# Obituaries

## Marcia Chalk Wade

*1945-2024*

St. George, UT—Marcia Chalk Wade, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones, on Sunday morning, April 14, 2024, in St. George, Utah, at the age of 78. She shared a deep love with her husband, Stephen Wade, marrying in 1972 and held strong for 51 years. Their union brought forth five remarkable children: Tyler (Alaina) Wade, Corbin Wade, CJ (Sheena) Wade, Sheridan (Josh) Harris, and Adam (Jordyn) Wade. Marcia relished her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother, survived by 22 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, along with nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Marcia was born on June 14, 1945, in Richfield, Utah. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, a kind and loving woman. Christlike in her actions. Continuously serving others in her family, community, and church. Known for being a force for good. Her family meant everything to her, she put them above all else. She had a strong testimony, she stood for what she believed in, and lived her beliefs every day.

Marcia has now been reunited with her father, Edner Chalk and mother, Daisy Knaphus Chalk, along with her sister, Dixie; brothers, Sterling, Donny and Fred; and other family members that have preceded her. She grew up with two brothers and one sister, spending her childhood years growing up in Monroe, Utah, a place of cherished memories, young friends, and teen record rallies.

Due to her father's health conditions, the family was in need of living in a warmer climate, so her family tried moving to St. George, Utah as a remedy. To their surprise, they realized that they needed an even warmer climate. This search led them south to Lehi, Arizona for a short period of time, then on to Mesa, Arizona, where she spent the remainder of her high school years. Unfortunately, at the early age of 17, she lost her father to his battle with Bright's disease.

Marcia attended Mesa High School, where she became a Mesa High "Bunny" cheerleader, and was heavily involved in her high school activities, graduating in 1963. With the recent passing of her father, Marcia felt a need to stay home and help support her family, but her mother insisted that she attend BYU.

While attending Brigham Young University (BYU), Marcia was a dedicated and serious student, who had to work while attending school. She was involved in many organizations such as Orchesis (modern dance fraternity), Sports Women (service social club), and Sounds of Freedom (large a-choir). After graduating with a Bachelor of science degree and a teaching certificate, she taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades for the Jordan School District. She had a passion for education and loved being a teacher. After teaching for five gratifying years, Marcia began ending her teaching career. Her role as a mother was her eternal calling. She naturally turned all of her efforts and attention to being a homemaker, wife and mother, raising her five children.

Throughout the years, Marcia set an example of selflessness and generosity, not only for her children, but for others. Her random acts of kindness were daily. For many years, she chaired "Lights For Life", co-chaired "Fire & Ice" for 20 years, and served on the Dixie College/Utah Tech Foundation board for 17 years. She had a love for dance and the arts and enjoyed her time serving on the board at Tuacahn. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings. Young Women President and Stake Relief Society President with the young single adults being her favorites. Marcia absolutely loved these opportunities to serve, but nothing meant more to her than her children and family. She was blessed with the opportunity to travel and she was avid, but she always preferred being home with and near her family!

Marcia set her life's compass at an early age mapping out her mortal path progressing with little deviation. She had a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, possessing an unwavering love of our Heavenly Father. She taught us not only through her words, but through her actions. Her legacy will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have known her. Her kindness, integrity, and devotion to her family will be forever cherished. It has been said many times… To know her is to love Her!

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 1285 North Bluff Street, St. George, Utah. Visitations will be held Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Metcalf Mortuary, 288 West St. George Blvd. and on Monday, prior to services, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow in the Pine Valley Cemetery, Pine Valley, Utah.

Livestreaming of services may be viewed at the following Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/92771797873.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Metcalf Mortuary, (435) 673-4221. Please visit our website at www.metcalfmortuary.com for condolences, complete obituary, and funeral listings.

Metcalf MORTUARY

## Merrill Kay Ridd

*Life-long Learner, Teacher 1932-2024*

Holladay, UT—On April 28, 2024, Professor Merrill Kay Ridd graduated from this earthly existence. Merrill was born August 19, 1932, in Hunter, Utah to hard-working, faithful parents, Etta Day Ridd and Heber Eugene Ridd. Merrill was seventh in a household of nine siblings. They grew up farming in Hunter and later, building homes in Hunter and Holladay. This remarkable family shared a deep love for one another that was apparent in their regular get-togethers and extended reunions.

Upon graduating from Granite High School, Merrill began his college education at The University of Utah, where he met his first wife, and mother of his children, Joyce Ellen Kirkman. They were married in June, 1954 in the Logan Temple. Upon graduation, Merrill served in the US Navy in Hawaii and the Philippines. As they raised their five children, the couple lived in Hawaii, Utah, Illinois, and Colorado. They later served a mission in Seattle, WA, just prior to Joyce's passing of cancer in August, 2003.

Merrill began his distinguished teaching and research career after earning his doctorate at Northwestern University in Chicago. This included 35 years of teaching at the U, mentoring many grad students, acting as department chair, writing textbooks, running his research lab, The Center for Remote Sensing and Cartography, worldwide teaching engagements and sabbaticals, research endeavors with JPL and NASA and various other ventures too numerous to count. He often included family members on his travels.

Following Joyce's passing, Merrill reconnected with his old Granite High pal, CoDele Cook Eardley. They were later married in July, 2004. For nearly 20 years, they had many adventures together and enjoyed each other's familiar company. For a year and a half before his passing, Merrill spent his time at The Ridge-Cottonwood, where CoDele, despite her own challenges, continued to dote on him. It was sweet to watch her care for him as if he were at home.

A devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Merrill spent his life in service of the church and elsewhere. He was able to strike up a conversation with literally anyone. Regardless of circumstance or station, Merrill treated everyone he met with equal regard and interest. To meet him, you knew you mattered. The world will be a poorer place without him, but it is richer because he was here.

Merrill is survived by his wife, CoDele, sister, LaVelle Moss, sister-in-law, Susan (Gordon) Ridd, children: Vickie Monsen, Kirkman (Carol) Ridd, Merri Joy (Wade) Bailey, Renee (Chris) Gluch and Robyn Ridd, 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, bonus children: Denise (John) Lambert, Rand (Kristi) Eardley, Leesa Corkrey, Kip Eardley and Regan (Teresa) Eardley, 16 bonus grandchildren and 19 bonus great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents, wife, Joyce and siblings: Donald, Leon, Floretta, Dale, LaMar, Duane and Gordon.

Funeral services to be held at 11:00 am on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the Salt Lake Big Cottonwood Stake Center, 1750 Spring Ln, Holladay, Utah. Viewing to be held prior to the service from 9:30-10:45 am. A viewing will also be held Sunday, May 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary, 3401 Highland Dr, Millcreek, Utah. A live-stream and recording of the service can be found at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/millcreek-ut/merrill-ridd-11788067.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Merrill K. Ridd Scholarship Fund at https://ugive.app.utah.edu/designation/143 or to U of U Dept of Geography, 260 S. Central Campus Dr. Rm 4625, SLC, UT 84112.

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## Linda Randine Coleman

*1946-2024*

In loving memory of Linda Randine Coleman, a beacon of kindness and selflessness whose light dimmed only with the onset of Alzheimer's/dementia, which she bravely battled until her peaceful passing. Throughout her life, Linda exemplified compassion and a boundless capacity for caring. However, as the shadows of dementia crept in, who she was at her core remained. At its worst, she still would smile with genuine love and affection to those who stood by her side. As we bid farewell to this remarkable soul, let us not only mourn her loss but also reflect upon the profound lesson her life imparts - the importance of cherishing and reciprocating the love and care bestowed upon us, especially in the twilight moments when it can matter the most.

6.9 MILLION Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease.

By 2050, this number is projected to rise to nearly 13 MILLION.

In late 2021, Linda was part of the difficult decision to move to a memory care facility to best be cared for professionally around the clock. We always made sure the staff who cared for her got baked treats or fresh veggies from the garden that Linda loved to snack on. Linda made friends easily and quickly became an integral part of the 'ladies circle' in her memory care group. A hug was always coming to anyone who looked like they needed one. One friend of special note was Bonnie. They developed immediately and were inseparable. When Bonnie came down with Covid, it was Linda who stayed by her side every day until she recovered because even in her condition, she knew you don't give up on your friends or family.

Some people may think that those who suffer from memory disorders can easily be ignored and they won't notice or remember. They may not immediately be able to recall every person, name or event, but they can and do feel loneliness or a sense of being discarded. When you pay attention, you see the same smile when you say hello and the same hug that is filled with love that you always got. The labyrinth of Alzheimer's/dementia can be annoying, difficult, disruptive, disastrous and dangerous to the individual suffering and those who love them. Support and love make it easier to navigate through, but it is not an easy journey, especially for those with the condition. They are not oblivious to everything. Imagine the most intense, confused, sad or anxious moment in your life and then living that daily… and when you do get those moments of respite and love – they feel even better to help you and remind you that you are loved.

Linda had many loves, quirks and particulars that made her special, such as: ALL CAPS FACEBOOK POSTS!!!!!, double posting, dancing with the nuns in school, love for animals, she loved her Criminal Minds and NCIS, springtime, tulips, RBG, helping the underprivileged, Bud and Mary Jane, year-round Christmas, the social side of Real Estate, her summer concert series, blue bowl banana pudding, candy cane cookies, her grandchildren, neighborhood and family Christmas parties, sitting up straight like the nuns taught her, almonds, Obama, music from Marvin Gaye/Mowtown to Garth Brooks, doodle-ing, tole painting, crafting, white food, cheater wine, Rachel Maddow, Stephen Colbert, Cary Grant, Nascar, black and hot coffee, and always having the newspaper to read every day.

Linda has joined Lee to enjoy the races in heaven and rest in peace and love. In lieu of flowers, Linda and family wish that any donations be made to https://www.alz.org/ or volunteering any time possible to those in need.

Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

## 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.

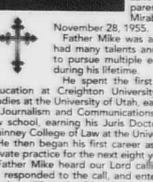
LaVerne was born on December 3, 1932 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Wilmer and Lovie King. Shortly after she graduated from high school, she married the love of her life, Gene Moser. Gene and LaVerne had an adventurous life together with many defining chapters. The first chapter followed Gene's rodeo 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. Life-long 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. Chasing hot air balloons at predawn 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 (Helen) and Pam Strasser (Fred), grandchildren, Shannon Gudowicz, Kyle Strasser, Christina and Katherine Moser, great-grandchildren, Dakota, Grace, Lia 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.



## Reverend Michael R. Sciumbato

*11/28/1955 - 04/27/2024*

It is with profound sadness and deep love that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, Reverend Michael R. Sciumbato, on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Father Mike returned to the loving arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ, due to complications from diabetes.

Father Mike was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to his loving parents, Rosario and Angelina Mirabelli Sciumbato, on November 28, 1955.

Father Mike was a true Renaissance man who had many talents and abilities. He used his gifts to pursue multiple educational and career paths during his lifetime.

He spent the first year of his undergraduate education at Creighton University and then completed his studies at the University of Utah, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism and Communications. Father Mike then entered law school, earning his Juris Doctorate degree from the S. J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah.

He then began his first career as an attorney and worked in private practice for the next eight years.

Father Mike heard our Lord calling him to become a priest. He responded to the call, and entered Mount Angel Seminary, earning a Master's of Divinity in 1994. He was ordained a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City on June 25, 1994, by the Most Reverend William K. Weigand. Father Mike then began his second career, holding many pastoral assignments throughout Utah over the next 28 years including: Saint Rose of Lima in Layton and St Joseph Catholic High School in Ogden; Saint Elizabeth in Richfield, including its missions in Torrey and Ephraim, and the Utah Correctional Facility in Gunnison; Notre Dame de Lourdes in Price; Saint Francis of Assisi in Orem; Saint James in Ogden; Our Lady of Guadalupe in Salt Lake City; Pastoral Care at The University of Utah Hospital, Primary Children's Hospital, and the Huntsman Cancer Institute; Saint Ann and Kearns-Saint Ann Catholic School in Salt Lake City; and his final assignment was at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Ogden and Saint Florence Mission in Huntsville, Utah.

Throughout his pastoral assignments and into his retirement, Father Mike utilized his broad legal expertise and fluency in Spanish to implement a third, parallel career providing low-cost immigration legal services throughout the state. In true Christ-like fashion, Father Mike felt strongly that immigration was an issue of social justice. Because of his commitment, he helped hundreds of individuals and families gain legal residency status to live a better life in the United States.

Father Mike was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother, James (Laura), his sister Linda Tsoutakis (Jim), and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

We extend our deepest gratitude to his cousins, Rose Graham and Ron Mirabelli, for providing needed support and comfort to Father Mike throughout his pastoral assignments and during his illness.

Father Mike was the epitome of love, kindness, joy, and justice during his full life. If we all lived as he lived, this world would be a better place.

The viewing and vigil will be held on Monday, May 6, from 6 to 8 pm at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 2315 East Redondo Ave., Salt Lake City, UT.

The Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 7, at 11:00 am, also at St Ambrose Catholic Church. Committal Rite to follow at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 4th Avenue and "I" St., Salt Lake City.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of Fr. Mike to the Carmelite Nuns of Salt Lake City. https://www.carmelslc.org

Arrangements entrusted to Starks Funeral Parlor. Share your photos and memories with his family at www.starksfuneral.com

## George Gerald Judd Jr.

*1940 ~ 2024*

George Gerald Judd Jr. died on April 30, 2024 in Sandy, Utah. He was born in Salt Lake City on September 2, 1940 to George Gerald Judd and Martha Eliza Vigh.

He married Sherryl Salisbury and had three sons: George, David, and Jeff. They later divorced. He married Marie Quist and adopted Liz and Jen.

George was talented with a knowledge of multiple mechanical and electrical systems, working in the trade of HVAC. He served in the Air National Guard and worked at the Nevada Test Site. He built careers at Union Pacific Railroad and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife Marie, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Martha Judd and brother Ray Judd.

Please visit Memorialutah.com for information about the services and to share memories.

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## Jim George Maroudas

*1932 – 2024*

"May His Memory Be Eternal"

Viewing and Funeral will be held at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, 5335 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City. Viewing Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The funeral will be held Wednesday May 8, 2024 at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery.

Please go to www.jenkins-soffe.com for full obituary and online condolences

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## Yeiko Oki Homma

*1925~2024*

Murray, UT—Our beloved Mom, Wife, Grandma, Great Grandmother, & Friend passed away peacefully on April 20, 2024 at the age of 98 3/4. She was born 8-16-1925 to Tsuzuki and Yayo Oki in Ely NV. She was the 3rd of 8 children. She married Don Takao Homma Feb 23, 1957. She loved her children, Michael, Victor, & Donna. She was a devout Christian. She loved being a member of the Japanese Church of Christ. She served in many callings. She was known for her Makizushi & Yaki manju. She was an avid Utah Jazz fan. She was affectionately known as one of the Pink Grandmas, because they wore pink jerseys to every game. It gave her so much joy. She was a great cook, seamstress, crafter, & friend to all. She was always positive & had a great smile. She will be sorely missed. Thanks for all the sweet memories, until we meet again. We love you.

Services to be held at 11 am, Sat. May 11, 2024 at Memorial Mountain View, 3115 E 7800 S Cottonwood Heights, UT. Viewings, May 10th 6-8 pm & May 11th, 10 am. For full obituary & live stream info, please see www.memorialutah.com

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