



JoAnn Hansom

September 2, 1930 - February 28, 2024

JoAnn Hansom passed away peacefully at home on February 28, 2024, after injuries sustained from a fall. She was born on September 2, 1930, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to parents Robert Watson and La Vinna Christopherson. Robert and LaVinna divorced, and La Vinna went on to marry the man JoAnn would know as her father, Wayne Sorenson. They moved around Idaho when she was a child before settling down in the Los Angeles, California area, where she would spend her teenage years. As a senior in high school, JoAnn developed a cerebral hemorrhage that left her paralyzed and bedridden. Doctors told her she would never walk again. JoAnn told the doctors that she would absolutely learn to walk again. Not only did she indeed learn to walk again, but she even became a dance instructor at the Arthur Murray dance studio. She went on to work her way up to Head Usherette at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, California. This job gave her the opportunity to meet many famous movie stars, but in reality, it gave them the opportunity to meet her.

At the age of 22, JoAnn moved to Mountain Home, Idaho. It was there that she met a young United States Air Force Airman named David A. Kirth at the USO. She married David on April 4, 1953. They moved around during David's Air Force career before settling in Hayward, California, where they would have one son, David, and three daughters, Linda, Nancy, and Julie. From Hayward, they moved to Fremont, where they welcomed their last son, Bill. After many

years of marriage, JoAnn and David would ultimately divorce. JoAnn would go on to work a variety of jobs, from cleaning offices to driving a school bus to working in sales. She even worked on the USS Carl Vinson super carrier as a fire watch for welders. Her proudest jobs were the many callings she served in the church, from Relief Society President to Primary President and countless others.

It wasn't until 1993 that JoAnn would finally find her true love. While visiting a friend, JoAnn would meet Quentin Hansom at a local LDS ward party. Three days later, they were engaged. They were married on October 1, 1993, in the San Diego temple. JoAnn would welcome four new stepchildren into her heart: Janet, Dee, Andy, and Stephanie, and have the blessing of getting to raise a new grandchild, Paul Lawrence Hansom, with Quentin. JoAnn, Quentin, and Paul would go on many adventures in their motorhome. They relocated from Thousand Oaks, California, to Phoenix, Arizona, to Toquerville, Utah. They served missions at Cove Fort, Utah, and the St. George Temple. Even though it started with JoAnn taking care of Paul in his youth, it would be Paul's love and help that would allow her to stay in her home until the day she died.

To know JoAnn was to know courage, kindness, and fierce love. A giant smile and a larger-than-life personality. Early on in life JoAnn had to go through many traumatic experiences that would have left many people bitter, unkind, and skeptical of their fellow man. Not only did she not become jaded, but she loved people more than most. To sit and talk with her, she would make you feel as special as the movie stars she got to meet in her youth. She saw the good in everyone. JoAnn had a saying that she lived her life by. There are two things that no one can ever take away from you: your faith and your attitude. Until the day she died, no one ever did.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, son David Kirth, stepdaughter Janet, grandson David Kimmerle, and great-grandson Stetson Whipple. She is survived by her husband, Quentin, sister Debbie Black, 7

children, 27 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100

Cemetery Details

Toquerville Cemetery

1186 S. Toquer Boulevard
Toquerville, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

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

Toquerville Utah LDS Chapel
63 North Toquerville Blvd
Toquerville, UT

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

Toquerville Utah LDS Chapel
63 North Toquerville Blvd
Toquerville, UT

Burial

MAR 9 (MT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 11, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of JoAnn Hansom.*



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