



Elaine Mildred Harris

November 19, 1945 - April 10, 2024

Washington, UT – Elaine Mildred (Abbott) Harris, age 78, passed away on April 10, 2024, in Washington, UT. She was born on November 19, 1945, in Burbank, California, to Ruth Estelle and Ernest Dale Abbott. While very young, her family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where Elaine attended Rancho High School. Rancho was where she met Bernie. They were high-school sweethearts and married on August 22, 1964, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were later sealed in the St. George Temple on July 16, 1966.

After living a few years in Las Vegas, Elaine and Bernie knew they didn't want to raise their family there and made the decision to move to Rockville, Utah, where Bernie had spent many summers with his grandparents on their small farm. In 1974, along with their 3 oldest children and one on the way, they packed up and moved to Rockville.

Elaine used her exceptional organizational skills in the occupations she held. She worked from home as the secretary for the Rockville Water Company. Following this, she was the Town Clerk for the Town of Rockville for 30 years, retiring at age 70. During those 30 years, she also worked as the secretary for the Rockville-Springdale Fire Protection District. Additionally, she was the President of the family business that she and Bernie built, Southern Industrial, Inc. These were the occupations she held and was paid for. But, by far, her greatest accomplishment was that of mother to her 7 children. Bernie was working out of town for often weeks at a time. Elaine was a brave, strong, smart, and selfless mother, making many sacrifices for her family. She was

captain, housekeeper, cook, chauffeur, referee, seamstress, gardener, housekeeper, baker, teacher, nurse, shopper, accountant, and example. When Elaine had time she enjoyed genealogy, reading and travel.

Elaine is survived by her loving husband Bernie and children Jolie Harris (Eric Regensberger) of Helena, Montana; Dale Harris (Heather Snow) of Apple Valley, Utah; Jennifer Withers (Alan) of South Jordan; Kimberly Bean (Brady) of Washington, Utah; Derek Harris (Brianna) of Nibley, Utah; and Nathan Harris of Washington, Utah; 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and her sister Anne Davison (Gerald) of Gibbonsville, Idaho.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents Ruth Parvin and Ernest Abbott; her in-laws Maurine and Franklin S. Harris, Jr.; son Glenn Harris; daughters Carrie and Cami Harris; and grandson Matthew Benbrook.

Elaine's family would like to thank the staff of Primrose Memory Care and Renew Hospice. These skilled caretakers were compassionate, patient, and respectful in providing the care and dignity our wife and mother deserved, and we are forever grateful to them.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Alzheimer's Association for the fight against Alzheimer's and dementia at <https://www.alz.org/>

Funeral services will be held in Elaine's honor on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Rockville Community Center from 12 to 1 p.m. A viewing will be held prior to the service from 10 to 11:45. Interment will follow at the Rockville Town Cemetery (family only).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah 986-9100.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Rockville Community Center Park
43 East Main Street
Rockville, UT 84763

Funeral Service

APR 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



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“ *I will always treasure talking with Elaine about genealogy and various other things when she worked graveyards at Majestic View. Usually I'm fast to get out of work but we could talk for hours about her family and mine until she said she had work to do. Bernie, I love you. And to all the Harris clan, I love you as well. Your mom was very special and I am so lucky to have known her.*

Ryan - April 12, 2024 at 01:59 AM