



Janice Carol Gabbitas

September 10, 1936 - August 18, 2020

Janice Carol Gabbitas, 83, passed away on August 18, 2020, in Saint George, UT. She was born September 10, 1936, in Blythe, California to Joseph Calvin Freeman and Dorothy Ray Freeman. She married Chip Gabbitas in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple. Chip and Jan served a Senior Mission in Bakersfield, CA.

Jan was around seven when she started taking piano lessons. At the age of 10 she was called to be the ward organist and has had that calling her entire life, no matter where she went. She is also an accomplished harpist and plays the Ukulele. Jan graduated from BYU in 2.5 years. She taught school for 24 years.

She grew up on a farm where she learned her hard-work ethic. As a young girl she would jump rope on her horses back. She was the mother of three beautiful girls. She would make their clothes and no one knew they were homemade because of her talents. Jan has traveled all around the world. She loved teaching others about the cultures she experienced. She was very generous with her talent, skills, money, and all that she had. She showed her love by doing/giving and spent her life showing her love to her family and friends; making quilts, sending kids on missions, paying for music lessons, college, dance lessons, etc.

Jan is one of the most Christ like generous people we know who truly found joy in giving. She left a wonderful legacy and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by: Spouse, Chip Gabbitas; children, Janice Lynn California, Dorothy Lorraine (Lori and Walt) Missouri, and Kimberly Ruth Santa Rosa, California. Eight grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: Father, Joseph Calvin Freeman; Mother, Dorothy Ray Freeman; great-grandchild, Easton Holbrook Whipple.

The family would like to thank Red Cliffs Health and Rehab and Dixie Regional Medical Center.

Celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, August 22nd at 10:30 am at the LDS Chapel building on 82 North Dixie Drive, Saint George, UT.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at 9:00am at LDS Chapel building, 82 North Dixie Drive, Saint George, UT. Interment will be held at Bountiful City Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (MT)

Stonebridge Ward Chapel
82 North Dixie Drive
St. George, UT 84770

Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were farm neighbors - Daddy rented land from one of the Mr. Freeman's. Dorothy taught me cake decorating when I was 10 in a class meant for high schoolers who went to summer school instead. She made my graduation & wedding cakes. Then Janice was my son's teacher at Baird! I heard her talking about May Day, which led to me teaching the May pole dance to her class. I have several times shared her story of how she & her sisters had a choice if housework or practicing the piano and only she always chose the piano. I'm sorry she has passed but glad that she has a wonderful life & happy retirement.

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“ Spirited, happy and contented - a beautiful time to rejoin those who need her as badly as we do. Chip, you are so loved and appreciated by our family, Just sorry our aging process has kept us from being with you. Take good care



George and Maureen Russell - August 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM