



GERALYNN BUTTLE WEST

August 18, 1952 - November 8, 2023

GERALYNN BUTTLE WEST, our angel wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones, on November 8, 2023, after a battle with a brain tumor.

GERALYNN emanated love for all and devoted her life to the service of others. She loved deeply and was beloved by her husband of nearly 50 years, her six children and their spouses, her twenty-seven grandchildren and their spouses, and her five great-grandchildren.

GERALYNN was born in Hollywood, California, on August 18, 1952, to Gerald and Sally Buttle. Her parents instilled in her a love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, beautiful music, frugality, hard work, and service. Although born a natural beauty, GERALYNN had a quiet, humble nature, never one to seek credit or attention. GERALYNN cared more about serving God and helping those around her than about any worldly desires, aspirations, or possessions. GERALYNN loved the scriptures and was a gifted and patient teacher of all things, both temporal and spiritual. GERALYNN's life was truly defined as a disciple of Jesus Christ who loved God and loved her neighbor.

The oldest of eight children, she was a great helper to her parents and an exceptional older sister who deeply loved her family. She was a quick learner and loved to read, often hiding behind the couch to enjoy a good book,

avoiding her mother's notice. At a young age, her mother taught her how to sew and she enrolled in every sewing class available at school. Over the years, she spent countless hours sewing curtains, blankets, quilts, clothing, pillows, toys, baby gifts, purses, bags, hot potholders, handkerchiefs, hats, scarves, costumes, incredible Christmas stockings and so much more. Her homemade gifts of love continue to bless the lives of her family, friends, and the needy.

After high school, Geralynn headed to Ricks College and later attended Brigham Young University where she graduated with a degree in Speech Therapy. At BYU she taught Sunday School in her student ward. Her teaching particularly impressed a new convert named John Taylor West who was instantly enamored by her character, beauty, and spiritual nature.

Geralynn married John on May 24, 1974, in the Oakland California Temple. She worked as a Speech Therapist until her first child was born. She had always wanted to be a stay-at-home mother and within twelve years was blessed with six children: Kristy, Mandy, Taylor, Jenni, Cami, and Katie. Her life was devoted to nurturing and teaching her children in beautiful ways. She taught them to love and appreciate the scriptures, music, wholesome books, history, cooking/baking, swimming, serving others, and above all, the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. She spent countless hours making birthdays and holidays magical and meaningful. Motherhood was Geralynn's most important work, and her children can confirm that she was the best mom in the world.

Her efforts to serve expanded well beyond her family circle. As a leader in various church organizations, Geralynn taught classes, gave talks, planned activities, and over the years ministered to hundreds of people. She was known for her delicious meals, homemade breads, cookies, and beautifully decorated cakes. She organized sewing groups, often teaching quilting skills to those who wanted to learn and donated countless quilts to charities in her

community. She and her husband John LOVED attending and serving together in the temple.

Geralynn is survived by the love of her life, John West; beloved children Kristy (Jon) Anderson, Mandy (Matt) Hanks, Taylor (Kara) West, Jennifer (Matt) Green, Cami (Steve) Sullivan, and Katie (John) Sugden; her siblings Wendy (Charlie) Naselli, Kevin Buttle, Karie (Ron) Cheney, Kirk (Kelly) Buttle, Shaleen (Joe) Wilding, sister in-law Jenny Buttle, and Janalee (Malcolm) Wood; her 27 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Sally Buttle; her brother, Darrin Buttle; and her precious great-granddaughter, Carolina Peach Hakanson.

Geralynn's memorial service, a celebration of her amazing life, will be Saturday, November 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5338 North Winchester Drive, St. George, Utah. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. for the visitation and the service will begin at 11 a.m. It will be live streamed on zoom using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/96831834392>. Geralynn has been buried in the Tonaquint Cemetery in St. George.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Geralynn's memory to the Glioblastoma Foundation at: <https://glioblastomafoundation.org/get-involved/donate>.

For those who choose to send flowers for the memorial service, please send them to:

The West Family
1240 W. 5550 N.
St. George, UT 84770

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-

9100.

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (MT)

Winchester Hills Chapel
5338 N. Winchester Hills Dr.
St. George, UT 84770

Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

Winchester Hills LDS Church
5338 North Winchester Drive
St. George
St. George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Geralynn Buttle West*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 10, 2023 at 12:20 PM

MP

Wonderful and very sweet woman 🙏

Maria Perez - November 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM

KP

Mrs. West was truly one of a kind. For 20 years our family was blessed to be their next door neighbors in Georgia. Mrs. West was always thinking of others, making life special and her home a place everyone loved to visit. I remember memories in the kitchen and there were always delicious foods and treats as well as her wonderful company. I would always leave their home filled with joy. That's something Mrs. West could do for anyone. You'd leave her presence better than before. What a beautiful life she lived. Full of light and Christ's love. She will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers to the West Family.

*Kelly Garrard Putnam
(best friend of Cami)*

Kelly G Putnam - November 18, 2023 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ Donna and Randy Bristol purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of GERALYNN BUTTLE WEST.



Donna and Randy Bristol - November 17, 2023 at 12:21 PM

KW

“ I'm so grateful to have known GERALYNN and served alongside her - always so cheerful, faithful and dedicated. She was a great example of motherhood and grand-motherhood. I also saw her frequently in the mornings at the pool. She was known there as the "tall silver beauty with the beautiful swim stroke". She did everything in life with beauty and grace!

Kristin Whitaker - November 17, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of GERALYNN BUTTLE WEST.



November 17, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of GERALYNN BUTTLE WEST.



November 16, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Geralynn Buttle West.*



November 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Geralynn Buttle West.*



November 15, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *Prayers to John and the entire West family.
Praying now and for many days to come.
Respectfully, Teresa Davis-Gregg.*



Teresa Davis-Gregg - November 13, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ I will always remember the sweet brief visit we enjoyed 2 weeks ago! When it was time to go, I went over to shake her hand goodbye and thank her for a wonderful visit. She wouldn't accept a handshake... She got up from the couch and gave me a wonderful hug, told me she loved Bonnie and I, and thanked me for coming. Such is Geralynn... Her grace, love, and charity wouldn't allow her own illness and needs stop her from making my day! We love the Wests! We will miss Geralynn, but know her work continues and all those special ones in her life will feel that love in their day / time of need! Morris and Bonnie Bingham

Morris Bingham - November 13, 2023 at 06:52 PM

WF

“ West, Davis, and Ayala Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Geralynn Buttle West.



West, Davis, and Ayala Families - November 13, 2023 at 03:22 PM



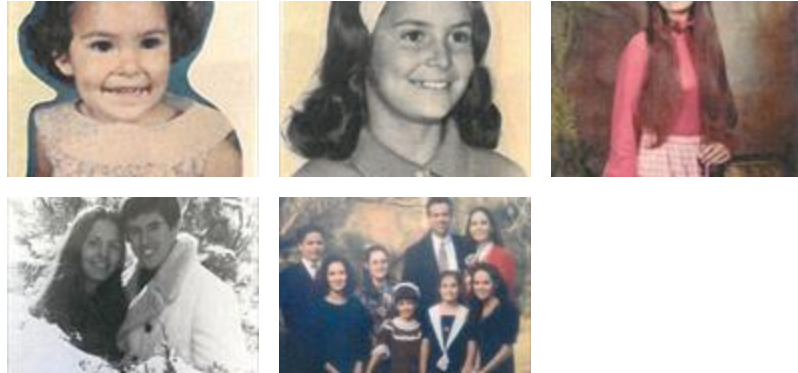
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November 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 10, 2023 at 12:19 PM

TL

Such a beautiful, soft soul. Love by so many. We will miss her. Till we meet again sweet friend. Love you and your family very much. Love Gary and Tammy Lineback .

Tammy Lineback - November 10, 2023 at 02:37 PM

AF

Such a beautiful, kind and faithful woman whose light shined bright! So blessed to have known her and had her influence in our lives! She will be greatly missed. Until we see you again, Love April Frazee.

April Frazee - November 11, 2023 at 11:14 AM

CC

I have known and loved Geralynn since we were young teenagers. She has always been one of my favorite people. She has such grace and gentleness and charity for all around her. She was also a pillar of faith. She will be greatly missed. I am so grateful that Geralynn and her sister Karie came to my sister, Jeanne's, funeral in January of this year. It was my last time to visit with Geralynn in this life, and I cherish that sweet memory!

Connie Lewis Cherry - November 16, 2023 at 04:26 PM