



Dorothy "Chris" May Parker

October 4, 1931 - July 8, 2024

Dorothy May "Chris" Parker passed through the veil on the morning of July 8, 2024. She was in her home, surrounded by her family, just how she wanted it to be. She was born October 4, 1931, in Springfield, Oregon, to Dorothy Vyrle Greeson Christie and Bruce Linn Christie. She soon moved to Vancouver, Washington where she spent her childhood. They lived in a home that was moved from another location, and her father dug a basement by hand underneath it! He ran a garage next door for car repair and gasoline fill up. Her mother taught sewing and knitting classes and made all the girls clothes in the family. They lived across from the Deaf School. She had many friends in Vancouver that she kept her entire life.

Her family moved to Bend, Oregon and she attended Bend High School her senior year, and this is where she met the love of her life Donald Parker and was married in Vancouver August 20, 1950. A year later in San Jose California, her son Steven Alan Parker was born. She was a happy homemaker and had her daughter Laura three years later in Redmond, Oregon. They had very happy times, making lots of friends wherever they lived; Eugene, OR, Nyssa, OR, Apple Valley, ID, and Redmond OR where they worked together in the meat business till they retired at 40 and moved to Cloverdale, California.

Don began to do stained glass art, lamps, windows, and mom went on the road to put them in galleries and to sell them in furniture stores, she was very successful in this. They built two of their own homes and bought many properties and rehabilitated them and sold them. Chris was always on the other end of every board and appliance. She attended college at Treasure Valley Community College and Central Oregon Community College taking psychology, philosophy, and writing. She also developed a love for photography and took many beautiful photos of people and landscapes all her life.

She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at age 25, and served in the church all her life, especially as a Young Women leader. She was faithful to the end and had experiences with the Lord many times and had a strong foundation for her testimony of Christ. Her great example has affected her family and all who knew her.

She served as Vice Pres. then President of the Washington City Chamber of Commerce and served there for a long period of time, very involved with the progress of Washington City. She and Don owned and operated a business building called Washington Plaza, with Domino's Pizza, a laundromat, GelNails etc. She could often be seen sweeping the walks and parking lot with a broom. She worked hard her entire life, alongside Don, in all their endeavors. Chris loved dolls and bears and had a small store which was part of a larger store for years on St. George Blvd. When Don asked Chris if she would marry him, he told her he would take her around the world, and he kept that promise and took her to probably 50 countries! She put great effort into her family relationships, with visits, meals, cards, presents, phone calls, hugs and kisses.

She is survived by her husband, her children, all 16 grand and great grandchildren, and her beloved dog Ginger. She loved all animals and always had a dog which she would treat like one of her kids almost. She was the first to go in our family and will be greatly missed!!!

We are so thankful for Rose and Rolena, our daily caregivers, Advanced Hospice, and Kerry Gubler at Serenity Funeral Home, and the Eagles Landing Ward, and outstanding neighbors and friends. They have all greatly blessed mom.

A viewing will be at the St. James Lane chapel, 1095 St. James Lane, St. George, UT 84790 on Monday July 15, 9-10:30 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m., at the same location. Dedication of grave and interment will take place at 2:00 p.m. in the Hurricane Utah Cemetery, far east side.

Cemetery Details

Hurricane City Cemetery

200 E. 600 N.
Hurricane, UT 84737

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

St. James LDS Church
1095 St. James Lane
St. George
St. George, UT 84790

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. James LDS Church
1095 St. James Lane
St. George
St. George, UT 84790

Burial

JUL 15 (MT)

Hurricane City Cemetery
200 E. 600 N.
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Tribute Wall



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“ *I love Grandmoo. What an amazing woman. Back when I was first told Grandmoo's and Grandpoo's nicknames, I was amused. And then when I met Grandmoo—and even though it's Grandpoo that has the "poo" in his name—I thought, "Oh, it's because she has this hilarious Piglet from Winnie the Pooh energy about her. Grandpoo must be like Winnie." (He wasn't.) Of course, she was also unfailingly stylish, deeply wise, and incredibly strong. And that's what I think of most when I think of her. Grandmoo showed strength, whether she was feeling it or not, so the rest of us could feel that everything was going to be okay. She once said to me, "We're winners, Javen." And even beyond her uncanny ability to win random competitions, it strikes me as so appropriate when I think of her life. She won.*

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