



## Ellen Grover Sproat

December 30, 1937 - October 23, 2016

Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on October 23, 2016. Born to Keith W. Grover and Ellen Warner Grover in Ely Nevada on December 30, 1937 she passed away due to complications following a fall in her home on October 20, 2016.

She moved to Silver Spring, Maryland in her early teens. Her uncle, Wayne Grover would become the Archivist of the USA and another uncle, Morris Grover, would become a nuclear physicist at Los Alamos during the development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1959 she graduated with the first nursing class at San Jose State College and practiced clinic nursing prior to traveling to Alaska to be a public health nurse. In Ketchikan she met the love of her life, Robert Sproat who commanded a U. S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue Cutter. She would work in many fields of nursing as she and Robert traveled to his many assignments. After specializing in cardiac care and labor and delivery, she turned to home health nursing in which she excelled. She was especially talented in diagnosing illnesses and found two cases of leprosy while serving in Hawaii.

Along the way she and Robert raised three children.

Their last assignment was to Tokyo, Japan and they travelled the Pacific extensively. Following Robert's retirement, they settled in Ivins where she continued her home health nursing serving many elderly patients in the area; she and her husband also became part time ordinance workers in the St George temple.

A lifelong Latter Day Saint, she and Robert moved to Albuquerque where she could care for her parents and they also served as ordinance workers in the new Albuquerque temple. As her health started to decline, they moved to Saratoga Springs in 2013 to receive family support.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, brother Thomas (Norma) and her son Keith (Beth), son Mark (Jacqueline), daughter Kristin (Garin) and grandchildren Deanne, Jarom,

and Kimberley.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Jon and Bill.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 2:00 pm at Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 S. Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

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## **Utah Veterans Memorial Park**

17111 S. Camp Williams Road

Bluffdale, UT, 84065