



Kaye Larsen

January 26, 1945 - December 22, 2016

In loving memory of Kaye Maureen Francis Larsen - born Rochester, Kent England 26th January, 1945. Returned to our Heavenly father - Provo, Utah U.S.A. 22nd December 2016.

Kaye leaves behind two children - Wayne Lewis Larsen and Kerri Anne Larsen-Long. Five grandchildren - Garrett Long, Ric Long, Aubrey Long. Kaylee Long and Dylan Long, and one Great grandson - Rowan Michael Long. Kaye also leaves behind brothers and sisters, Kerry, Glenda, Kathleen, Cindy, Tony, Laurence and Karen. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Alexander Francis, her mother, Daphne Marigold Tilley, her sister, Wendy Jill Francis and her brother, Gary John Francis.

Kaye grew up in England where she learned to love and appreciate the outdoors. She lived closed to the River Medway and would spend countless hours exploring the nooks and crannies along the Sea Wall, popping the seaweed and looking for winkles under the rocks. She loved the woodlands that surrounded the town where they grew up and spent many hours in the woods playing imaginary games. She especially loved the woods in the Springtime when the bluebells would come out in abundance, spreading their sweet fragrance through the woodlands and covering the ground in an expanse of purple/blue hue.

She loved the local football team in Gillingham, known as the "Gills". She would drag along one of her sisters or brothers every week, with the promise of a sweet treat. Kaye joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in England and loved serving others. She was a "youth" missionary, where she learned to love and spread the gospel to others.

Kaye came over to the United States as a "nanny" to a family in New York. After her services as a nanny, she came to Lehi, Utah where she later married Lee Christian Larsen. They were blessed with two beautiful children whom Kaye loved dearly. She later divorced, and continued to raise her two children on her own.

She moved to Springville, Utah where she spent the remainder of her life. She loved hiking in the mountains in Provo canyon and in the mountains surrounding Springville. She loved the flowers and loved growing vegetables in pots. She loved the wards members and made many very dear and special friends. She loved serving in the community at the Senior Centre, and loved making quilts that she donated to the hospitals/police departments in the area for the children in need. She had a knack for remembering birthdays and always made a cake or some other treat to share with her friends and neighbours. She would continually bake and leave goodies and little notes on everyone's door steps. Kaye loved to reach out and connect with people.

Kaye loved to read and was so proud of her brother, Laurence for a book he published this year, called Horatio Hobbs and The Calimor. She was so excited when he sent her a signed copy of his book and read it in two days!!

Kaye loved genealogy and spent countless hours researching, gathering information and compiling the family history into binders. Because of her dedication, there are pictures of family members that I have never seen before. Because of her, I was able to enter the information into the temple system and had the privilege of completing generations of family work and of having my father and mother sealed this year, along with other family members and other generations.

I would like to thank the many friends who took time to come and visit with my sister, Kaye when they found out she was ill. There was such an outpouring of love from her bishop, former bishops, ward members, and dear friends. I know she knew of your presence and love and concern for her well-being. God Bless you all for your love and support during this difficult time.

A memorial service in her honour will be held at a later date. Information will follow shortly. Please wear something blue in her honour, as it was her favourite color.

GONE TOO SOON

Dearest, sister, mother and grandmother of ours

How little did we understand or know.

That when we spent our last time together

For a season, we would have to let you go.

For reasons unknown to us at this time,

You have returned to our Heavenly Father above.

And as we now struggle with our own grief and pain
We at least have my sweet memories of love.

You brought such joy and goodness to our lives
And to all others who had the privilege of knowing you.
You were loving and caring to your family and friends
And because of this we all blossomed and grew.

You left nothing but joy to those you served,
And they now have a big void to fill.
For you left behind a legacy of service and love
And hearts that are broken must heal.

But dearest sister, mother and grandmother of ours
It is us who must learn to somehow go on.
You will always hold such a special place in our hearts
And because of your example, we know we can be strong.

If it was not for the Plan of Salvation in our lives,
And the knowledge that we will see you again.
If it was not for the testimony that our Saviour lives,
We would not be able to endure this terrible pain.

For a short time, we must say goodbye to you,
But you will always hold a special place in our hearts.
We cannot wait until we can be together again,
And all earthly sorrows and pains depart.

And although, Father, we still feel she left us too soon
We also know she first belonged to you.
So, Heavenly Father, thank you for sharing her with us
Please grant us peace until we can all meet anew.

By Glenda Francis Snodgrass

Comments



“ Kaye & I started our friendship in England over 50 yrs ago, I posted some pictures of Kaye taken when we were still living at home, Kaye, Susan & I would walk for miles over the fields & woods after church on Sunday afternoons, picking Bluebells along the way, or splurging & going into London to see West Side Story(we loved Richard Beymer) or walking around town with each other arm in arm singing Beatles songs at the top of our lungs (It was the swinging sixties) we had so many great memories we always stayed in touch over the years, I will miss her always, love you Kaye. xx

Joan Franceschini - January 03, 2017 at 06:59 PM



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Joan Franceschini - January 03, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ Our favorite thing to do on Sunday afternoons, May 1964.

Joan Franceschini - January 03, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ Love these photos of my sister. Not seen them before. Miss you Kaye xx

Cindy - January 04, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ Kaye was my visiting teacher for quite some time. She was always so thoughtful and would not miss a month of remembering me. If we couldn't have a sit down visit, she would leave notes, or bread on my door, even when she had so little for herself. We connected when my son was called to serve a mission in Manchester England. She loved talking to me about her homeland. She was a lady with a big heart. We had a very nice visit just a few days before she passed. I'm so glad to have had that time visiting with her and holding her hand. Thank you, Kaye, for the unconditional love you gave to me. I'm glad to have known you.

Natalie Parry - December 28, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ I met Kaye several years ago at the Springville Senior Center. She was always working on a quilt that was set up in the main hall. Kaye was the one that was there every day, until the quilt was finished. Then she would start on another one. She was generally quiet, but as we would chat a little here and there, she eventually opened up and would tell me stories about her life in England, and her family. She especially would light up when she spoke of her grand children.

On many occasions, Kaye would hand me a gift for myself, or my new grandson that I had brought to the center to show off. She was always finding something that she wanted me to give him, and would play with him when he visited the center.

During the last year, I noticed that Kaye was losing weight because of her constant walking from one end of the city to the other, so I would bring some fruit with me to work, and share it with her. She seemed to like that more than all the donuts and treats. Kaye always thanked me, and it became our morning ritual.

I will miss seeing Kaye; whether at the center, or walking down main street, and am grateful for the help she gave me when I was making a quilt for my son. She gave so much of herself, to me and many others, and was a wonderful example of gratitude. My condolences to the family at this time.

Virginia VanPatten

Virginia Van Patten - December 28, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Kaye, I had planned on seeing you walking around Springville for years to come! I like to think maybe you still are . . I just can't see you any more. But probably your'e walking now in an even more beautiful place. Thank you for your friendship. Until we meet again . . .



Karri - December 28, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ Glenda,
Sorry for the loss of your sister.



Anthony Kelly - December 28, 2016 at 06:56 PM



“ Glenda, I am so sorry. That makes me so sad. I am Thankful she is at Peace now. She will be terribly missed.

Jennie Shaw - December 28, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ Kaye made beautiful quits and was a great quilter! She was very thoughtful, always bringing a little something to Someone at the senior center to brighten their day! We will miss you Kaye coming into the Senior Center with your smile and present! Peace be with you Kaye!

Betty Robinson - December 28, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ Kaye is such a remarkable person, always so thoughtful of others! Her love of genealogy brought so many families together, including her own - what a blessing! She certainly made her mark in the world, and is well loved by those in Springville! This world is far better for Kaye having been it!

Jack Bowers - December 28, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ Jan Howes lit a candle in memory of Kaye Larsen



Jan Howes - December 28, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ As I would visit Kaye in her home or see her walking, I was struck by how very pretty she is. She seemed to have so much energy! I would meet her walking all over town. When I was ill she brought by delicious soup; handed me a present on my Burthday - I was touched how she remembered me. She showed me the lively quilts which came alive under her talented hands and I enjoyed learning about what she would tell me about her life. She left so quickly I am very sorry for her loss.

Karen Sermersheim - December 28, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ Goodbye Kaye I shall miss you and especially the occasional letters we exchanged. I always smiled at the last word in the letters, WRITE!! You departed far to early from this world. Our family that has passed will look after you. As always we don't appreciate what we have until its GONE. Always in my thoughts.
Kerry.



kerry - December 28, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ Kaye was loved by her family in England despite the distance between us. I shall be thinking of Kaye this year when the bluebells come out in spring.



Craig Grindley - December 28, 2016 at 04:44 AM



“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Kaye Larsen



Cindy - December 28, 2016 at 04:38 AM



“ So very sad to hear about your passing Kaye. Things could have been so different..at least you are now at peace. Rest amongst the angels. God bless xxxx

Cindy - December 28, 2016 at 04:41 AM



“ I lit a yellow candle because of the lovely english daffodils that will soon be out in spring xx

Cindy - December 28, 2016 at 04:45 AM



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Karri - December 28, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ Thinking of you, I hope you are in peace.
Love,

Alison

Alison Bringuier - December 27, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ Alison Bringuier lit a candle in memory of Kaye Larsen



Alison Bringuier - December 27, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ Glenda Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Kaye Larsen



Glenda Snodgrass - December 27, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ So nice to read about Kaye's love of nature. The Emmett family has fond memories of the time Kaye joined us for a hike to Stewart Falls. We will miss seeing her at church and visiting with her as she passed by on her long daily walks.

Chad Emmett - December 27, 2016 at 05:04 PM



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Utah Valley Mortuary - December 27, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ This is my mothers cousin and they look just like sisters both when younger and older. Genetics is amazing- RIP. I never knew you but from what I have read you must have been a lovely person. xxx

Tracey Anne - July 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM