



## Joan Swenson McDonald

October 6, 1939 - March 15, 2021

Our beloved mother and grandmother Joan Swenson McDonald 81, of Orem Utah passed away peacefully on the morning of Monday, March 15, 2021.

Joan was born Oct. 6, 1939 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Emil F. and Ruth Thomsen Swenson. She grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from South High in 1957. Joan was called to serve on a mission to the Japanese speaking people of Salt Lake City where she served faithfully for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On September 14, 1962 Joan married the love of her life Phillip Ray McDonald. They soon after had four children. They built a home and raised their kids on the old Swenson family farm in Lindon, Utah. Joan enthusiastically supported all her children in their various sports and church activities. On March 24, 1982 the family was sealed for time and eternity in the Provo Utah Temple. They continued sharing life together until Ray's passing in 1995. Joan had a deep love for family and being together. She especially enjoyed and treasured her time in her remaining years loving and nurturing her grandchildren and great grandchildren, they were the light of her life.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Ray, her daughter Kimberlee, her granddaughter Christina, her parents and her brothers Robert (Fumie) Swenson and Kenneth (Rosemary) Swenson. She is survived by her daughter Debilyn McDonald, her son Bret McDonald (Christine), her daughter Beckyann Watson (Steven) and six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

A Viewing for close friends and family will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Utah Valley Mortuary, 1966 West 700 North, Lindon, Utah from 9:00 to 10:45 am. followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Interment in Pleasant Grove City Cemetery, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

# Cemetery

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## Pleasant Grove City Cemetery

600 North 100 West

Pleasant Grove, UT, 84062

# Events

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**MAR** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Utah Valley Mortuary

1966 West 700 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

**MAR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Joan always had a warm smile and welcomed my family with open arms and generosity. She was like a favorite grandmother who made she the most delicious Christmas treats. She was always ready with some little thing or another to share when anyone stopped by.

**Crystal Norton** - March 25 at 10:21 PM

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“ Joan was my cousin and always watched out for me growing up. She and her family were an important part of my life, so many good memories. I will miss our chats and visits. I am saddened that I haven't been able to go visit her in the past year with Covid going on. RIP Joan, I can only imagine the joyful reunion with so many of your loved ones. Thank you for always being there, love you. Dianne

**Dianne Goodfellow** - March 20 at 09:08 AM

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“ Joan was my young aunt when I was a little kid growing up in Salt Lake. She was always kind and loving to me and my family. While we have spent many years living in other states, she always made a point of decorating the little grave of our twin daughters Karen and Julie in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery each Memorial Day.

**Ray Swenson** - March 19 at 11:40 PM

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“ RIP Joan say hello to Ray and Kim for me. Brother Mark

**Mark Hansen** - March 16 at 10:06 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Miss You Mom



**Bret & Christine** - March 16 at 09:14 PM