



## Kathryn Romans

March 19, 1927 - January 22, 2021

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Kathryn Eleanor Bates Romans passed away on January 22, 2021. Through diligent daily acts over more than nine decades, she made her mark and left an incredible legacy for children Greg (Suzanne), Roger, Nancy (Wayne), Susan (Clyde), Cynthia (Rand), Phyllis (Dave), and our cousin Marc Mason (Mary Ann).

She is known as “Grandma Katee” to some of her grandchildren (one of whom said she “is the best person I've known”) and great-grandchildren. Born March 19, 1927, Kathryn grew up in Chino Valley, Arizona. She attended school and worked in Prescott, where she met and married a Navy Ensign from Nebraska, Clarence (C.O.) Romans. After the war ended in 1945, they settled in Arnold, Nebraska where they lived until moving to Mesa, Arizona in 1994. They later moved to Provo, Utah in 2015.

Kathryn loved music and dance and did her best to instill those loves in her children. As a diligent mother she taught a home primary attended by many neighborhood children, participated with her daughters in 4-H, supervised piano practicing, attended innumerable High School athletic events, plays, and music concerts, all in support of her children.

A voracious reader, a diligent worker, and a woman of great faith, she taught her children to seek wisdom, to labor industriously, to be faithful to God, and to honor our country's great

tness. She was a lifelong learner and loved to be productive. She organized a library at both Legacy and Jamestown and hosted a weekly discussion group with friends up until two weeks before she passed away.

In her early years, Kathryn created a pattern of diligence and remarkable faith that crafted a deep and abiding love for the gospel. She traveled with her family 45 miles to North Platte to attend church each week. She and C.O. served a mission in Oregon and were temple workers in the Mesa Temple. In her last years she would often say that she was trying her best to be a good person and do what's right. She earnestly sought to be more kind each day, working to view and treat others with more compassion and care.

Kathryn developed an interest in arts and culture throughout her life. Her beautiful handiwork, quilts, clothing, dolls, and crafts have been enjoyed by people all over the country. She shared her talents with her family and friends, including her creative baby quilts for which she was famous. She loved wearing her Navajo squash blossom necklace.

For some time, Kathryn felt a beckoning to join her husband C.O. and Roger, a son who died at age three. That time has come, and we will miss her.

Interment in Orem City Cemetery, Orem, Utah.

# Cemetery

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## **Orem City Cemetery**

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Utah Valley Mortuary** - January 26 at 11:32 AM

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“ Sister Romans was a wonderful, stalwart woman. I remember her as the mother of my best friend, Phyllis, and a frequent Sunday School teacher in the North Platte Branch. I very often got invited to stay in between Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting for their family dinner (which they stayed in town for since they lived 45 miles away) and it was always a wonderful feast. Through her example I learned that the gospel was worth everything and you would never regret being obedient and faithful. We were a close knit group (North Platte branch) and I have so many fond memories that include the Romans family.  
I wish you all the best, but know that you have had a marvelous set of parents to blaze the trail ahead. I count it as a great blessing to have known and been taught by Sister Romans!  
- Nora Kentner Jackman

**Nora Jackman** - February 25 at 05:26 PM

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“ My name is Terry Mills. I knew Mrs. Romans during the time that the Roman's family lived in Arnold NE. I too was a recipient of Mrs. Romans kindness. As I read the obituary, I realized that Mrs. Romans not only lived a long, full life but also lived her life well. Please accept my condolences. We are keeping the Romans family in our thoughts and prayers. Terry Mills

**Terry Mills** - February 21 at 08:30 PM

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“ This is a beautifully written obituary. My condolences to the family.  
Janet (Cole) Larreau

Janet Larreau - February 10 at 04:07 PM

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“ I have known Sister Romans all of my life. She and Brother Romans were part of our small branch in North Platte, Nebraska. She was a steady presence for me of unfailing grace, talent, cheer, testimony and generosity. I could give a thousand examples.

My most special memory of her was when I left for Ricks College in 1989. She and another sister in our branch took me shopping for clothes. Our large family mainly used hand-me-downs, and what a treat it was for me! Sister Romans wanted me to have a vest because she said they were very fashionable. She thought the ones in the store were poor quality, so she took me to a fabric store and purchased a beautiful corduroy paisley print and sewed me a vest herself. I still have it. I was so overwhelmed by her generosity. I asked how I could ever repay her. She told me that when I was able to help someone else, that would be her repayment.

I have never forgotten that and have sincerely tried to take each opportunity I found to serve--remembering her many kindnesses to me. We have kept in touch my whole life, and I can never adequately express my love for her or my gratitude for her love for me.

Until we meet again, dear friend.

Jessie Guidry - February 06 at 03:26 PM

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“ My name is Bruce Van Orden. At age six, I arrived in North Platte, Nebraska, as the oldest child of Arthur and Lois Van Orden, arriving from Utah. Our family became fast friends of the Romans family. My mother Lois especially related to Kathryn, since they had both grown up in LDS families where Latter-day Saints were prominent. To me, Kathryn was always "Sister Romans." I enjoyed many hours learning from her in gospel related classes and settings. Greg, her oldest son, was my age and one of my best friends in the Church. We enjoyed doing so many things together even though they lived in Arnold. I had the chance to get out to Arnold a few times and even stay with the Romans family for a week. This was just prior to my being most unhappily being taken out of my beloved Nebraska at age fifteen when my father was transferred back to Salt Lake City. I remember Kathryn and Clarence with eternal gratitude for their kindness and teaching by precept and example. I praise God for allowing me to know them and their dear children.

**Bruce Van Orden** - January 31 at 07:56 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Program



**Utah Valley Mortuary** - January 31 at 02:16 PM

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“ My husband and I were called to serve at Legacy and it was a gift for us to meet and get to know Kathryn. She would tell us about spiritual experiences that she and her husband had shared as they served in the Church. Kathryn and I both had an interest in quilting and baking, so I was blessed to see the magnificent quilts she was able to bring to Legacy with her, she assured me that she had many more that her children had kept for her. Kathryn shared her Waldorf Astoria Chocolate cake recipe with me and it has become one of my favorites. We had such interesting and stimulating conversations, I was so sad when could no longer visit due to COVID. With Kathryn's passing I can imagine the joyful reunions with her husband and other beloved family members who have gone before her. We will miss you Kathryn  
Much love and tender wishes to your family at this time. Elaine and Richard Hill

**Elaine Brummer Hill** - January 30 at 12:02 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Phyllis Rosen - January 30 at 09:04 AM

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“ We loved visiting and singing to Kathryn over the past few years! She was an inspiration and such a light in our lives!



Emory Moline - January 27 at 10:46 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Phyllis A Rosen - January 27 at 09:28 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Phyllis Rosen - January 25 at 08:49 PM

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“ No he tenido la oportunidad de conocer a Kathryn en esta vida, pero si a su hija Susan y como "el fruto no puede caer lejos del árbol" sólo puedo pensar que habrá sido un ser lleno de luz, con un amor por su Dios, su familia, sus emejantes y presta a dar servicio siempre. Lamento su pérdida porque una parte del corazón se va pero la fe y la esperanza en el plan del Padre Celestial nos da consuelo.

**Irma García** - January 25 at 02:10 PM



“ I didn't have the opportunity to know Kathryn in this life but her daughter Susan and like fruit does fall far from the tree I can only think that she was a soul full of life, love for her God, her family and fellow beings and always ready to give service. I'm sorry about the loss because part of her heart is gone but faith and hope in Heavenly Father's plan gives us comfort.

**N Clyde Rhoades** - January 26 at 10:06 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Kathryn was such a wonderful woman and so special to our family. We loved her so much. Even though we haven't seen her in almost twelve years, I have fond memories and lots of wonderful loving words from her over the years.

We love all of you very much and will keep you in our prayers. I know Aunt Kathryn is very happy to be with Uncle Clarence and the rest of the Bates family.

Thank you for letting us know about her service.

Norma LaRocque

**Phyllis** - January 26 at 11:32 AM



“ Heaven just got a lot classier. My heartfelt sympathies for your loss and appreciation for letting her fans know.

Sandra Langley

**Phyllis** - January 26 at 11:34 AM



“ We have lived in Lubbock, Texas for over 50 years as my husband was a Spanish professor at Texas Tech University, just recently retired.

I have kept in touch with Aunt Kathryn through the years, usually talking to her by phone every couple of months, she truly was my favorite aunt. Actually I just talked to her around the first of the year to thank her for her Christmas message and poem. We read the poem with our kids and grandkids at our Christmas Eve gathering, which they all loved.

We were both saddened and happy to hear about her death. Cheryl and I grew up watching her in high school and when she met Clarence. It was a fun time.

We will miss her just as all of you will.

Karen Stratton

**Phyllis** - January 26 at 11:38 AM



“ Kathryn was 93 and felt ready to go. She had such a sharp mind and a fun, happy outlook on life. I noticed she always had something to do and found ways to make friends with those around her. I really enjoyed getting to visit her with Phyllis. I know she was prepared

to go but I will miss her.

Janice Robinson

**Phyllis** - January 26 at 11:40 AM



“ Dear Kathryn,

I hope you know you've been my idol for many years. I appreciate so much the love you have shown me and what a wonderful example you have been to me. I admire your talents and wisdom and goodness. You are an elect lady. We will surely miss your clever Christmas cards. Thank you for keeping in touch in that way. Please tell Clarence we love him too. I wish you much happiness forever sweet Kathryn.

Kay Bradshaw

**phyllis rosen** - January 27 at 01:48 PM



“ Our dear friend, Kathryn, was a mentor and like family as we raised our family in Nebraska away from their grandparents. She and Clarence knew how to play and have fun and were so true to their testimonies, always serving and sustaining others. We are glad they are reunited and pray for tender mercies to help her family during this time of loss.

**Laurie Marshall** - January 29 at 11:18 AM



“ Dear Romans family, oh how we all miss the days back in Nebraska as we grew up in the North Platte Branch. Vera is still in North Platte at age 95. We have told her of Kathryn's passing. She kept Clarence's obituary on her table for over a year. We are so happy that Kathryn and Clarence are reunited. If you could mail a copy of Kathryn's obituary to her we know she would look at it every day. Her address is 3700 West Phillip Ave #114, North Platte, NE 69101

Lynette, Steven, and Kevin Combs

**Kevin Combs** - January 31 at 12:46 PM