



## Ellen Beckstead Thomson

March 22, 1945 - June 5, 2023

Ellen Gunderson Beckstead Thomson, AKA Ellen Dee Beckstead, passed away June 5, 2023, in St. George, Utah. She was born in Ogden, Utah on March 22, 1945, to Roland Edward Gunderson and Ellen Faun Tuttle. She married James H Thomson on March 24, 2008, in Mesquite, Nevada. They were sealed in the Nauvoo, Illinois Temple on March 24, 2010.

Ellen was raised in Sunset, Utah. She earned her cosmetology license in California and worked in that profession for 47 years. She loved to travel and lived in Van Nuys, California; Denver, Colorado; Richmond, Utah; and St. George, Utah. She served a church service mission at the Canning operation in Honeyville, Utah and served in various callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In her spare time, she loved to paint ceramics, especially ones of Santa Claus. Ellen was “old school” in that she loved sending birthday and anniversary cards and not text greetings. In the last few years, she discovered adult coloring books and colored for many hours as it relaxed her.

She is survived by her husband James Thomson, children Michael (Mandy) Mitchell, Smithfield, Utah; Mark (Sheila) Mitchell, Riverside, Utah; and Roger (Kristy) Mitchell, Farmington, Utah, step-children James (Kerry) Thomson, Pollock Pines, California; Nicole (Greg) Garrison, Santa Rosa, California; Moira Levy, Scottsdale, Arizona; and Kelly (Ivan) Banning, Olympia,

Washington, siblings Donald Gene Gunderson, Albion, Idaho; Robert Scott (Phyllis) Gunderson, Las Vegas, Nevada; Deborah Leigh (Lynn) Johnson, Toquerville, Utah; and Brett (Heidi) Gunderson, Willard, Utah. She loved her 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Roland Edward Gunderson and Ellen Faun Tuttle Gunderson; son, Terry James Parker; brother, Bruce Lee Gunderson and sisters Kay Cheri Halsey, Carol Ann Brown, and Vicki Lynn Thomson.

The family would like to thank St. George Intermountain Hospital, especially the doctors, nurses and aids in the Intensive Care Unit.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Southern Utah Food Bank.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at 1184 N Dixie Downs Rd, St. George, Utah 84770.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Richmond City Park, North Pavilion, Richmond, Utah 84333.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Dixie Downs LDS Chapel  
1184 North Dixie Downs Road  
St George, UT 84790

## Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Richmond City Park - North Pavilion  
176 W 100 S  
Richmond, UT 84333

# Tribute Wall



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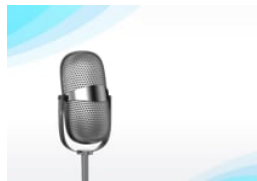


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“ *Dear Jim, Mike, Mark, Roger and other Family members,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your sweet Ellen. She was a wonderful  
caring person and I'm sure she will be missed. She seemed worried  
about this surgery. Rest in peace now dear friend - the hard part is  
over.*

*Love,  
Doris Gunderson Linford*

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**Doris M Linford** - June 09, 2023 at 08:37 PM