



Karen Berrett

August 15, 1939 - June 8, 2019

Karen Ruth Startup Berrett, 79, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2019. Karen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Elbert Harris Startup and Maurine Brown Startup. She was born the second oldest of 11 children. Karen quickly became a little mother to her younger siblings. She helped her mother with the housework and child care. She loved her siblings dearly. Karen attended Marc Keppel High School and Pasadena High School where she enjoyed theater and choir. Karen was on the drill team, was involved in student government and was a fantastic writer. Karen developed her talent at the piano. She was amazing. She was to become a concert pianist, but Karen said that her greatest desire was to have a large family and become a mother.

After high school, she attended Pasadena City College and then Brigham Young University. Karen met and married to Ron Platt and had five children: Ron, Renee, Brian, Alan, and Kathryn. After divorcing Ron Platt, she went on to get her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University. She became a school teacher and enjoyed her time teaching. In 1969, she met a nice man named Robert Dean Berrett at a singles ward activity. They fell in love and were married on February 14, 1970. Bob and Karen had 3 sons: Steven, Nathan and Jonathan. (Bob had a son from a previous marriage named Michael.) Bob and Karen were the happy and proud parents of 9 children. They loved to play baseball and go to games, they enjoyed time with cousins, family and friends. They lived in California, Utah and Missouri. They loved life and worked hard. In 1990, Karen and some of her sisters travelled to Romania where they adopted beautiful children. In December of 1990, Bob and Karen adopted Mariana and Aaron. These two children brought so much joy and love into the Berrett home. As the family grew and began to go their separate ways, Karen and Bob moved to Nephi, Utah. It was in Nephi that Bob passed away from complications of diabetes and renal failure on February 2, 2001. This was a hard time for Karen and the children. Karen continued serving in church callings and particularly loved having the opportunity to teach primary again. She also worked with the sister missionaries and loved to do missionary work with them. Family and friends supported them during this time and Karen stayed with her married children and sisters off and on for several years. She moved to Cove Point in

Provo, UT, in 2016.

After 18 years, living without her companion Robert Berrett, Karen finally went to her heavenly home on June 8, 2019, to be reunited with her husband, parents and siblings in heaven. She was loved by many. All who knew her loved her. Karen had the great ability to listen, love and laugh. She loved family history and could tell you all the stories of the ancestors. She loved quilting and scrapbooking and spending time with family. Karen loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and often shared her testimony and love of the Lord. She was a wonderful mother, aunt, grandmother and friend. She will be missed by so many.

Karen is preceded in death by her husband Robert Dean Berrett, her parents Elbert and Maurine Startup, her brothers Frank and Gordon and her sister Carol Joy, and grandson Christian Berrett. (We note that her brother David passed away just 2 days after in Provo, UT on June 10, 2019.)

She is survived by her 11 children, Ron, Renee, Brian, Michael, Alan, Kathryn, Steven, Nathan, Jonathan, Mariana and Aaron, 28 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, June 17th, at 11:00 am, at the Sharon Stake Center, 545 South 800 East, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Vine Bluff Cemetery, Nephi, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Vine Bluff Cemetery

1240 North 400 East
Nephi, UT, 84648

Events

JUN **Viewing** 03:30AM - 10:30AM

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

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