



Joan Arlene Bullock Richan

December 2, 1934 - March 6, 2025

Washington, UT – Joan Arlene Bullock Richan, age 90, passed away surrounded by family and loved ones on March 6, 2025, following complications from a stroke. She was born on December 2, 1934, to Allen Kenneth Bullock and Mary Phyllis Robinson in Lethbridge, AB, Canada. Joan grew up in Taber, AB, Canada, where she loved her childhood surrounded by her large extended family. She enjoyed memories from the farm, cold Canada winters, and playing with cousins. She was very close to her only brother Gordon, and they had many adventures together. At the age of 14, she was sad to leave all of these great experiences and move to Provo, UT, but soon met many new friends. She attended Brigham Young High School, where she was involved in several activities including cheerleading, chorus, and student body. Joan was a graduate of the class of 1952 and briefly attended Brigham Young University. She met her eternal companion, Frederic Partridge (Pat) Richan, in Provo, and was married on November 20, 1953, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Pat and Joan settled in West Covina, CA where their first five children were born. They loved life in beautiful Southern California and made many life-long friends. They later moved to Greeley Colorado, to further Pat's education, and then on to Gunnison, CO, where Joan gave birth to child number six. The family eventually relocated back home to Utah where child number seven was received with great happiness.

Joan is a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

and served in many church callings through her stops in California, Colorado, and Utah. She served numerous times as Relief Society President and loved her time working with the youth in Young Women's and Primary Presidencies. The pinnacle of her church service was the blessing of serving two full-time missions with Pat. They served as Humanitarian Directors in Romania and later supporting the church in Santa Rosa, California.

Although Joan's dream job was being a great mom, she had fond memories of her work as the Assistant to the Dean of General Education at Utah Valley University (Originally Utah Technical College). She loved the people she worked with and going to work every day with her sweetheart Pat. She lived through many changes in technology and embraced learning new things. She worked there for 17 years and retired in 1997. Joan and Pat eventually retired to St George, Utah where they enjoyed their time in the sunshine and red rock country.

Joan loved to sew, play the piano, travel, read, and host big gatherings. More than anything she loved making memories with her large family. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her home was always open to others and housed friends and family whenever she identified the need.

She is survived by her children, Edward Richan Orem, Utah; Pamela Snow (Scott) Washington, Utah; Lynette Pratt (Ken) Washington, Utah; Bill Richan (Janette) Mapleton, Utah; Deane Richan (Ashley) El Dorado Hills, California; Ann Metler (Rob) Tualatin, Oregon; Brenda Lonergan (Nate) Orem, Utah; 30 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; and stepsister, Susan Smith.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband, Pat, her parents, and her brother, Gordon Bullock.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Galilee Heights Latter-day Saint Chapel located at 3167 E. 1140 S. St George, UT, starting with a viewing from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, followed by funeral services at 11:00 AM. A viewing will be held on Sunday, March 23, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Cascade 5th Ward Chapel 1051 E 200 N Orem, UT. A short

program will follow. Interment will be at the Provo City Cemetery on March 24, 2025, at 11:00 AM.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.serenitystg.com.

Cemetery Details

Provo City Cemetery

610 S State St
Provo, UT 84606
<http://www.provo.org/departments/parks/cemetery>

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Washington Fields 2nd, 14th, and 15th LDS Wards
3167 East 1140 South
St. George, UT 84790

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (MT)

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3167 East 1140 South
St. George, UT 84790

Viewing

MAR 23. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Cascade 5th Ward
1051 E 200 N
Orem, UT

Graveside Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Provo City Cemetery

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Funeral Link in memory of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 22, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Audio Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 24, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ *Condolences to your family. It is never easy to lose your mother, but there is comfort in knowing you will see her again. I remember her smile and calming influence those many long years ago in the Provo First Ward. She lived a long and well-lived life and I'm sure there was a joyous reunion with others in heaven. Paul Talbot*

Paul Talbot - March 22, 2025 at 08:49 AM

FR

“ From sincerely Keith and Sheika Roussel purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.



From sincerely Keith and Sheika Roussel - March 18, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ From sincerely Keith and Sheika Roussel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.

From sincerely Keith and Sheika Roussel - March 18, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.



March 18, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.



March 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM

AM

“ 27 files added to the album *Memories of mom*



Ann Metler - March 11, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Ashley Richan - March 11, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ *Our dearest Joan. Our cherished friend for more than 60 years. We will forever carry your warmth and wit and kindness in our hearts.*

To Pam, Lynette, and all of Joan and Pat's beautiful family, we send our love.

- Dyann, Jan and Suzanne

Janette Hone - March 11, 2025 at 10:03 AM

RW

So many sweet memories of dear Aunt Joanie....One of my earliest, is of her dropping me off at the Nursery at the church on a Primary day down in Southern California. I cried and cried when she left me there with the other kids, but they gave me some PlayDoh and that helped a bit. She was always so kind and loving those times when we would visit, even once I was married with a family of my own. I always loved playing with my Richan cousins, and uncle Pat was so funny and kind as well. There were times when I secretly wished I could even live in their family.....Until we meet again, with forever love, cousin Becky.

Rebecca Weston - March 17, 2025 at 10:19 PM

RF

“ *Ron & Genie Hatch & family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.*



Ron & Genie Hatch & family - March 10, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Arlene Bullock Richan.*



March 10, 2025 at 05:45 PM

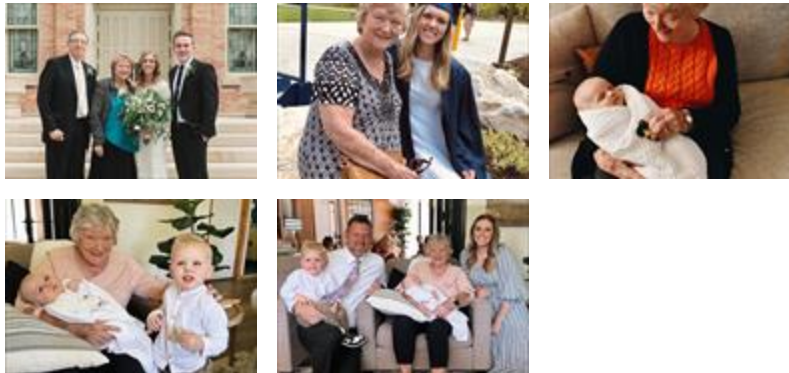


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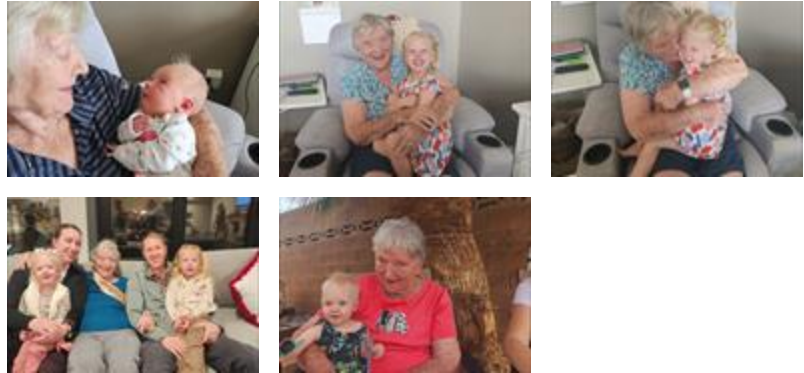
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Bradi Garner - March 10, 2025 at 04:17 PM

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Caitlin Pratt - March 10, 2025 at 03:27 PM



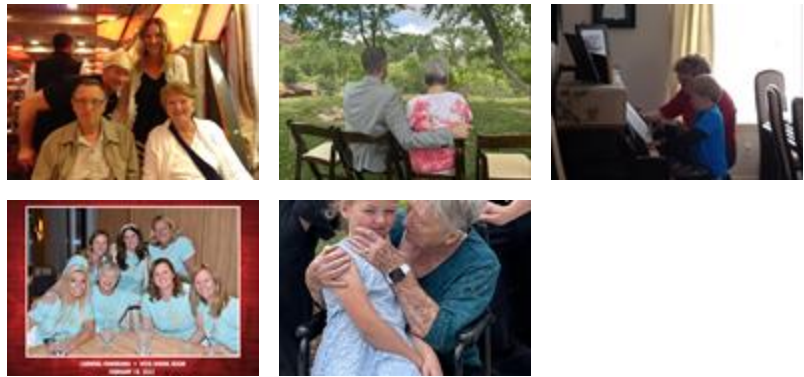
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Brenda Lonergan - March 10, 2025 at 02:10 PM



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Brenda Lonergan - March 10, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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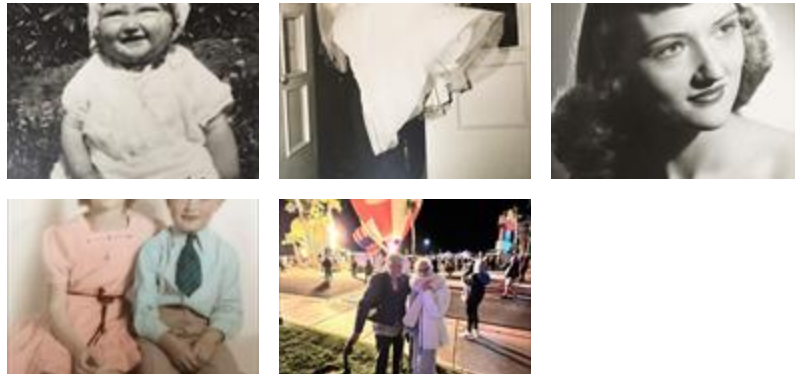
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Ann Metler - March 10, 2025 at 12:27 PM

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“ 34 files added to the album Memories of mom



Bill Richan - March 10, 2025 at 12:08 PM