



Janice McArthur Hepworth

May 28, 1943 - January 13, 2026

Hurricane, Utah – Janice McArthur Hepworth, 82, passed away on January 13, 2026, surrounded by her children. Janice was born May 28, 1943, to Eldon and Denise McArthur. Janice married and was sealed to Bruce Dwain Hepworth in the St. George Temple on June 9, 1967.

Janice spent her childhood and youth in St. George, Utah. She graduated at the top of her class from Dixie High School and later from Dixie College, even outperforming her brother and his friends in a notoriously difficult chemistry class. She continued to excel academically and was named valedictorian at Brigham Young University, where she earned her bachelor's degree and became a home economics teacher.

Janice began her teaching career in Cardston, Alberta, Canada. While she loved traveling and spending time with her girlfriends, she did not love the cold. After one year, she moved to Las Vegas, where she continued teaching and quickly became adored by her students—so much so that even the toughest boys wanted to be in her classes.

On a blind date, Janice was introduced to the love of her life, Bruce Dwain Hepworth. They were married on June 9, 1967.

Janice shared her love of life with her church, her town, and her community.

She magnified her callings in the truest sense of the word, serving in many capacities in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and living as a true disciple of Christ. She humbly shared her artistic talents, her delicious cooking, her beautiful poetry, and—most of all—her genuine love for everyone.

Her greatest calling, and the one she cherished most, was that of mother. She raised twelve children with extraordinary love, patience, and kindness. Somehow, she made each child feel deeply special and truly loved. Like a real-life Wonder Woman, she devoted herself to them, helping each one believe they could become anything they dreamed.

Janice was a remarkable woman—strong, beautiful, and full of grace—who embodied the characteristics of our Savior. Knowing her was both an honor and a privilege. She leaves behind a lasting example, a blueprint for how to live with compassion, strength, and integrity. We are better for having known her.

Janice is survived by her children: Desiree (Juan) of St. George, Utah; Abe Hepworth (Rachel) of Hurricane, Utah; York Hepworth (Michelle) of Washington, Utah; Ronya Cox (Kurt) of Mesquite, Nevada; Gina Richardson (Ethan) of Hurricane, Utah; Michon Roberts (Thomas) of La Jara, Colorado; Jed Hepworth (Jordan) of Hurricane, Utah; Kim McCarroll (Bradley) of La Jara, Colorado; Tami Stewart (James) of Hurricane, Utah; Angie Allen (Travis) of Mesquite, Nevada; and Luke Hepworth (Heather) of Hurricane, Utah; 33 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; her siblings Durant McArthur, Dan McArthur, Sam McArthur, Marianne Barton, Kim Dunn, and Joe McArthur; as well as brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and cousins.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Eldon and Denise McArthur; her husband, Bruce Dwain Hepworth; her son, Page McArthur Hepworth; and

her sister, Allene McArthur Price.

The family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses, friends, and family members who loved and supported Janice throughout her life.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. A closed-casket viewing will be held prior to the funeral from 10:00–11:00 a.m. at the Hurricane LDS North Stake Center, 272 South 700 West, Hurricane, Utah. Interment will be held at Hurricane City Cemetery, 235 East 600 North. To join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99425524802>

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.

Arrangements and memorial tree planting are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Hurricane LDS North Stake Center
272 South 700 West
Hurricane, UT 84737

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Hurricane LDS North Stake Center
272 South 700 West
Hurricane, UT 84737

Burial

JAN 17 (MT)

Hurricane City Cemetery
200 E. 600 N.
Hurricane, UT 84737

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Janice McArthur Hepworth*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - January 15 at 04:30 PM

ST

So sorry for your loss just seeing that she passed away and she was a kind hearted beautiful woman. I met her when I was taking care of my mom when my mom was fighting for her life with cancer. She came over all the time and told my mom story of their childhood. She was a beautiful woman very kind hearted.

Staci Torres - March 23 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss.
Here are two song renditions that seem to give us perspective:
<https://share.singsnap.com/play/723805>
<https://share.singsnap.com/play/2354370>
just go to these internet links and listen.
It is always sorrowful for us when a loved one dies.
But for the departed one it will be glorious.
Jay Beacham*

jay beacham - February 08 at 03:09 PM

SR

“ Oh my goodness! I was saddened to hear that Janice had passed away. She was such a dear friend of my Aunt Connie's. I feel so very fortunate to have met her when I got to be my aunt's delivery person. Janice gave me such a big hug and welcomed me into her beautiful home. She shared some sweet stories with me and I left there wanting to return again. I felt as though I had been reunited with of my long-lost friends! I'm sure Heaven was happy for her return. I know she will be greatly missed down here. Sending hugs to her family.

Stacy Richards - January 22 at 01:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Audio Recording



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - January 19 at 11:02 AM

GH

“ I loved Janice Hepworth. She was my friend and mentor. I learned so many valuable things from her that helped me in raising my children. She truly was a saint. I will always be grateful for her loving kindness and desire to be a help wherever she could. I have been a recipient of many of her kind acts of thoughtfulness over the 50+ years that I have known her. What a blessing to have known her!
Gerri Hinton

Gerri Hinton - January 16 at 11:00 PM

JS

“ I always looked up to Janice. I couldn't have asked for a sweeter cousin, sister in law and friend. She was the same age as my older sisters and I loved hearing stories about their growing up years. She will be greatly missed by all of us as she continues her journey with her friends and family on the other side. I love you Janice ❤️❤️

Joyce Spencer - January 16 at 04:17 PM

LF

“ Luca, Elisabetta and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice McArthur Hepworth.



Luca, Elisabetta and family - January 16 at 01:01 AM

LF

“ Luca, Elisabetta and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice McArthur Hepworth.

Luca, Elisabetta and family - January 16 at 01:01 AM