DePaulis

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In another time of generational change, the decision was made to bring conventions to our city. This led to the building of the Salt Palace. Unfortunately, the implementation of that decision displaced our Japanese community and its surrounding neighborhood. The destruction of most of Japantown left us diminished and added trauma to the already horrific experience of the Japanese American people who were forced to relocate to internment camps during World War II. In the face of that era of generational change, we did not save the best of what we had. We didn't listen to all of our many diverse voices, and we lost nearly all of the Japantown neighborhood.

Now we can remedy that loss. We can join together to save Japantown. Today it is only one block between 200 and 300 West on First South, but it houses the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Japanese Church of Christ. The churches hold religious services including funerals. They also hold festivals, gatherings and cultural events to celebrate Japanese heritage.

An undated photograph of Japantown in Salt Lake City. Tribune file photo

It is a cultural and economic attraction for the people of Salt Lake and the entire state.

In fact, we really need to go beyond just saving Japantown. We need to enhance and build on the cultural assets of this important neighborhood. We need to improve this street and the surrounding infrastructure so that the Japanese community can hold more festivals and cultural events that enrich all of us.

Let's not lose this important neighborhood. Let's save the best of what we have while we reach beyond our immediate goals and achieve even greater dreams. Let's protect and reinvigorate Japantown, the treasured neighborhood that it is.

Palmer DePaulis *was mayor of Salt Lake City from 1985 to 1992. He lives in the Liberty Park area of Salt Lake City and is actively involved in his community serving on many boards and commissions.*

Obituaries

Zuida LaVay (Ness) Porter

1934–2024

Kearns, UT—Zuida LaVay (Ness) Porter 1934 – 2024 passed away at the age of 89. She was surrounded by her family. She was born August 21, 1934 in Salt Lake City to Ellen (Smith) Ness and William Henry Ness. She married Billy Nelson on June 25, 1954. She later married David Porter on August 19, 1981 in the Salt Lake City Temple. Zuida loved music, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and she directed many choirs through her life. She was also blessed with the voice of an angel. She lead the choir like she drove her car, fast and didn't miss a beat. She loved working in the garden, it brought her such satisfaction and joy. Her greatest accomplishment was being a mom, grandmother, and great grandmother. She had a strong testimony of Jesus Christ and was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Zuida is proceeded in death by her husband David Porter, parents, sister, brother, and Granddaughter Anne Elizabeth Leavitt. She is survived by her children: Kevin Nelson, Kim Leavitt, Kory Limb, Kellie Piper, Kaylene Martinez, 9 Grandchildren and 19 Great Grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday, June 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Redwood Memorial Mortuary and Cemetery, 6500 South Redwood Road with a viewing held from 12:30-1:30 pm prior to the service. Interment Redwood Memorial Cemetery. The full obituary can be found at https://www.memorialutah.com/obituaries/zuida-ness-porter Online condolences and link to view the funeral can be found there as well.

MEMORIAL
MORTUARIES & CEMETERIES

Kenneth Lee Coombs

In Loving Memory

West Jordan, UT—A celebration of life for Kenneth Coombs will be held on Saturday June 22nd at noon, at his home in West Jordan. He loved chile verde, so we are making a huge batch with the peppers he grew last year. Please come and share your memories and stories of your time with Ken. There is plenty of parking next door at the Deseret Industries lot.

Mary Y. Okuda

1933 - 2024 Beloved Mother & Bachan

Henderson, Nevada—Mary Kazuko (Yamamoto) Okuda, 90, a long-time resident of Bountiful, UT, and recent resident of Henderson, NV, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, with her family by her side. She was the youngest daughter of Kiyoshi Yamamoto and Namiye Uchimura and was born and raised in Sunset, UT. Mary graduated from Davis High School. Mary married Tubber T. Okuda, the love of her life and best friend and they celebrated 67 fun-filled and loving years together prior to Tubber's passing in August of 2020. Mary enjoyed the time she spent with her grandchildren and the many great grandchildren at family get-togethers, their various sporting events, and especially their theatrical and musical performances. She was a season ticket holder of the Broadway Series at The Smith Center and the Rebel football and basketball games. She was always there to help family and friends whenever she saw a need. She was well loved and will be deeply missed by family and friends. A Catholic service will be held a Palm Mortuary – Eastern, 7600 S Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89123, Monday, June 17, 2024, 1:00 pm memorial service, 2:00 pm burial. The memorial service will be live streamed, https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/nevada/las-vegas/palm-eastern-mortuary/1009.

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LIFE WELL CELEBRATED

Dane Kirk

1959-2022

Salt Lake City, Utah—Dane E. Kirk, 62, of Salt Lake City, UT, passed away May 13, 2022 at U.C. Medical Center in Cincinnati, Dane was born in Maysville, KY, on June 2, 1959 to Richard & Virginia Kirk. After graduating from Maysville High School he certified in welding and ultimately started Kirk's Mobile Welding in SLC, Utah, where he lived for over half of his life. He was a horse and motorcycle enthusiast. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, travelling and live music of all types. Being an early riser by nature, he loved cooking big breakfasts for cherished family and friends. He was reliable and generous in every way. You may leave your condolences on Palmer Funeral Home website. https://www.palmerfuneralhome.net/obituary/Dane-Kirk

Carole O. Williams

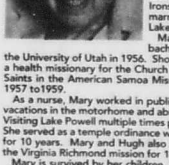
1937 ~ 2024

Carole O. Williams – Born May 30, 1937, Passed Away June 5, 2024.

Carole O. Williams, born May 30, 1937, in Logan, Utah, to Orland and Melba Hansen, passed away at the age of 87 on June 5, 2024, due to natural causes associated with age. Carole attended Logan High School and Utah State University (Chi Omega). Carole had one sister, Janice Hansen Despain, who passed away on April 22, 2007. Carole married David A. Williams on March 22, 1957. David and Carole spent their lives together happily married for over 57 years. David passed away on July 20, 2014. David and Carole had three sons, David A. Williams, Jr., Jeffery S. Williams (Laura), and Bradford T. Williams. David and Carole also had five grandchildren, Emily A. Williams (Tanner), Andrew J. Williams, Jonathon "Jack" S. Williams, Cole Williams, and Madeleine Williams.

David and Carole raised their active family in the Cottonwood area of Salt Lake, and as a family, they loved and enjoyed all things Utah, from regular camping trips to near constant skiing during the winter. Carole was an avid hiker and would regularly spend the weekends in Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons. One of her favorite hikes was Lake Blanche. Carole's hiking adventures were not limited to Utah. Carole hiked the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim multiple times and she loved to share this adventure with her family and friends. Carole was a long-time member of the Cottonwood Country Club, where she played tennis and enjoyed lasting friendships. Carole was an outstanding bridge enthusiast and she competed in the Huntsman World Senior Games, winning several medals over the years. After retirement, David and Carole moved to Kayenta, Utah, and there they enjoyed an amazing "second act," hosting parties and regular family events, including the annual Easter get-together and "Thanksmas." David spent many days golfing at Bloomington Country Club, and Carole continued hiking and her love of bridge. Carole was loved by many and will be dearly missed. David and Carole's family extends a heartfelt thanks for the tremendous love and support they have received. Carole is survived by her sons Jeff and Brad, her grandchildren, and many extended family members.

Private family services will be held. Interment will take place at the Logan City Cemetery.



Mary Janice Bracken Steele

1934~2024

Salt Lake City, Utah —Mary Janice Bracken Steele, age 90, passed away on May 31, 2024, in Salt Lake City. Her passing was quick and peaceful. She was born on March 25, 1934, in Nephi, Utah to Rulon Bracken and Tacy Irons. On September 8, 1961, she married Hugh Steele in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mary graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Utah in 1956. Shortly afterwards, she served as a health missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the American Samoa Mission for over two years from 1957 to1959.

As a nurse, Mary worked in public health. She enjoyed family vacations in the motorhome and abroad with Hugh in retirement. Visiting Lake Powell multiple times per year was a family favorite. She served as a temple ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple for 10 years. Mary and Hugh also served a mission together in the Virginia Richmond mission for 18 months.

Mary is survived by her children, Daniel (Melisa), Cindy, Alicia, stepson Edward (Judy) and twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Hugh in 2006, and her siblings Newell, Dwain and Glenna.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Olympus Stake Center, located at 2675 East 4430 South, Holladay, UT. Viewing services will be on Sunday June 9, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and then again on Monday, June 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Interment will follow at Vine Bluff Cemetery, 1200 North 400 East, Nephi UT.

Linda Krause Reed

1957 - 2024

Millcreek, UT—Linda Krause Reed, born August 12, 1957, in Salt Lake City, UT, passed peacefully at home on June 1, surrounded by the love of her family. A graduate of Weber State University's School of Nursing, Linda spent 44 years as a maternity nurse at University of Utah Health before retiring in 2021. She was a dedicated caretaker, mother, wife and friend with a nurturing heart. Linda loved celebrating Halloween, visiting Disneyland, gardening, and walking in Red Butte Garden. An avid Elvis fan, she incorporated the King's motto, "Taking Care of Business in a Flash" in how she showed up to care for the people around her. Nobody made people feel special quite like Linda.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony Reed; son, Anthony Reed Jr.; and sister, Kim Krause. A celebration of her life will be held on June 23. For more information and to pay tribute online please visit:

www.serenityfhs.com/obituaries/Linda-Krause-Reed

Darrell Ray Page

1939 ~ 2024

Our Beloved husband, father, grandpa, and Papa, son of Ray and Elva Page, passed away May 30, 2024. He suffered from sideroblastic anemia.

Darrell graduated from West High School where he made many life time friendships. He attended the University of Utah. Darrell married ReN'ee Pullan in 1961. They had 2 children Tyler (Brenda) and Deena (Jeff); three grandchildren Sadie (Jared) Brianna Rae, and Madison (Jagger); five Great grandchildren Jayde, Logan, Braxton, Jerzie, and Boston.

Darrell worked for Salt Lake Wholesale Florists for several years. Darrell was very talented, he could build anything and fix everything. He restored a cabin on Hebgen lake in Montana, where he enjoyed many summers. Darrell loved his family. He cooked wonderful meals for everyone. He loved Porsche cars and looked Great in his red Boxster convertible. He loved his home and took great care of it.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, brother Gary, brother in laws Dean and Bill Pullan, and Dennis Fehr. He will be so missed!

We love you, Santa Claus

A celebration of Darrell's life will be held on Thursday, June 13th from 6 PM to 8 PM at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East, Salt Lake City, Utah. Guests are encouraged to use parking and entrance located on the north side of the building. He will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony at Larkin Sunset Gardens. Please visit www.starksfuneral.com to share your photos and memories with his family.

Jamie (James) Harold Whipple

1968-2024

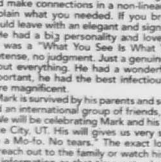
Salt Lake City, UT—Jamie (James) Harold Whipple passed away unexpectedly May 19, 2024, Born February 7, 1968 to Harold L. and Valerie M. Whipple. Jamie was the oldest of two children.

For full obituary, please visit: https://www.memorialutah.com/obituaries/jamie-james-whipple

Gary Michael (Mike) Elggren

Celebration of Life - CORRECTION

Salt Lake City, UT—A celebration of life and lunch in honor of Gary Michael (Mike) Elggren will be held on Saturday, June 15, at the Sugar House Garden Center, 1602 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City 84106. We invite his friends and family to join us at 11:30 a.m. to share memories and stories.



Mark Wayne Atkinson

1966-2024

Mount Pleasant, UT—On May 6, 2024, the world lost a superstar.

Mark Atkinson, the genius behind BMW Alpha, Racer X, and countless other remarkable creations, died doing what he loved. A motorcycle accident over the weekend that included a knock to the head led to a bad fall in his shop two days later.

He was fearless and his motto, "Ride Fast, Safety Last," was the way he lived his oversized life. When he was nine, he attempted to jump a big trench, Evel Knievel style, on his bicycle. It didn't go as planned but his only regret was that the paramedics ruined his favorite Salt Flats T-shirt cutting it off him. He lived every day at full speed. He had a million outrageous adventures and a few too many close calls. All things considered, even though we are heartbroken, we feel he would be 100% satisfied with this ending.

He managed to pack a lot into the years he was here, from his first land-speed world records to international fame with his motorcycles and original designs. He was endlessly curious about how things worked, and he refused to be constrained by what had been done before. His agile brain could see options and make connections in a non-linear way faster than you could explain what you needed. If you brought him a problem, you would leave with an elegant and significantly improved solution.

He had a big personality and loved to connect with people. He was a "What You See Is What You Get" kind of guy. No pretense, no judgment. Just a genuine desire to learn everything about everything. He had a wonderful way of making you feel important, he had the best infectious laugh, and his bear hugs were magnificent.

Mark is survived by his parents and son, too many siblings to list, and an international group of friends, racers, and collaborators.

We will be celebrating Mark and his life on July 20, 2024, in Salt Lake City, UT. His will gives us very specific instructions: "Party like a Mo-fo. No tears." The exact location is still in the works, so reach out to the family or watch his Facebook memorial page for information as that time gets closer. Sandals with socks will be optional.

Please love your peeps. Call the ones you haven't talked to in a while. Hug the ones you are with. Say the words that need to be said. Life is short and precious.

OBITUARIES

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