# Obituaries

## Daniel Alvarez Suarez

*1932 - 2024*

**West Valley City, UT**—Daniel Suárez Álvarez was born on October 28, 1932, and passed into eternal glory at the age of 91 on May 12, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Arequipa, Peru, to the late Manuel Suárez Llerena and Isidora Álvarez Palma, Daniel was the youngest of seven siblings. His father, having served in the military, instilled in him a sense of discipline and order, but it was his mother who was the most influential through her love and devotion.

From an early age, Daniel embodied an adventurous spirit, reminiscent of a Peruvian Huckleberry Finn. He was perpetually curious, exploring and learning from the world around him. Academically, he excelled, consistently ranking at the top of his class. Daniel's resilience and academic prowess opened doors for him beyond his neighborhood of Tingo, Arequipa. He had the opportunity to attend university on full scholarship and graduate with a degree in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Metallurgy.

While immersed in his studies, Daniel met Amalia Suárez Melendez. After courting for four years, they married and enjoyed 65 years together. His professional journey brought his young family to Utah. Once here, Daniel contributed to the state's burgeoning need for engineers. Daniel initially worked at the Kennecott Utah Copper mine, but later opted to work for the Utah Department of Transportation for over 25 years, where he received a formal Civil Engineering certification from the University of Utah, and was recognized for his contributions to the DOT by the Army Corp of Engineers.

In Utah, he played and coached soccer, leading with his commanding presence one of the first international soccer teams called, The Incas. He influenced future generations of soccer players, especially those within his own family.

Returning to his field of specialization, Daniel led significant projects in Nevada, Bolivia, and Peru. As the project lead of the Oruro Bolivia gold mine, he was revered by his fellow engineers and workers. His last mining project before retirement was the Yanacocha gold mine in Cajamarca, Peru. When inclement weather threatened to destroy the project, he used his civil engineering skills to build a road, which was subsequently named in his honor.

Beyond his professional achievements, Daniel was a patriarch who nurtured and influenced 6 children, 22 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. He was dearly loved and will be profoundly missed by his wife, Amalia Suárez Melendez, their children, and their families. His son, Daniel Felipe Suárez, and his wife Susana are parents to: Daniel, Natalie, John, and Benjamin. Their son, Manuel Rahul Suárez, is father to: Anthony and Brandon. He and his wife Yenny are parents to: Manuel, Bryan, Andrew, and Natalie. Their daughter, Isidora Amalia Drury, and her husband Scott, are parents to: Jacqueline, Mercedes, Madisen, Seth, and Scott. Their son, Daniel Octavio Suárez, is father to: Amber and Erica. Their daughter, Deborah Alicia Doty, and her husband Michael, are parents to: Chantel, TJ, and Breauna. Their daughter, Melissa Linda Suárez, is mother to: Alexandra and Conner. Along with 19 great-grandchildren.

Daniel will be laid to eternal rest in perpetual light on Thursday May 16, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish, 3560 W 3650 S, West Valley City, UT 84119. Viewing is from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., with a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Daniel's memory can be made to the Huntsman Cancer Institute https://give.huntsmancancer.org/page/66449/donate/1. Or a charitable donation can be made to help the impoverished children of Peru, which Daniel so often did https://www.globalgiving.org/search/?size=25&nextPage=1&sortField=sortorder&selectedLocations=00peru&loadAllResults=true

Though Daniel's time in the 'fourth dimension' has concluded, his legacy will endure through the knowledge he imparted and the lives he touched. May he rest surrounded by the familiar comfort of his beloved math, chemistry, and physics textbooks, and by the loving family members who preceded him.

## Tim Dorny Peterson Sr.

*2/23/1944 - 5/11/2024*

**Salt Lake City, UT**—Artist, baker, pastry chef, skier, mountain biker. Born in Salt Lake, raised in Sugar House when it was on the edge of the city, Tim was the youngest of three brothers doted on by his loving mother Betty and trained in photography and sports by his father Willis.

While earning his degree in Sociology at the University of Utah (with a minor in the Birdcage Lounge), an Art Department trip to Mexico in the late sixties sparked his lifelong love of painting and illustration. He completed a second degree from the U in Graphic Design in the nineties. Photographing skiing while working in kitchens at Alta and Snowbird blended his creative passions in the seventies. In Little Cottonwood, he married and fathered a son to whom he gave the gift of photography.

Loyal, kind, funny, and soulful, Tim loved his work baking and making pastries, skiing beautifully and flawlessly (no one ever saw him fall), and mountain biking (he fell over the handlebars frequently). Always artistically prolific, Tim hit his stride with his magnum opus linocut series on the characters of the imagined town of Thompsonville, Utah – the Monaco of the Arizona Strip. From Panama Thompson (riverboat gambler on the Virgin River) to Grandpa Thompson's cow library (where cattle are borrowed, not rustled). Thompsonville is as limitlessly colorful and unconventional as his vibrant imagination.

Tim had a rich and strong spiritual life, taking voluminous notes on Bible Doctrine until he could no longer write from R.B. Thieme Jr.'s recorded sermons at Berachah Church. It was Tim's wish that his body be donated to science where he will teach medical students at the University of Utah. Upon release, his ashes will be interred at Memorial Lake Hills Cemetery in Sandy, Utah, alongside his mother and father. Dorny's artwork will be given freely to family and ffiends at his celebration of life to be held in view of his beloved Wasatch Mountains this fall.

Tim was preceded in death by his brother Jan (Amanda) of Midway, UT. He is survived by his son Tim Jr. (Anna) of Durango, CO, and brother W. Gary Peterson (Merna, deceased) of Sterling, UT. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to Saltgrass Printmakers, a non-profit open print shop in Salt Lake where he found a welcoming community.

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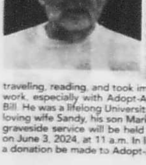


## William Dean Sanders

*1939 - 2024*

William Dean Sanders (1939 – 2024) passed away May 10, 2024. He was the child of Lucyle Dean Sanders and William L. Sanders. He was born in Salt Lake City as the youngest of two children. He was the husband of Sandra Gayle Hadley Sanders. They had one child, Mark David Sanders. Dean worked for many years at Worker's Compensation Fund. He enjoyed traveling, reading, and took immense satisfaction with volunteer work, especially with Adopt-A-Native-Elder. He was a friend of Bill. He was a lifelong University of Utah fan. He is survived by his loving wife Sandy, his son Mark (Ronna) and his sister, Beverly. A graveside service will be held at Memorial Redwood Cemetery on June 3, 2024, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Adopt-A-Native-Elder. Go Utes!

## Glen James Ellis, Sr.

*1932-2024*

**Midland, TX**—Glen was born in Woods Cross, Utah, on July 8, 1932, the son of Montague (Monty) Ellis and Edna James Ellis. He passed away on May 13, 2024.

Glen spent his early years in Woods Cross and later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he graduated from Granite High School. In the fall of 1951, Glen enrolled at the University of Utah. After one quarter at the University, Glen enlisted in the air branch of the United States Navy. Following boot camp, he was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii. VR8, the transport squadron to which Glen was attached, was assigned the task of supplying the troops during the Korean War. Upon discharge from the Navy, he resumed his studies at the University of Utah. In 1954 Glen met Lucille Thagard of Downey, California, while Lucie was vacationing in Hawaii with her family, and they married In the fall of 1956.

After graduation from the University of Utah, the couple, along with their two year old son, Glen, Jr., moved to Coyanosa, Texas, where Glen farmed cotton for a living. Other endeavors led to investing in the oil and gas business. In 1966 the family, who now had a young daughter, Dawn Belen, decided that the long days traveling on the school bus to Fort Stockton were too much for the children, so they built a home in Pecos, Texas. They remained in Pecos until the fall of 1983 whereupon they relocated to Midland. Midland was their home until Glen's death. Glen, along with his son Glen, Jr., operated Ellis Petroleum, Inc. In addition, Glen continued to farm and, at various times, owned ranches in Texas, New Mexico, and Idaho.

During their sixty seven years of married life, Lucie was a friend, companion, and, most of all, a loving wife. They enjoyed traveling by car and motor home and traveled throughout almost all of the lower 48 states, and enjoyed numerous journeys to many other parts of the world. In their later years, their favorite mode of travel was by ship. Glen and Lucie enjoyed skiing and playing golf together well into their seventies.

Glen's civic activities included six years on the Pecos City Council, eleven years on the Board of Directors of the Pecos Savings and Loan, and as a Board Member and President of the Pecos Valley Country Club. He was a Master Mason and served as Master of Grandfalls Masonic Lodge #895.

Glen was a lifelong sportsman who enjoyed skiing, golfing, fly fishing, and big game hunting in Africa. Some of his most memorable trips were with his grandson Glen Ellis III (Guy), first to the 2002 Winter Olympics and next to Botswana and South Africa. Glen owned and flew his own airplane until health problems forced him to give up flying.

Glen was preceded in death by his father Montague Ellis, mother Edna Ellis, a younger brother Vaughn Ellis, and his daughter in law Clare Tompson Ellis. His is survived by his wife Lucille Thagard Ellis, son Glen James Ellis, Jr., and Barbara Sledge, daughter Dawn Belen Ellis, of Dallas,Texas, sister Carma Frankos of Salt Lake City, Utah, grandson Glen James Ellis III, and his wife Whitney, granddaughter Allison Ellis Scarborough and her husband Houston, and granddaughters Annie Elias and Avery Elias, and great grandchildren Mary Clare Ellis, Ellis Scarborough, and Bud Scarborough.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 18, at 3:00 at Resthaven Memorial Park, and all were invited to join the family for a Celebration of Glen's life at 4:00 at the Racquet Club of Midland. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219, First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas, 800 W Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, or the charity of your choice.

## Stephanie A. Morwood Franchow

*1962 ~ 2024*

Stephanie A. Morwood Franchow, age 61, of Sandy, Utah, our beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend returned to the loving arms of the Lord while surrounded by family and friends on May 7, 2024.

Stephanie was known and loved for her fun, optimistic, and outgoing personality. She could be outrageous and extravagant at times but always sincere and generous. She was honest to a fault. Stephanie was a highly regarded and successful businessperson. She operated her full-service in-home beauty salon for .. total of 30 years in both of her Sandy homes. She was a truly talented and innovative stylist.

Stephanie believed that the greatest rewards in life came from having close personal relationships, and by that measure, she was wealthy beyond imagination. It's difficult to say how many clients she served over the years, but she was deeply connected to and truly loved by all of them.

Stephanie was always so beautiful and stylish with her perfect makeup, hair, nails, clothing, and jewelry. But aside from that, she rarely thought of herself or her own needs. She was much more concerned about others.

If she cared about you, she made it loud and clear. She would do anything for you at any time. She gave until it hurt and would provide or help you get whatever you needed, often without you asking.

The unspoken purpose of Stephanie's life was connecting with others and lifting them up when it was most needed. She will be greatly missed and always remembered and spoken of with true unconditional love.

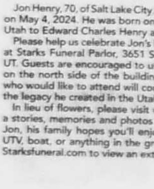
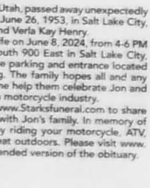
Stephanie married Gerald Matthew Farnes Franchow on September 6, 1986, in St. George. The couple divorced in 2021.

Preceded in death by her grandparents, Lawrence (Peanut) and Bobbie Morwood and Mark and Kathleen Atkinson, her mother Susan Atkinson Brown, and by her dearest friend, Wendy Diane Facente.

Survived by her father, Bill Morwood (Sandy) of Logandale, NV; son Landon Franchow (Amanda) of Magna, UT; stepdaughter, Emilie Franchow of Milwaukee, WI; siblings Larry Morwood (Susan) of Mapleton, Sherrill Brinkerhoff of Logandale, NV, and David Morwood of Las Vegas, NV.

Stephanie's Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends on Szturday, May 25th, 2024, from 5 to 7 pm at Stark's Funeral Parlor located at 3651 S 900 E in Salt Lake City, UT.

Goodbye for now, our sweet, beautiful girl. You were a "big deal" and will never be forgotten.

## Jon Henry

*1953 ~ 2024*

Jon Henry, 70, of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2024. He was born on June 26, 1953, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Edward Charles Henry and Verla Kay Henry.

Please help us celebrate Jon's life on June 8, 2024, from 4-6 PM at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East in Salt Lake City, UT. Guests are encouraged to use parking and entrance located on the north side of the building. The family hopes all and any who would like to attend will come help them celebrate Jon and the legacy he created in the Utah motorcycle industry.

In lieu of flowers, please visit www.Starksfuneral.com to share a stories, memories and photos with Jon's family. In memory of Jon, his family hopes you'll enjoy riding your motorcycle, ATV, UTV, boat, or anything in the great outdoors. Please visit www.Starksfuneral.com to view an extended version of the obituary.

## Nelda "Jewel" Spencer Christopherson

*1934-2024*

**Bountiful, UT**—Nelda "Jewel" Spencer Christopherson, age 90, passed away on May 13, 2024, after a long battle with cancer and Alzheimer's.

Jewel was born on April 19, 1934, to Cosme Gutierrez (C. G.) and Nelda Jane Spencer in Provo, Utah. She grew up in Richfield, Utah, where she loved riding horses and working with her dad at his auto parts store.

Jewel married her eternal companion, LeRoy Warner Christopherson, on June 6, 1956, in the Manti Utah Temple. Together they were blessed with 7 children: David LeRoy Christopherson, Sherida Steffen (David), James Spencer Christopherson (Ilona), L. William (Bill) Christopherson (Susan), Michael Lynn Christopherson (Cynthia), Lynann Barnes (Michael), Anthony (Tony) Paul Christopherson (Johanna).

Jewel was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many capacities, including librarian, sunday school teacher, primary teacher, counselor in the primary presidency, stake beekeeper, and cub scouts. She loved the mission she served with her sweetheart in Poland and several missions as a family history missionary at the Worldwide Support Center.

Jewel loved spending time with her family playing games, camping, and riding horses. She had a love for reading and learning new things and picked up many new hobbies over the years. Their horses were like her children, especially "Sam." She spent a lot of time with children and grandchildren at horse shows.

Jewel earned her bachelor's degree from BYU and taught preschool after they were married before having children. After her children were grown, Jewel taught preschool in her home for many years. She was always first and foremost a wife, mother, and grandmother, a career she excelled at.

Jewel is survived by her husband, 5 children, 24 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. She is also survived by her siblings: Loralee Pearson (Maughn), Carl Spencer (Terry), Jon Fred Spencer (Diana), and Tinna Willie.

Jewel is enjoying a reunion with family who preceded her in death, including her parents, her sons David and Michael, her grandson Tanner, and great grandson Matthew.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mueller Park 1st Ward Building located at 1825 South 800 East, Bountiful, Utah. Friends may visit with family at a viewing held Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the church house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Fillmore City Cemetery.

The family expresses appreciation to Quality Hospice and Legacy House for their care of Mom.

The Services will be live-streamed and may be viewed by going to www.lindquistmortuary.com and scrolling to the bottom of Jewel's obituary page. Condolences may also be shared at that website.

## Vicki Lynne Evans Kolan

*1946 ~ 2024*

**Cottonwood Heights, UT**—Vicki passed away on April 15, 2024, at Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, California. She contracted covid and pneumonia and later passed away from a heart attack. She was a truly kind and caring person who now leaves many broken hearts.

She was 77 years old and was born in Murray, Utah to Maurice Warner Evans and Idylle Clarice Jacobson. She married Robert (Bob) Kolan in 1966 and together they have two sons and two grandchildren.

After attending Granite High School, Vicki graduated from the University of Utah, with honors (Cum laude), in 1968 where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She was an extremely hard worker and practiced nursing for 43 years. She was proud to be one of the guiding forces behind the development of the Cottonwood Hospital's Center for Women's Health, one of the first Women's Centers in the nation. She enjoyed her work as a Labor and Delivery Nurse and cherished the friendships she made from her time at the hospital.

Vicki had many interests including needle work, reading, love of old movies, and a love of cats. She enjoyed playing Mah Jongg, watching the Utah Jazz, Utah Utes, and golf, as well as occasionally playing in a couple's putters golf match. She supported her husband's interest in golf, antique cars, and boats. Her favorite car was the 1952 MG- TD, and she enjoyed some great times in this car.

After retiring, a winter home (Winter Quarters) was purchased in Palm Desert, California. Vicki loved this home, the community, the warm winters, and the many activities offered in the area. She joined the Neighbors 4 Neighbors organization, which offers support to the elderly members living in the community. Vicki was a key member of this organization and was able to provide services even when she was not in California. She loved working with and giving back to the members of her community.

Vicki is survived by her husband: Robert (Bob) Kolan, sons: Doug Kolan (Susan wife) and Michael Kolan, grandchildren: Erich Kolan and Alyssa Kolan, and stepbrother: Robert (Bobby) North (Jaci wife).

A viewing will be held on Wednesday May 29, 2024, at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery, located at 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, Utah 84092, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm followed by graveside services at 2:30 pm.

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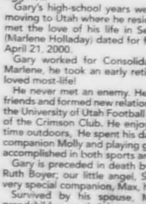

## Gary Thomas Boyer

*Jan 30, 1938-May 12, 2024*

**Salt Lake City, Utah**—Beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away early Sunday morning on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024.

Gary was born January 30,1938, in Washington, DC, to Paul G. Boyer and Ruth Estelle Thomas.

Gary's early years were spent in Virginia, where both parents were employed by the U.S. Government in Washington, DC. His fondest childhood memories were attending the Tiny Tots Military Preschool in military uniform to show support to the country during WWII and rolling Easter eggs down the White House lawn for the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

Gary's high-school years were spent in Palo Alto, CA before moving to Utah where he resided the remainder of his life. Gary met the love of his life in September of 1986. He and Molly (Marlene Holladay) dated for fourteen years before marrying on April 21, 2000.

Gary worked for Consolidated Freight and after marrying Marlene, he took an early retirement to focus on what he truly loved most-life!

He never met an enemy. He was a social butterfly that made friends and formed new relationships wherever he went. He loved the University of Utah Football program and was an avid member of the Crimson Club. He enjoyed hiking, biking, and spending time outdoors, He spent his days in retirement traveling with his companion Molly and playing golf and tennis year-round. He was accomplished in both sports and won many titles in tennis.

Gary is preceded in death by his father and mother, Paul and Ruth Boyer; our little angel, Stacie Holladay Mansfield and his very special companion, Max, his Golden Labrador Retriever.

Survived by his spouse, Marlene; seven children; fifteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Family and friends will be notified as to the date, time and location.