



## Della Chatwin

June 22, 1948 - November 1, 2021

Our ever-faithful and ever-loving Della Ann Chatwin was taken home on November 1, 2021 surrounded by loved ones on both sides of this earthly veil. The sadness of her passing is accompanied by the joy of such long-awaited reunions with her sweetheart and so many loved ones she lost throughout her life. She served selflessly within her family, her neighborhood and, most notably, her church. To countless people, she was a mother or sister, lovingly filling those roles with her innate affability and compassion.

Della was born on June 22, 1948 in Kanab, UT to her loving parents, Mary and Rawland Crosby. She grew up happily playing among red rock, at Three Lakes Pond, and acting as local talent in western movies filmed on location near her home, including *The Proud Rebel* (1958). She was a deeply-admired older sibling to her brother, Rawl, and two sisters, Marsha and Holli and they enjoyed a special closeness.

From an early age she possessed a magnetic, graceful, and confident presence that continued throughout her life. She was voted Student Body Vice President, Sweetheart's and Homecoming Queen, Seminary President (her favorite) and accolades for her personality and charisma. She always believed the popularity she experienced was because she had younger siblings who loved their big sister and got their friends to vote for her.

In 1974 she met her dear Gordon L. Chatwin, who completely swept her off her feet, becoming her sweetheart and the love of her life. They married in a simple ceremony in Provo, UT, as Della's father was passing away from a long battle with cancer. They were eventually sealed for time and all eternity in the Provo Utah temple on August 4, 1979. As they joined their families, they built an incredible life together based on faith, service, outdoor activities, dancing, and laughter. Their support of their children was everlasting, whether they were attending college basketball games or raising grandchildren due to death, divorce, or hardship. We can only hope to care for each other as they cared for us. Their deep love was an example to all.

Della graduated from Brigham Young University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She was a beloved third grade teacher at Shelley Elementary for years before becoming the assistant principal at Noah Webster Academy where she continued to positively impact the lives of elementary school children. The lunchroom at the academy is named in her honor. She was passionate about children's education and creating a safe space within her classroom where children would thrive and succeed. Even after retiring from her teaching career, her children and grandchildren often saw her approached in public and on family vacations by former students who were thrilled to see and hug "Mrs. Chatwin".

When Gordon was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2010, she devoted her whole being to caring for him through multiple cancer treatments, never losing hope for his recovery. She fought with him valiantly and remained by his side as he passed away peacefully in November 2011. The loss of her sweetheart truly broke her heart however, she faced her grief and longing fully, ultimately channeling an increased measure of faith and service within her family and community. She married her long-time friend, Ron Hack, in 2012 and they enjoyed 6 years together as companions traveling, caring for each other and serving in the Provo Temple. Della lovingly cared for Ron as he also battled cancer. She remained a constant throughout his illness until he passed away with her by his side in November 2018.

Other than gathering with her family over a spread of homemade food, her favorite place to be was in the Lord's temples. Her ministry as a temple ordinance worker was one of the cornerstones of her weekly routine and of her life. She had always wanted to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and her temple service became her mission, to which she dedicated herself entirely.

Amid the immense loss and heartache that frequented her early adult and later life, Della never wavered in her deep love of her Savior. Her trust and reliance on Him was crowned with humility and gratitude. She truly believed that "He is the Light of the empty tomb... who broke the bands of death and gained everlasting victory over the grave... He is my Light, my Redeemer, my Savior -- and yours". Her loss leaves us with a profound longing but also with a resolve to be more like her and her beloved Savior, a pursuit towards which we will strive until we find ourselves once again in her magnanimous presence. ATRNTF ("Always to remember never to forget") oxox

Della is survived by her 3 siblings, Rawl (Carol) Crosby, Marsha Crosby, Holli Crosby, her 5 dear children, Marcela Fedderson, Angelique (Antonio) Crandall-Jennings, Brittany (Ben) Light, Christina Balzly, and Luke Chatwin, her 5 step-children, Rick (Susie) Chatwin,

Caren (Dale) Martinez, Rob (Kim) Chatwin, Brandon Burgon, Debra Mauer, her 38 deeply beloved grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Della is preceded in death by her mother and father, Mary and Rawland, her sweetheart, Gordon, her companion, Ron, her son-in-law, Brett (Angelique) and step-daughter, Marci (Brandon).

Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 5th, at 12:00 pm, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cascade 2nd Ward, 481 East Center Street, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Interment will be in the Orem City Cemetery.

Della's family wholeheartedly thanks friends, family, and the Cascade 2nd Ward for your unforgettable support, love and prayers over the years of this beautiful life.

# Cemetery

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## Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

# Events

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**NOV 5 Viewing 10:00AM - 11:30AM**

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Cascade 2nd Ward

481 East Center Street, Orem, UT, US

**NOV 5 Funeral Service 12:00PM**

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Cascade 2nd Ward

481 East Center Street, Orem, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Della is the sweet cousin my age. I have so many happy memories spending a week in Kanab and her visiting me in Bryce. She had a pure heart

**pam spencer** - November 04, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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“ I am the first wife of Gordon Chatwin. Della was a great 2nd mom and grandma to all of my children and grandchildren. They grew to love and appreciate her in their lives. But not only my children, but myself. Della and I became great friends. We attended many different functions together of my grandchildren's. Della would always make the soccer games, dance festivals, birthday parties, and many other things in my grandchildren's lives. Della had many different family parties which all of us were always invited to. My children and grandchildren grew to love their 2nd mother/grandma with deep love and respect. Della and I had many lunches, movies, and many long visits lasting until all hours. Also we were always texting each other. She never forgot all of our birthdays and most everything else important in our lives.

Della's passing has come as a great shock and profound sorrow to all of us. Me, my children and grandchildren have for now have lost a beautiful presence in our lives. So for the rest of our lives we will cherish our beautiful Della and with great anticipation we will look forward to seeing and being with her again. We are a forever family. But for today, we love you sweet Della and we rejoice in your being with your beloved husband and family in a beautiful, happy place. One day we know that we will all be together again.

**Pat Carter** - November 04, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Della is an angel and mother-in-law to our deceased son Brett. We knew her long enough to be proud of for accomplishments and love for others. We look forward to being with her and her posterity in the next life

**Rich and Marilee (deceased) Crandall** - November 04, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ Della's daughter Angelique married our son Brett, who is now deceased. She has been an angel and totally loved by us. We look forward to an eternal friendship. Della accepted us into the family without reservation. Always full of love and a sweet spirit, we are going to miss her tremendously. I testify previous comments are true. I look forward to an eternal friendship once we are back together.

**Rich and Marilee (deceased) Crandall** - November 04, 2021 at 11:47 PM

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“ I met della for the first when me, my husband and my 3 kids moved into her neighborhood. We went to the same church. She was a true light In this world. I was her ministering sister when her second husband died, I dropped off a meal to her and I ended up leaving in tears. I was going through some mental health and she ended up being the one to comfort me. We only were good friends for a short amount of time but she was a earthly angel truly. The word will be less bright without you in it.

**emily clarke** - November 04, 2021 at 01:17 AM



“ Dear Chatwin Family. My heart goes out to each of you! Della wasas such a wonderful person. I meat her with my association through the Crandall. Angelique is so like her mother. The family is wonderful and I know that the Lord will bless them and give the strength to go on! May the Lord be your guiding light. All my love Linda Crandall

**Linda Crandall** - November 04, 2021 at 05:30 PM