



Joanne Ballif Baker Cottrell

July 7, 1931 - May 6, 2020

Joanne Ballif Baker Cottrell (88) passed away May 6, 2020, in St. George Utah. She was born to Serge Chadwick and Ina Wilcox Ballif on July 7, 1931, in Logan, Utah. She was fifth in a family of eight children. Growing up was always a buzz of activity in the home. Joanne graduated from Logan High School.

Joanne met Barzee Baker in 1950, and they were married for eternity in the Logan LDS Temple that same year, making their home in Smithfield, Utah. Barzee's untimely passing in 1961 left her with four children to raise. To support her young family Joanne attended Stevens Henager Business College and earned an accounting degree. She worked for several years at Thiokol in North Logan. She worked hard and was a dedicated employee. She loved to sew and made beautiful dresses for her daughters. She also loved to quilt.

In 1976 Joanne married James Cottrell and moved to Alaska, though they nearly always spent winters in St. George. She and Jim worked in real estate for several years owning and managing an apartment complex. While in Alaska Joanne developed a love for gardening and grew a variety of beautiful flowers. She and Jim also loved to travel and visit family. After Jim passed away Joanne spent most of her time in St. George. She lived the past two and one half years at The Retreat at Sunbrook, in St George. Joanne's family thanks the staff at The Retreat for all their kindness and compassion shown her during this difficult period of her life.

She was happiest around her family. She loved her children and grandchildren very much. She was always interested in what they were doing.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, six brothers and sisters and two stepsons. She is survived by her children, Doris (Jim) Nilson, Bonnie (D. Craig) Anderson, both of St. George Utah, Colleen (Nick) Lentz of Palmer Alaska; and Gary (Terri) Baker of Wasilla Alaska, her sister Ina Rae Knighton of St. George, Utah, and stepchildren Karen (LeRoy) Eckman of St. George and David (Andrea) Cottrell of Anchorage, Alaska, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren

Interment will be in the Smithfield cemetery. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a small private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which can be made in her name.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so grateful for Grandma's faith. She lived the Gospel and taught it to her children. I am one of the many beneficiaries of her faith in action. I remember Grandma liked sweets. Soda and candy bars (and if those candy bars were made into an ice cream bar, even better). Grandma liked to play games and do puzzles. She had a ready smile and was friendly to everyone.

Amber Carruthers - May 12, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ She was always a sweet lady from the days I was around her. May she Rest In Peace.

Allan and CarolApplehans - May 09, 2020 at 01:26 AM

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“ When Gary and I were dating we spent some time playing cards at Nick and Colleens home. Joanne was often included. One game we played was Uno and our version included wild nines. If you placed a nine on the pile everyone would put their hand on the pile (pretty darn fast) and the last one had to take the whole pile of cards. One hand after passing out the cards Joanne excused herself to use the restroom. We quickly had some fun and stacked her hand with 9's. When she came back to the table and picked up her cards she was as giggly as a school girl. She was so excited about it she even flashed her cards to one of the other players to show them. It was a fun hand to play and the funny part was she had looked at her hand before she set them down to leave the table and hadn't noticed they had changed. She was a wonderful sport and I hope I can be the same as I grow older :) Such a sweet lady, Love you Joanne, Terri Baker

Terri Baker - May 08, 2020 at 08:20 PM

GB

“ I'll, never forget the time when mom was baking cookies in the house on Trunk road, it had a detached garage and a covered breezeway and an arctic entry led into the house. Mom put the last batch of cookies in the oven and thought she had enough time to jump in the shower. Alas she forgot about the baking cookies and smelt them burning while she was in the bathroom. She didn't want the house to smell like burnt cookies so without hesitation she ran to the kitchen and got the cookies out of the oven and was unsure what to do with them when she decided to run outside with them to get the smell outside. As she bent over to put them on the ground she felt a breeze from behind and thought "its a little chilly outside", about that time she realized she was, in her own words," buck naked." We all had a good laugh especially Mom.
Gary Baker

Gary Baker - May 08, 2020 at 08:10 PM



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Such A pleasure to have spent a few years beside her in reading, driving to see sights, and get the occasional ice cream treat! Look forward to seeing and visiting again soon. Love ya, Sis!

Ina Rae Ballif Knighton - May 08, 2020 at 03:06 PM