



Mary Ann Carter Smith

May 9, 1933 - April 21, 2020

Mary Ann Carter Smith passed away peacefully surrounded by her beloved family in Ivins, Utah on Tuesday, 21 April 2020. Mary Ann would be 87 in May 2020.

A friend to one and all, Mary Ann built friendships with everyone she met including new neighbors, fellow travelers, children, or genealogy enthusiasts. Her passion was people and she cared for those living and those gone on ahead. Her life's work centered around God and family and her belief in life after death. Thus she devoted herself to the genealogical research and the preservation of family history. In heaven, she will be welcomed by those ancestors she so loved. Mary Ann was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mary Ann Carter Smith was born 9 May 1933 in Salt Lake City, Utah to loving parents Archie Eugene and Annie Sims Jones Carter. Her name was chosen by her Grandpa Samuel Utley Carter who gave her the name of his wife, her deceased Grandmother Mary Ann Rankin Carter. Mary Ann always honored her namesake. Mary Ann, the fourth child in a family of six children, was raised in Salt Lake City attending East High School and being President of the Pep Club and active in many other clubs and the A Capella Choir. She attended Brigham Young University studying Journalism. While there she was the Editor-in-Chief of the 1954 BYU Banyan Yearbook and met and married her sweetheart, Keith Thompson Smith, one of the Banyan photographers, in the Salt Lake Temple on 27 May 1954.

Mary Ann inherited her mother's love of genealogy. Mary Ann loved her rich heritage and led several William Carter Family Reunions, as well as doing much research and temple work for her ancestors. Always anxious to connect family via fellowship and service, Mary Ann strengthened friendships not only with the family but with friendships far and near over many years.

Mary Ann and Keith enjoyed life, teaching their children to love adventure including camping, kayaking, hiking, motorcycling, visiting historical sites, going on road trips and

enjoying nature, family, and friends. Mary Ann & Keith raised their family in Murray and Cottonwood Heights and on Keith's retiring, they moved to Ivins, Utah.

Mary Ann is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Keith Thompson Smith, children: Jenae (Stephen) Westhoff, Lorilee (Craig) Rawlins, Caralyn (Chris) Koplín, Dallin Smith; brother, Allen Carter and sister Joyce Wilson and brother-in-law, Blaine Wilson; and 9 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Darrell Carter Smith, siblings: Harold Eugene Carter and his wife Elva Wilson Carter; Melba Carter Linnell, sister-in-law Beverlee Andersen Carter, Richard Donald Carter and his wife, Sandra Lay Carter.

Mary Ann will be buried next to her son, Darrell Carter Smith, in Elysian Burial Gardens in Murray, UT. The family would like to especially thank the relatives, friends, doctors, nurses, and IHC Hospice for their love, care and help at this time. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible memorial donations may be made to The Archie Eugene and Annie Sims Jones Carter Educational Foundation by mailing checks in care of Blaine Wilson, 2101 Arrowhead Trail, Santa Clara UT 84765.

Due to the recent worldwide pandemic and the restrictions regarding public gatherings, there will not be a public service. The funeral services will be live streamed on Friday, April 24, 2020, at 4:00 pm. To view the service, go to www.tinyurl.com/y7cucord.

Friends and family are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.

Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 986-9100.

Cemetery

Events

Elysian Burial Gardens

1075 East 4580 South
Salt Lake City, UT, 84117

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Service

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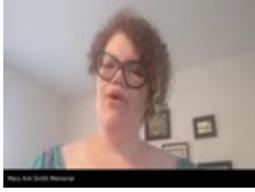
Serenity Funeral Home

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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - May 13 at 01:26 PM

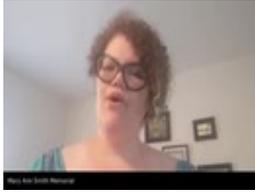


“ I lived next door to Mary Ann and Keith. She was a great neighbor and would do anything to help you if you needed it. I remember Keith building that airplane in the garage. When I got sick one time she was on her way to Zion Canyon and turned around and came home to see if I needed help. She will be missed by so many people. RIP Mary Ann

Joyce Mc Laren - May 11 at 10:52 AM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - May 05 at 05:01 PM



“ I lived next door to Mary Ann and Keith for a few years before I was married. I gave her a baby shower (Janae) and she gave me a wedding shower. She was a very fun friend. I was able to see and visit with them after that when we came to visit my folks. That was over 60 years ago. And then one day when I was working in the St. George temple, I ran into Mary Ann. It was fun getting reacquainted with her. I was able to see both Mary Ann and Keith several time while working in the temple. They lived in Ivins and I lived in Toquerville, so it was hard to visit with them out of the temple.

So sorry to hear about this trying time for you. I know how hard it is to lose a parent. I lost my mom when I was living next door to the Smiths. They were very supportive to me.

Hang in there Keith, you are sealed to Mary Ann and you will see her and be with her in the eternities. And your children will be there, too.

We love you.

Barbara (Wight) Watkins

Barbara Watkins - April 29 at 07:19 PM



“ Mary Ann was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met! She always had a smile on her face and was so interested in others with a gift of genuinely caring. She definitely was a family history enthusiast who had the Spirit of Elijah so strongly. I greatly admired her desire to learn and her perseverance and enthusiasm. What a great example she has been to her posterity and all who were privileged to know her! We will miss her cheery constant smile! She was a treasure-a pearl of great price!

Mike Shirley Herrud - April 28 at 10:47 PM



“ Dear Family,
Jon and I remember Mary Ann so fondly. Living in the Brighton 15th, 4th Ward with your parents, your mom was always so cheerful and happy to be with. A fun and sweet friend. We were so surprised to see her obit today. So sorry to know of her passing!
We pass your home and I always say the Smith's lived there! We've missed all of you.
Our thoughts and prayer are with you all at this time.
Lovingly,
Jon and Jeanie Bell

Jon and Jeanie Bell - April 26 at 07:32 PM



“ i love u all

Bradley Herpel - April 25 at 06:12 PM

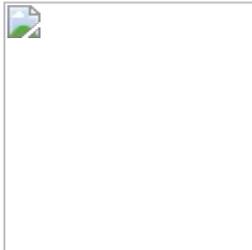


“ We traded visits to each others homes and exchanged Christmas cards over the years.
We found Mary Ann to be an outgoing and gracious hostess and a welcome visitor. Most of all she supported Keith with whatever ideas he was working on. With sympathy and condolences from Denver. Gary and Diane Smith

Gary and Diane Smith - April 24 at 08:10 PM



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Mindy Rawlins - April 24 at 07:21 PM



“ Mary Ann and Keith live across the street from my Mom and Dad's winter home in Ivins, Utah. In fact, their home is in the backdrop of this lovely picture of Mary Ann! Mary Ann was a very outgoing and friendly neighbor. She always looked out for others in her ward. When Mom and Dad went back to their home in Draper, Utah for the summers, Mary Ann and Keith watched over their home for them. After Dad passed away seven years ago, Mary Ann invited Mom to go to church with them. Mom started getting active again. When we went to visit Mom, we would go to church with her and Mary Ann would always come find us and say hello. Mary Ann started having problems with her heart. It would start racing for no apparent reason. She would call when Keith wasn't home, because she was scared she might need a ride to the hospital. I came over and got her some yogurt, and had her come sit out on the front porch in the sun. We would visit and just sit there quietly until her heart stopped racing. One time we came down to visit during a conference weekend. We went with Mary Ann to the women's evening meeting. Mary Ann put her arm around me and smiled, and we talked about so much. I read her obituary and it said she was the Pep Club President. I never knew that. I was the Pep Club Drill Mistress when I was in High School. We would've had a lot to talk about if we knew each other was a Pep Club Officer. Mom got to the point where she couldn't continue taking care of both homes, so she sold her Ivins home in January of 2019. Janae was able to take a lot of the furniture and household items that Mom wasn't able to take back to Draper and furnish their cabins in Escalante. Mom and Mary Ann kept in touch regularly. We drove down to St. George for spring break and we stopped in and visited with Keith and Mary Ann. They were getting along OK, Mary Ann in her walker and Keith puttering around slowly. It was so fun visiting with them. Mary Ann made us a nice lunch with a Waldorf Salad! We sat in their dining room talking and laughing. Then Keith and Mary Ann moved to Escalante where Janae could take care of them and Mom lost touch with her. It was so wonderful to have met Keith and Mary Ann. I looked forward to visiting with them any time I could. I cherish the memories I have of Keith and Mary Ann. They were wonderful neighbors to my Mom and Dad and just plain wonderful people.

Rest In Peace Mary Ann, until I see you again. Love Deanne DeKorver Arvizu

Deanne D. Arvizu - April 24 at 04:27 PM



“ I’m so sorry about your Mom. It is so tough to lose your mother. I’ve been thinking about her since Craig posted about her passing.

It was incredible to me how personable she was. She remembered things about people that she only saw occasionally maybe every decade. She remembered challenges they faced decades previously. She remembered their children and other things about them. Leroy just said, “she was an incredibly nice lady.”

We want you to know that you have our sympathy. I wish circumstances were different so that we could come to her funeral.

Judy Ball

Craig Rawlins - April 24 at 03:12 PM



“ Sending Love Hugs and Strength to Keith and their entire family at this difficult time. You all are in our hearts and prayers. Keep your memories alive, Mary Ann created many.

Julie and Kerris Koplín



Julie Koplín - April 24 at 12:41 PM



“ Mary Ann was like a second mom to me, as her daughter Caralyn and I were together all the time growing up. I have so many warm memories of doing things together in her kitchen -- making cookies, canning peaches and persimmons (never heard of persimmons before that!), and eating many meals together with the family. For my wedding, she filled her front room with a huge quilt frame to hand-tie our precious gift. That's just who she was, devoting time to others in all that she did. Full of faith and devotion to her family, she will be sincerely missed. My thoughts go to all of the family as you mourn her loss. Praying for you all!

With much love,

Robin (Resler) Prado

Robin Prado - April 24 at 10:09 AM



“ I was always drawn to Mary Ann, probably initially because of her innate friendliness to everyone. But I always appreciated her intelligence, her many interests, her faith and her sense of humor. I will miss her very much, but look forward to seeing her on the other side.

Audrey Stevens

Audrey Stevens - April 24 at 12:44 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. I first met Mary Ann and Keith when they attended Jerry Hall's Family Home Evenings in his home. She was always so pleasant. I believe my husband and I also worked with them for a short time at the Member Locator office. They were a special couple. My condolences to Keith and your children. Sincerely, Winnie Sorensen

Winnie Sorensen - April 23 at 11:25 PM



“ Diane Richins lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Carter Smith



Diane Richins - April 23 at 10:01 PM



“ Thank you, Diane. Love you.

Jenae Smith Westhoff - May 05 at 12:15 AM



“ I used to stop by the Smith's home on Campus Drive in Cottonwood Heights before walking with Dallin to school. If Dallin wasn't ready Mary Ann would take a few minutes to visit with me. It was a nice way to begin the day and I'm grateful for those memories.

Jim Nelson

Jim Nelson - August 23 at 08:11 PM