

## Obituaries

### Marjorie Nell Flanders 1931-2024

Riverton, UT—Marjorie Louise Nell Flanders was born on June 27, 1931, in Murray, Utah, and died on April 25, 2024, in Riverton, Utah. She passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by close family, dear friends, and caregivers. She married Calvin Devon Flanders on January 20, 1949, and together, they had two children.

Marjorie and her brothers were raised by their father, Vernon James Nell, and grandmother, Oscar Nell, down "Nail Lane" until a tragedy took the lives of her mother and little sister. While their father was dealing with the loss of his sweet wife and their daughter, Oscar moved in with the children and helped to keep the family together. He taught Marjorie how to make homemade bread and homemaking skills while she learned to survive with three older brothers. They were a loving family, and they made it all work together.

She and Cal loved to go hunting and fishing together in their RV. They had a vacation home in Yuma, Arizona, and they loved spending time together. After Cal passed away, she traveled with her brother and his family. Their favorite places to see were Germany, Alaska, and the Caribbean.

During her life, Marjorie was always busy; she was an excellent cook, and she loved to sew and garden. She loved to dress up fancy in fine clothing and high heels. One of her favorite places to shop was Castleton's. She has a Charming Tails "mice" collection from Dean Griff which helped ease the pain of Cal's death. She loved it and loved to share it with others. She had a glorious flower garden. Passersby would stop and ask to see her flowers and admire them. She would take anyone on a tour and lovingly show and describe each flower. Her son Mike made a beautiful trellis for (George) her prolific Purple Clematis. She loved putting out her flamings and garden animals with her grandchildren. When she was a little girl, she and her brother and grandfather would always clean and hill up the family graves at the cemetery. She followed her grandfather's example and gathered flowers from her own garden every year for Memorial Day and decorated over 20 graves each year until her death.

Marjorie was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She taught primary and attended church regularly. She learned the value of prayer and was always thankful when her prayers were answered.

She lived by the old saying, "A place for everything and everything in its place." She had a schedule for cleaning and exercising until she wasn't able to keep it up. She had to stop at age 92.

She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She kept pictures of all of them on her refrigerator and made sure you knew how proud she was of each one before you left her home. Marjorie loved people. She loved to talk and visit and always made everyone feel welcome. Her gardener and the mailman who brought her books on tape were her favorites. She enjoyed her time working at the telephone company as an operator and at The Willow's established year-round seasonal day camp.

Marjorie is survived by her son Michael Raymond Flanders; Sisters-in-law, Barbara Nell and Susan Nell; Son-in-law, Jon Lamb; Grandchildren, Christopher Mansfield, Corey Flanders (Amanda), Sonnier Cripps (Jesse), Travis Flanders (Tiffany) and Megan Fogg; Marjorie has 9 grandchildren: Nico, Vincent, Henry, Maggie, McKinley, Tyrum, Evelyn, Andrea, and Marissa. She is preceded in death by her parents, Vernon James Nell (Margaret), Brothers Vernon James Nell, Jr., Norval Nell, Gale Nell (Lola), Sister Patricia Nell, and Daughter Bethany Lamb.

She was cared for by close family friends, neighbors, Bishop Hoggard, Becky Barton, and her ward family. A special thank you to her Hospice and home health team: Melanie, Tess, Gloria, Anka, Laura, Nathaniel, Diane, Yvonne, and the rest of the team.

A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on May 15, 2024, at the Riverton City Cemetery, 15200 West 13200 South, Riverton, Utah 84065.

### Thomas W. Oswald 1943 - 2024

Thomas William Oswald "Ozzie" or "Oz" passed away on April 2, 2024 in Provo, Utah at the age of 80, after a year of a valiant struggle. He was born June 8, 1943 to Mary Alice Bowers and Henry A. Oswald in Los Angeles, CA. Parents and younger brother Michael deceased. Tom was always ready to help neighbors, grandchildren, and anyone who needed help. He repaired automobiles and older classic cars in the summer.

He married Kathleen Milner on January 18, 1969. They were married for 55 years. They have two children Christine (Richard Aldous) and Gregory (Julia) and 3 grandchildren.

He received his 2nd degree from Long Beach City College. And was studying to get his 4th degree. He received his mechanics Airman's Certification in February of 1971. Tom worked for Western Airlines, and Delta Airlines for 31 years. He was an Avionics Mechanic, and also taught Avionics for Delta Airlines. He was transferred to Salt Lake City when Delta bought Western.

Tom liked to play chess which took he and Katie to many places around the world. He was part of the Interline Chess club, and they went to Bali, Indonesia twice, Fortaleza, Brazil, Hawaii, and Menton, France.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, his daughter Christine, and his son Gregory, sister Judy (David Carney) Brother Pat Oswald (Rosemarie Specter), and grandchildren, Emma, Steven, and Thomas.

There will be a mass for the repose of his soul on August 8, 2024.

Tom is to be cremated and there will be a celebration of life on his birthday June 8, 2024 at Sugarhouse Park from 11:30 AM to 2 PM in the Sego Lily Pavilion. Please come and say hello and bring memories and pictures if you have them.

### Susan Clark 1959-2024

American Fork, UT—Susan "Diane" Clark, who just turned 65 on April 24th, left this world peacefully on May 1st, 2024, after a heroic battle with cancer this last year. She was surrounded by family when she left to join her father, Arthur Sherman McCoy II, and son, William Eugene Clark III. Diane is survived by her mother, Phyllis A. "Pam" McCoy, husband, William "Bill" Eugene Clark III, son, Kaitlin, and nephew Blake; triplet sisters, Gaylyn McCoy Clark; and brothers, Arthur Sherman McCoy III, Larry "Jay" McCoy (Debbie), Thomas Allen McCoy, David Alvin McCoy, and Dennis Dean McCoy; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her extended family, where she took on the role of "mom," Jamie Nicole Cavies (James Kevin Clark (Ashley), and their daughters Leona and Willow.

Diane was a wonderful and selfless soul who helped anyone in need. She would forever be the needed loved one, whose help would be needed a place to stay, organize every family event, and had the hand for crafts and self-storage which amazed everyone. She was truly a wonderful person who will be missed dearly by so many. Diane did not want a funeral, however, there will be a celebration of life at an undetermined date. Details will be announced by her husband, Bill, when the time comes. Please share a memory on her memory wall on the [andersonmortuary.com](https://www.andersonmortuary.com) website.

### Frances Ellen Benedetti née Kashmitter 1955 - 2024

On May 4th at 1:05 PM, the heart of our family, Fran, embarked on her next great adventure, leaving this world for too soon. She passed peacefully at the age of 68, surrounded by her loved ones at home in Utah. In her final moments, Fran was holding hands with her beloved husband, Gary, and her son, Eric. As she took her last breath, a sudden gust of wind slammed a door shut, startling everyone. The dust had been swirling in the air, and everyone knew this was Fran's way of saying, "Goodbye for now, I'm free."

Fran was born on May 23, 1955, in Boise, Idaho, and was the middle child among six siblings. A born nurturer, she spent her childhood playing with dolls, hosting tea parties, and caring for her younger siblings. After graduating from Judge Memorial High School in 1973, Fran pursued a career in nursing, earning her Registered Nursing degree from the College of Southern Idaho in 1976. She married Gary Eugene Benedetti on January 22, 1983, and they welcomed their son, Eric, two years later.

Throughout her adult life, Fran courageously battled cancer and endured the side effects of early, unrefined treatments. In spite of everything she endured, Fran never complained and continued to work as a nurse during her treatments, providing comfort and care to thousands of patients in pain. Fran worked at various hospitals and clinics, including the Salt Lake Surgical Center, where she specialized in pain management from 1998 until her medical retirement in 2008. Fran's legacy of resilience, compassion, and love endures in the hearts of those who knew her professionally.

Throughout her life, Fran held a profound love for nature and the great outdoors, finding joy and tranquility in the vast landscapes surrounding her. Fran's passion for the natural world extended to camping trips with Gary and Eric. Favorite activities included exploring new trails or simply enjoying the warmth of a campfire under a starlit sky. She and Gary constructed a cabin nestled in the wilderness along the Salmon River of Idaho. This beloved retreat became their summer home, where they shared countless moments of laughter and joy with friends and family, creating memories that would last a lifetime for many. An avid reader, Fran had an insatiable appetite for books and could often be found lost in pages that spanned every imaginable genre while relaxing on the deck of their cabin.

Over the past few years, Fran thrived as a beloved mother-in-law and grandmother. She excelled in these roles, forging a special bond with Malla and embracing Bryony as a daughter in spirit and love. Fran's legacy endures in Malla, mirrored in her appearance, her spirited nature, and her profound compassion for others.

Our cherished wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend is lovingly survived by her husband, Gary, her son, Eric; her daughter, Bryony; and her granddaughter, Malla. She is preceded in death by her sister, Lor; her parents Leon and Barbara Frances Kashmitter; nephew, Christopher; and her favorite Kitty Sego Lily.

A celebration of life will be on Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 6-8 PM at Starke Funeral Parlor, 3631 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, UT. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starke Funeral Parlor. Please visit [www.starkefuneral.com](http://www.starkefuneral.com) to share photos and messages with Fran's family.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary under Fran's name. Donations will go to the care and rehabilitation of cats, something which Fran was passionate about.

### Emmilia S. Hartney 1950 - 2024

Kalsip, MT—Emmy was born on January 1, 1950, claiming the birthright of the oldest in the cutest newborn baby pageant to Clayton and Mary Gassaway Mansfield, Ohio. She passed into our Lord's eternal embrace on April 29, 2024 in Kalsip, Montana, first place in the 2022 Queen of the Mountains contest. She was the daughter of her mother and grandchildren.

Emmy began as a guidance counselor at Westmont College in Salt Lake City, Utah in the late 70s before moving to St. Peter's High School in Mansfield, Ohio in the early 80s. Emmy pursued a middle school teaching position where she remained for over a decade. Emmy was a teacher to all students of all abilities. She believed in an engaging, positive, and encouraging learning environment and was quite adept at fostering even the most stubborn student to enjoy her classroom. When long days seemed to drag, she would give extra credit to students who found the "Hart" and the "Ney" in their specimens.

With the building of St. John the Baptist Middle School in Draper, Utah in 1999, Emmy found joy in teaching (Recognized as one of Utah's Outstanding Educators in 2009) then ultimately as the Assistant Principal until 2012. During her time of teaching, she coordinated the Summer Science Camp, Fusion Fair, Diocesan science fairs, and led many NASA/Student participation projects. Her journey took her to Montana with her husband and her grandchildren wherein she remained the ultimate teacher, caretaker, and encourager for them. Emmy taught at St. Matthew's Catholic School in Kalsip, Montana, where she was a Registrar in her final earthly year of life. Emmy's children and grandchildren, coworkers, improv group, friends, and crochet group were forever invigorated by her sense of humor, love, and experiencing all God has to offer. There are no words to express how deeply she will be missed in the daily lives of her children, grandchildren, friends, and colleagues.

Emmy was predeceased by her mother, father, sister Marilyn, and brother David. Emmy is survived by her daughter Kaiti (Elin), son Mark (Bobby), grandchildren Ava and Gavin, nieces, and countless cousins.

A Funeral Mass for Emmy will be at St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 11:00am on Friday, May 17, 2024. The Rosary will be said prior from 10:15-10:45, with a luncheon following Mass. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Glosch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Laura Woodruff Drew 1943-2024

Laura Woodruff Drew passed away at home on May 2, 2024, at the age of 80. She was born July 19, 1943, in Murray, Utah, to Harry Harrop Woodruff and Patricia Ellen Poynter Knudsen. She was a loving person and they loved her in return. She was quick on her feet and made a great mother and grandmother. She loved to laugh. She excelled at creative arts, pursuing and mastering a variety of crafts. Many will feel the loss and miss her dearly, especially by the alphabets she left, and there are many homes graced by her art and treasured knitted tidbits.

Laura is survived by her loving husband and daughter, Dean and Kate, her cousin Brent (Kathy) Hilton, and her dear nephews and nieces, including her son, Eric, and her daughter, Lisa. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Henry and David.

Funeral services will begin in starting meetings on the hour, funeral services will be at 11:07 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 at the Holiday 27th Ward, 5450 South Holiday Blvd. Viewings will be held on Friday, May 10, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Utah Food Bank or Granite Education Foundation.

Complete obituary at [www.cannonmortuary.com](http://www.cannonmortuary.com). Please click the link below to join the webinar the date of the service at 10:45 am: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=holiday27thward15>



### Lucile Christensen Martin Forever In Our Hearts

Salt Lake City, UT—On April 30th, 2024, our family lost our treasured matriarch and the Utah Jazz's first and biggest fan, Lucile Christensen Martin. We lost our Mama, our Grandma, our Grandmother Great and our Great Grandmother. In addition, we lost our mentor, our friend and our love. Our absolute ROCK!!!!

She had many struggles in her life and never failed to rise to the occasion, she didn't let anything get from them. She was, by far, the youngest 96 to die to grace this planet and never shed away from an adventure. Every year for her birthday, even her last, it was her wish to go whitewater rafting with her family. She never missed a Jazz game and worked at Jazz for 29 years. She loved the Jazz, her favorite sports teams were the University of Utah football program, the Bees baseball team and Red Salt Lake soccer team. She enjoyed watching her favorite soap operas everyday, the Bold and the Beautiful.

Family meant everything to her and she NEVER missed a family member's birthday, graduation, or holiday. She was the one you could always rely on to be there for you whenever you needed her. Her love is FIERCE and can still be felt by all who loved and adored her.

Lucile was born on August 4, 1927 in Ephraim, Utah to Luera Merrell Christensen and Orval Christensen. She married Lionel (Marty) Martin on May 1948. Lucile was the oldest and preceded in death by her baby son, Marty; sister Clara Peterson Nielson; four brothers: Lavon, Keith and Lynn, and great granddaughter Jenevra Hatt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marty (Deceased), Keith Kingston (Tied), Kelly Martin, Suzanne Dale (Paul), Coral Mutscheller (Jim), Shelley Brock (Jeff), Kimberley Folster (Nick) and her husband. She has 17 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. She loved all without measure; a piece of her lives on in each of us. Our family's love will always keep her incredible spirit alive.

With heavy hearts we announce that there will be a viewing on Friday, May 10th, Redwood Road, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, Redwood Road, from 6-8 p.m.

On Saturday, May 11th, there will be a viewing at the Olympus Stake Center 2675 E. 4400 S. from 9:30-10:45 am followed by funeral services at 11 am.

Graveside Services held immediately following at Redwood Memorial Mortuary - 6500 S Redwood Road - at 1:30 pm.

We invite all to come celebrate the incredible life of our: beautiful Mama, Grandma, Grandmother Great and Great-Grandmother. If you can't attend in person, please join us on Zoom, the link is: <https://zoom.us/j/9623632635>. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to Utah Domestic Violence Coalition. Online obituary: <https://www.memorialfuneral.com/obituaries/Lucile-Martin>



### 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 Boston, MA. He lived in Provo, Brigham Canyon, Utah to Giorgio and Adoladorata Bartolo Massa on October 19, 1935.

George was Bingham High's senior class president in 1953. He was a member of the Bingham Kennecott Council as a teenager.

He also worked as a salesman for E F Mariani Company, a mechanic at Mountain Fuel and Oil Company, and a woodworker at County 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 Tsuchan 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 (Patricia) Massa, brother in law Eddie Osborn and wife of their fifty years, Gloria Peterson Massa.

George is survived by sister JoAnn Osborn, daughters Felicia (Brian) Janek, Gai (John) Chaffin, Tasha (Terry) Vickrey and George's daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Mike, and their son, Farnsworth. 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.

### 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: Della, Hilary, Curt, Cecily, and Maggie. Marian adored her four grandchildren: Darren, Angelica, Hayden, and Max—and three great-grandchildren: August, Diocroni, and D'Aragnan.

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/>

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