



Joan Goode Sorenson

October 30, 1940 - May 10, 2022

Joan Goode Sorenson, cherished wife and mother, adored grandmother and great grandmother, and a faithful daughter of God, admired by those who knew her, left this world on May 10, 2022, after a four-year battle with a degenerative nerve disease. She was 81.

She was born October 30, 1940, in American Fork, Utah but spent her youth in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Her parents were Charles Vern and Gladys Goode. After completing Beauty School, she married David M. Sorenson in 1961 in the Salt Lake Temple in a ceremony officiated by Apostle Harold B Lee. She and David moved a week later to Boston where he completed higher degrees at Harvard and then joined the faculty. She worked as a hairdresser and gave vital support to his success. She typed his 450-page dissertation 5 times while tending three little children and doing church and community work. She was asked by the wife of the President of Harvard to serve on an official University committee with her to plan and carry out activities for the wives of new faculty members.

Joan loved to care for her home, her children and others. She had many talents and as the oldest of five children growing up, she took the lead to assist a handicapped mother, thus learning many wonderful homemaking skills in her youth. In the process she developed a great capacity to empathize and care. Joan was a doer with spunk who also loved a great challenge, especially when there was a need. She had the attitude that she could learn to do whatever new skill it took to build and maintain a home and loving

relationships. She sewed the children's clothes, their wedding gowns, her husband's sport coats and beautiful decorative rugs, afghans, and blankets. When finishing the basement of the family's new home she learned to do the electrical work and did all the wiring on her own. She fixed the dryers and washers, and installed garbage disposals in her home and others. She learned upholstery and re-upholstered her furniture. She took classes in landscaping to design and care for her yard. Another favorite class and project was floral design. She helped re-roof their home several times.

She always wanted to be helping those who were cooking, cleaning or preparing for the next family or group event. To be in a wheelchair and not be helping was very hard on her.

Joan loved the gospel of Jesus Christ, particularly the part of serving others and having her family bonded together. She read her scriptures even when her sight became impaired.

She served as Young Women's President, Relief Society President for five years, and in many other callings. She served a mission with her husband after retirement.

Joan also learned from her mother the power of love to bring peace and happiness to a home. She refused to argue or punish. She had faith that love was the way to improve relationships and bring greater peace in any environment. To be with her was to feel loved.

Joan took great pleasure in supporting her husband, her children and those around her, always wanting them to shine, making great effort to deflect it from herself. She didn't want the spotlight but wanted it to shine brightly on others.

Joan is survived by her husband David, six children David Sorenson, St. George, Utah, Wendy Gull (Kevin), Draper, Utah, Scott Sorenson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Derek Sorenson (Nichole), Springville, Utah, Rebecca Busk (Chris), St. George, Utah, Heidi Smith (Eddie), Gilbert, Arizona. She is survived by 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Joan's great caregivers from Encompass Hospice (particularly M'Liss, Aubrey and Dr C. Kerry Stratford). Also, Margaret

Graham and Kae Olson who were her personal care givers. As well as the many others in her ward and neighborhood who so lovingly cared for her in her last years.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Humanitarian Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints or your own favorite charity

Funeral services in St. George will be held on Friday May 13, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 3202 East Crimson Ridge Dr., St. George, Utah 84790 Visitation will be held prior to services from 6-7:30 pm with a short service following from 7:30-8 pm.

Funeral services will be held in Provo, UT on Monday May 16, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 4056 N. Timpview Dr, Provo, Utah 84604. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:45 am with the service following at 11:00 am.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 851 7001 1308

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
3202 East Crimson Ridge Dr.
St. George, UT 84790

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Visitation

MAY 16. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4056 North Timpview Dr.
Provo, UT 84604

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Joan Goode Sorenson* ”



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - May 11, 2022 at 02:53 PM

GW

“Joan's wiliness to help others blessed me and my husband George and started a friendship we would treasure. We came to Saint George looking for a place to buy and ran into Becca, Joan's daughter. She told us the builder that contracted her home was top class. Joan, walked up at that moment with one of the grandkids. Her house was built by the same contractor and was very similar to the style we wanted. Without even knowing who we were, she immediately invited us to come to her house and look it over. Little did we know we would soon be building the next block down.

Joan was as beautiful inside as she was outside. I loved being her visiting teaching partner. We would walk to the sisters' houses together. She was always so positive and willing to go. As her illness progressed and walking became hard, George and I would go to her house to visit and put puzzles together. That was precious time. David would tell us stories about his wife that would have us amazed at all her talents. I think her life is better than any story book! Puzzles, service, laughter, kindness, so talented, so humble, so giving...we will miss our dear friend. It's hard to put into words, if you knew her you will understand...she was our friend from the time she ran across us looking for a home in Saint George.

George and Gwen Sieg

Gwen - May 13, 2022 at 01:21 PM

JM

“I only knew Joan for the last five years when she was fighting her illness and I admired her greatly. She never complained and was always happy to take time to visit. I went to minister to her, but she was the one who lifted my spirits and made me feel loved. I will miss her. Joyce McKee

Joyce McKee - May 13, 2022 at 01:02 PM

ED

“ My favorite thing about Grandma is 1time we went for a visit i found a Pac-Man ball . me and Grandma play catch for 20-15 minutes. I will always remember that. Love Eddie

eddie - May 12, 2022 at 12:21 AM