



Marcia Braithwaite

April 4, 1938 - January 26, 2020

Marcia Francom Braithwaite, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 26, 2020 in Orem, Utah surrounded by her family. She was 81 years old.

Marcia was born on April 4, 1938 in Benjamin, Utah to Dean Jones and Bernice Lundell Francom. She grew up in Payson, Utah and was the oldest of 5 children. She has 2 brothers, Waldon and Allan, and 2 sisters, Kathleen (who preceded her in death) and Paula.

She felt that she couldn't graduate from high school soon enough so she could marry her high school sweetheart, Gary Victor Braithwaite in the Salt Lake Temple on June 7, 1956. She lived most of her life in Utah County. In 1968, they purchased their forever home in Orem, Utah where she lived the rest of her life. They were blessed with 5 children; Becky Black, Annette Cardon, Vickie Case, Carol Hunt and finally, their long awaited son, Richard Rolla Braithwaite. They have 20 grandchildren, 2 of which have preceded her in death, and 37 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way!

She served in various callings at church in the Primary, Mutual, Sunday School, Cub Scouts, as a visiting teacher and in the temple. She and Gary served two missions. They were called to the Nauvoo, Illinois mission where she served in the Lands and Records office. While serving there she was able to find the land owned by her ancestors. They loved serving so much that when they returned home they continued their missionary service as tour guides at the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

Marcia worked until her retirement as a unit secretary on the medical surgical floor of the Utah Valley Hospital. She enjoyed her time as a member of the Chauntenettes Women's Chorus and she sang the alto part. She had a love of reading that started as a child and continued throughout her life. As a child her favorite books to read were the Nancy Drew Mysteries. She was a wonderful seamstress and made many clothes for her children and doll clothes for her grandchildren. Her family all loved her soft, delicious cinnamon rolls.

She enjoyed gardening and preserving her own food. All through the late summer and fall you would find her in the kitchen with her children teaching them to preserve the many vegetables from her garden and fruit from a variety of fruit trees in the yard. The grandchildren loved climbing up that big cherry tree and picking cherries for Grandma and themselves. She took pride in keeping a clean and orderly home. She loved her dogs; in fact some of her great-grandchildren affectionately called her Grandma Doggy. She loved to sit on the front porch while soaking up the sunshine and sipping on a Pepsi. She also loved to watch her great-grandchildren and the neighborhood children climb the big pine tree in the front yard and play on the swings that were hanging from that tree.

In accordance with her wishes, thanks to and through the love and support of her family and friends she was able to stay in her home up until her very last week.

As Gary left the room on one of the last times he would see his sweetheart in this life, his final words to everyone in that room were “It will never be said that a man loved a woman more than I loved her.”

Funeral Services will be held Saturday February 8th, at 11:00 am, at the Cascade 6th Ward, 400 North 400 East, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Interment in Santaquin City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Santaquin City Cemetery

100 East 300 South

Santaquin, UT, 84655

Events

FEB **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:45AM

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Cascade 6th Ward

400 East 400 North, Orem, UT, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Gary and Family:

We were saddened to hear of Marsha's passing. She was a bright light to our neighborhood, Ward, and to all who made her acquaintance. We shall never forget kindness, many years ago, when she assisted in driving Kendra to her cancer treatments, while I was working,.

At this time, Kendra is very ill at Utah Valley Hospital, trying to recover from pneumonia. As much as I would like to attend Marsha's funeral, I feel that I need to be with Kendra. I hope you will be understanding. May God bless you and your family at this time. And may God bless Marsha in her new calling. ~ John and Kendra Hall

JOHN HALL - February 08, 2020 at 02:37 AM



“ I loved my sister-in-law Marcia. I am so happy for her to be able to move on to a better life where her body won't hold her back.

Lynda Broadbent - February 03, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to a woman who loved well and was so well loved!

Julyn Embley - February 03, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ I love you sis and I'm going to miss you. I'm sure the reunion with mom & dad; Kathy; and your grandbabies was awesome. I can just hear Grandpa Carl saying Rejoice, Rejoice (only his version was reyoice, reyoice). Your mind & body is renewed and alive and I'm so grateful for that. Lots of love - I'll see ya on the other side :-)

Paula

Paula Barney - February 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM