



Dixie Sue Hawley

February 4, 1938 - December 3, 2025

Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dixie Sue Hawley, 87, of Buckeye, Arizona passed away peacefully at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, John Robert (Bob) and Janie, in Brookside, Utah, on December 3, 2025, surrounded by family.

Daughter of Benjamin Arthur and Ruby Lee Horne O'Barr, Dixie was born in Mesa, Arizona on February 4, 1938 and spent her childhood in Mesa, surrounded by her six siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. She later graduated from Mesa High School, where she enjoyed being a "Rabbette" baton twirler.

Dixie lived most of her life in Buckeye, Arizona where she raised her four children and a foster son. A life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dixie served in various callings during her life, including Relief Society leadership and Cub Scout Den Mother.

Dixie managed the Bookstore at Buckeye Union High School for many years where she was loved by faculty and students.

Dixie was married in 1957 to (former Buckeye Mayor) John Burton Hawley,

(deceased). They divorced after 35 years. In later years, Dixie devoted her home and loving care to helping raise many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dixie is survived by her brother Danny (Gretchen) O'Barr of Wasilla, Alaska, and sister Dianna (Stuart) Quist of Mesa, Arizona, sons Bob (Janie) Hawley, Brookside, Utah, David (Kate) Hawley, Eager, Arizona and Jim (Cheryl) Hawley of Waddell, Arizona, as well as 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She leaves a legacy of faith, love and selfless service to her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Ruby O'Barr, daughter Cynthia Louise Boone, and brothers, Joe (Mickey) O'Barr, Donald (Wylene) O'Barr, and sisters, Jeana (Darrell) Smith, and June (Bill) Starks.

Memorial Services for Dixie will be held on Saturday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 25800 W. Southern Ave, Buckeye, AZ 85326. Visitation will be held from 9 am to 9:45 a.m.

Inurnment/Graveside Service to follow at 2:30 p.m. in the Serenity Gardens Crematory, located in the Mesa City Cemetery, 1212 N Center St, Mesa, Arizona, where Dixie has five generations of family preceding her.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Integrated Home Health /Hospice, for their loving and exemplary care of Dixie in the final weeks of her life, as well as Serenity Funeral Home, for their caring service. (Both of St.

George, Utah)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the LDS Humanitarian Fund.

<https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/contribute/church/humanitarian-services/humanitarian-aid-fund?cde2=475>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
25800 W. Southern Ave, Buckeye, AZ 85326
Buckeye, AZ 85326

Graveside Service

JAN 31. 2:30 PM (MT)

Serenity Gardens - Mesa, Arizona
1212 N Center St
Mesa, AR 85201

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Hawley family my deepest condolences and prayers for healing during this difficult time. I have known this family my entire life and know n Mrs.Hawley thru church school and as neighbors. She will be greatly missed.

Melinda Patterson - February 01 at 06:24 PM

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“ With my Deepest condolences to the Hawley family. Came to know Dixie very well once my Dear Friend Cindy passed! She was a very loving, caring Mother and Grandmother. She was Very Selfless and put her family always first..A very sweet gentle woman! You will be very missed,Much love Miss Dixie 🌸🙏

Stevie caldwell,Villa - December 14, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ Dixie was such a beautiful person. I am blessed to have known and served beside her as a youth and adult. My sisters and I grew up with the Hawley family and my children with her grandchildren. She has left a legacy of love, and selfless service behind. We are truly blessed to have known and loved her. Heaven is that much brighter today. Love you Dixie! Prayers and love to all the family.

Christine Larson - December 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM