



Celeste Jepsen Jensen Atkinson

September 2, 1950 - April 15, 2021

Our loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Celeste Jepsen Jensen Atkinson, passed away unexpectedly on April 15, 2021.

Celeste was born to Glen and Ruth Jensen in Boise, Idaho on September 2, 1950. She spent most of her early years in Brigham City, Utah where she graduated from Box Elder High School. Celeste then attended Weber State College where she was crowned the Weber State Homecoming Queen and met the love of her life, Brent Atkinson, while working in the college bookstore. Brent persistently pursued Celeste and asked her out 4 times before she was able to go. Once they found each other they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan Temple on August 4, 1971. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this year.

Celeste and Brent were blessed with 5 children. They raised their family in Far West, Plain City, and West Warren, Utah and Carmel, California before building a home in the Bloomington area (St. George, Utah). They eventually settled in Brookside, Utah where they have lived for over 30 years.

Celeste loved spending time with her family. She loved supporting her children and grandchildren in their many activities and spent many nights at the baseball field, school plays, basketball court, football field, soccer field, choir and piano concerts and just enjoyed being wherever her family was. On

Monday mornings she loved being at Dixie Bowl with her bowling friends and bowling a 200 game. She was a happy person and always had a smile on her face and twinkle in her eye.

Celeste loved The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She willingly served wherever she was called. Her service included singing songs in Primary, going to Girls Camp, loving and serving her neighbors, and serving many years as an ordinance worker in the temple. She and Brent also served three full-time missions together in the Ivory Coast, Honduras, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her testimony and love of the gospel was a strength to her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws, her sister Charlene, and her sister-in-law Sandy. She is survived by her husband and sweetheart, Brent; her five children who she adored- Chad (Cassie), Shannon (Darrell), Scott, Chris (Chanda), and Brian (Jodi); her 20 grandchildren who brought her great joy; her siblings - Steve (Shauna), Marlin, and Kevin; Brent's siblings - Mike (Nedra), Jeff (Shirley); and many other extended family members that loved her and will miss her.

A viewing will be held Sunday, April 18, 2021 at the Veyo Chapel, 176 E Center Street, Veyo, UT 84782 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be Monday, April 19 at the Veyo Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing beforehand from 9:30-10:45 am. Interment to immediately follow the services at the Veyo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Humanitarian fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or you can take your family bowling in her memory.

Family and friends 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 Details

Veyo Cemetery

Veyo, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Veyo LDS Church
176 East Center
Veyo, UT 84728
(435) 574-3532

Viewing

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Veyo LDS Church
176 East Center
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(435) 574-3532

Funeral Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (MT)

Veyo LDS Church
176 East Center
Veyo, UT

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I just heard today, May 25th, of Celeste’s passing. I am saddened. She was such a kind gentle soul. My heart goes out to all of her family. Everyone loved Celeste.

Carol Webber - May 26, 2021 at 01:12 AM

JW

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I just saw the post on messenger and feel terribly that I missed the funeral. My prayers are with your family. Love you all!
James W

James Warburton - April 25, 2021 at 05:17 PM

KP

“ Our condolences and prayers for the Atkinson family. Celeste was a woman of high energy and commitment to making the world better through service to others.

Kent and Lynne Perkins

Kent Perkins - April 22, 2021 at 04:10 PM

DF

“ Dear Brent, Chad, Chris & the extended Atkinson & Jensen families: Jackie & I were deeply saddened to learn of Celeste's passing. We had been out of town & only found out thru a phone call Connie Morby made to Jackie last night. We apologize for missing her viewing/service. Celeste was a good friend for many years when she resided in Bloomington & we raised our kids alongside each other. Jackie said she enjoyed Celeste in many ways & how friendly & dependable she was. We attended dozens of school activities & sporting events @ both Pine View HS & Dixie HS, as Chad was a best friend/teammate of our Travis, & Chris the same w/ our son Brady. Celeste will be greatly missed, we hope that U will recall the many fond memories Celeste created for your family.

Dusty/Jackie Fannesbeck - April 20, 2021 at 02:55 PM

TJ

“ My sprite memories of Celeste were when I'd see her in the Temple or out sharing her bounty from her harvest in her garden. What a beautiful, generous woman whom I always looked up to and admired. How I wish I oils have heard stories of her mission to the Ivory Coast and the Congo. I will miss her beautiful hair and warm smile. Kevin and I send our love and prayers for hope and healing through this difficult time.
Until we meet again Celeste❤️

Tina Jones - April 20, 2021 at 01:58 AM

TJ

favorite memories not sprite☐

Tina Jones - April 20, 2021 at 02:00 AM

JD

“ Every time I saw Celeste I felt like I was talking to a kindred spirit. She always offered to help me, and I truly knew I could lean on her if I needed to. The amazing thing about Celeste is that she made everyone feel that way. She is a beautiful soul with a beautiful family that she adored! Much love!

J'milyn Naegle Dean - April 19, 2021 at 04:23 PM

RC

“ It is always shocking when you hear of a family member passing. Celeste always had a beautiful smile. As cousins we don't always see each other. Sometimes it is only when we have family reunions or at funerals that we get to visit. Sad how we get busy with are own lives and how we move far away. I know she is having a wonderful family reunion now with her parents and my parents and all the Aunt's and Uncles. Brent may the Gospel knowledge of the Plan of Salvation knowing that families can be together forever bring you comfort and peace. Our prayers are with you and your family. Love your cousin Rita (Warburton) Cargill.

Rita Cargill - April 19, 2021 at 02:20 PM

RS

“ We are sorry to hear of her passing. I remember the first time we attended church in Veyo, she was speaking. I have a vivid memory of her standing at the pulpit and sharing her testimony, which she did often over the years. And as has been mentioned, she has a wonderful smile, which she also shared with all of us. I know she will be watching over all of you from heaven. I hope you can feel her near.

We are praying that you feel the peace and comfort of our Heavenly Father.

She will be missed.

Robert & Raquel Shumway

Raquel Shumway - April 19, 2021 at 10:43 AM

LP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Celeste's passing. She and Brent were an example to me. Every time we would meet, Celeste would light up the room with her smile.

I will miss her very much, as will all who knew her.

My prayers are with her beautiful family.

LaVon Pebworth - April 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM

OH

“ The last time I saw Celeste she was coming out of her house giggling to greet my mom and me, and shared with us a photo both strip of photos of when her and Brent were engaged and out on a date. She then told me which cherry trees I should pick cherries from as she shook her head and laughed at all the cherry trees. Celeste is amazing, and I will miss her until I see her again, where she will probably be laughing and shaking her head at something going on in the next life... To Bishop Brent and family my heartaches for your loss, sending you hugs and love- Livi

Olivia Halversen - April 18, 2021 at 12:50 AM

RH

I too can see Celeste laughing and shaking her head at all the fruits and vegetables she needed to take care of! She would stop by my house with produce and we would visit for hours! She is a true friend and I will miss her. We spent lots of mornings walking and hashing out why people do what they do! I love her!

Rozell Hughes - April 18, 2021 at 10:11 AM

SD

“*Celeste is one of the most hard working and incredible women I know. She was always so kind to me and had such a wonderful spirit and heart. She was feisty, honest, beautiful and kind. I love her dearly and will miss her SO much!*”

Shay Dexter - April 18, 2021 at 12:14 AM

SG

“*I was in Young Women’s with Celeste. We were at girls camp and I did not bring enough blankets to stay warm. I was sharing the tent with Celeste and one morning I woke up rested and warm and discovered that Celeste had covered me with her blanket. Such a kind and sweet lady. I will miss seeing her smile. Praying for comfort for Brent and the family. Robert and Susan Gray.*”

Susan Gray - April 18, 2021 at 12:06 AM

PJ

“*Celeste will always be remembered by her smile and warm heart to me. When our family lived in St. George, Utah we would see her at different places in town like Harmon’s and she would always greet me with a hug. That’s the times I treasured as we got caught up with all the “Jepsen” family news. My memories are few, but I feel so blessed for having you be a part of my life! I actually look forward seeing you with our families in the eternities. Love from one of you dear cousins, Paul Jepsen*”

Paul Jepsen - April 17, 2021 at 11:57 AM

TG

“ *What I noticed about Celeste was how she always smiled and would say hi. I really appreciated that. I also appreciated how she supported our ward so much and the meetings and activities we had. She was also very generous to share her bountiful harvests of food from fruit trees, garden produce, and of course lots of eggs. I'm still in shock over her passing and pray a blessing on all her family, and especially her husband at this very difficult time. God, I believe is taking care of Celeste now, may we all prepare to meet her again someday* 🌹

Tamra Goodrich - April 17, 2021 at 12:17 AM

ME

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Meredith - April 16, 2021 at 10:37 PM

CB

I knew Celeste in Brigham City growing up, she was in my ward and was a beautiful girl. She was also always nice. I enjoyed running into her here in St George the past 30 years, she was still a very nice and happy person. I am so sorry for the Atkinson and Jensen families for this untimely death. Chris Smith Beacham

chris beacham - April 18, 2021 at 02:55 AM