, Cynthia Rodriguez (Gil), Tamara Earl, step son David Horwitz, step daughter Jacquie Whitney (Kurt), daughter-in-law Joy Earl, 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, sister Tonya Parson (Ralph) and brother John Boggs (Jane).

A visitation to honor Ginger's life will be held at Starks Funeral Parlor 3651 S. 900 E.Salt Lake City, UT. on Thursday, May 16th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Ginger will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

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