



## Karen Miller Taggart

May 24, 1941 - May 8, 2025

On May 8th, 2025 in St. George, Utah our beloved mother, grandmother, & great grandmother Karen Miller Taggart, age 83 passed away peacefully and returned to her heavenly home to be reunited with her eternal companion Dennis DeVere Taggart and other loved ones.

Karen was born May 24th, 1941 in Logan, Utah to Ray Soren Miller and Bessie Dona Powell. She loved growing up in Logan with her two sisters and younger brother.

After high school graduation she met the love of her life Dennis DeVere Taggart and they were married on June 29th, 1960 in the Logan, Utah temple for eternity. Karen worked for the CIA in Washington D.C. while Dennis was attending George Washington University Medical School. During this time their son Dennis Jr was born. The three of them moved to St Louis, Missouri for his medical residency. Their daughter Pam was born 4 years later in Ft Eustis, Virginia. While her husband Dennis served in Viet Nam, Karen and the children moved to Logan to be near family.

Years later the family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Dennis started his Internal medical practice and Karen was a devoted wife and mother. They raised their children in the Holladay, Utah area.

She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and GG (Great Grandmother). She enjoyed cooking, sewing, spending time in the sun, reading the scriptures, & talking with others. She loved to make chocolates and had her own in-home business called Karen's Candies. During these times the house

always smelled of chocolate. When the kids were older, she went back to college and graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Foods & Nutrition. She also wrote a cookbook called No Sugar Cooking which was published.

She served faithfully in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in many capacities but especially loved serving in the primary. She loved doing family history, attending the temple and she served for a period in the Salt Lake Temple.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis DeVere Taggart, parents, Ray Soren Miller & Bessie Dona Powell, parents-in-law DeVere Jerome Taggart & Myrtle Faye Hodges, sisters, Dona Rae Christopherson & Jolene Heaps, brother-in-law, Richard Taggart, Sister-in-law, Jane Taggart, & great granddaughter OakLee Paulette Engman

She is survived by son, Dennis DeVere Taggart Jr (Helen), daughter Pamela Engman (Brian), 8 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, brother Scott Miller (Cherilyn), brother-in-law Todd Taggart, sister-in-law Judy Taggart & many beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing to be held Thursday, May 15th, 2025 from 6-7:30pm at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary, 3401 S Highland Dr, Millcreek, Utah 84106

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service to be held at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park on Friday, May 16th at noon.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at [www.SerenitySTG.com](http://www.SerenitySTG.com) Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

# Cemetery Details

## Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

3401 S. Highland Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84057

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 15. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (MT)

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## Graveside Service

MAY 16. 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Karen will be sorely missed. We spent many happy hours together quilting in her basement, luncheons together, crocheting and knitting, eating delicious cookies and laughing.*

*I will cherish the time we spent at This is The Place park with the quilts and the cabin and trips up and back together.*

*Karen was one in a million. I looked forward to her trips here after she moved to St. George. So happy she can now expand her beautiful spirit.*

*Sue Strong*

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**Sue Strong** - May 15, 2025 at 06:58 PM

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“ I am eternally grateful and will always treasure our friendship! We started as Relief Society Sisters and then that friendship grew into so much more.

*When I visited a local singles ward, the singles ward bishop issued a challenge to find a mentor. I am so very grateful Karen was willing to be my mentor to help me get married! When I learned I needed an escort for our Temple sealing, Karen was my choice and I'm so very grateful she agreed.*

*She taught me how to make fabulous rolls and her delicious chocolates!*

*We were walking buddies for many years. We talked about so many things and tried to solve some of the worlds problems too.*

*We are both gardeners and share that love of flowers and plants.*

*Some of my most treasured memories are when we did family history together. Sometimes we even packed a lunch and went to the Family History Library in downtown Salt Lake City.*

*Fast forward many years, we loved visiting you in St. George! Playing cards, going out to lunch, and chatting was wonderful! Our visit to the Red Cliffs Temple open house together was a highlight!*

*Kelly & I love you dearly! It will be a joyous reunion together one day!*

*Our deepest condolences and much love to you Pam & Brian, Den & Helen and to the family.*

*Love,  
Kelly & Linda Turner*





**Linda Turner** - May 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM

“ Karen was a dear, dear friend. I remember the unexpected day when my 80 ish year old mother and father moved to Utah. I was recently engaged and needed to fly, that morning to Illinois with my fiance to be with his family. My mother had some severe pains. Some advised me to wait until I returned, which would be 2 days later, to take my mother to the doctor. Karen said, "If it were my mother....." And so as I got in the plane, Karen and dear Helga Pratt, lovingly took my mother (whom they didn't know) to emergency. It turns out my mother had a blood clot. They literally saved her life. Karen and Helga turned out to be the BEST unofficial mentoring sisters and loving friends not only to me, but also to my mother.

Speaking of mentors, my then roommate, Linda Q.T., was motivated by an ecclesiastical leader to think out of the box and get a mentor to guide her dating relationships and thus GET HAPPILY MARRIED. Linda asked Karen to be her mentor. Karen said yes and then they invited me to also let Karen mentor me in my dating relationships. It was one of the best, fun and important thing that ever happened to me. Karen identified Curtis as a winner and she was right. She opened up my mind to what was really important. I'm so glad that I decided to trust her.

Something funny that happened was that I made a joke about Curtis being very, very skinny and since I wasn't. I said, "I could never marry such a skinny man." So Karen (being an exquisite cook), gifted her own home made Creme Brulee one a week to Curtis. We laugh and smile now about how kind and yummy that was. A few years passed and my parents and Curtis' parents passed. That meant no grandparents for our baby son. Karen volunteered to be his adopted grandmother. The experience was complete with birthday cards from Grandma every year, a Christmas present every Christmas, a few overnight visits from Grandma, and even a "family" trip or two, (once we went to Israel). Our sons life was so different than it would have been had he not had the consistent, unconditional love of a precious grandmother. Thank you Grandma T.

Karen, you were and are a dear friend.

*Thank for being caring Karen. Thank you for being genuine. Thank you for being there for us. We miss you. Thank you for the wonderful memories. Love you.*

*From Sheree, Curtis and Jay Hastings.*

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**Sheree Hastings** - May 15, 2025 at 01:43 PM

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“ Theo and Mark Powell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Miller Taggart.

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**Theo and Mark Powell** - May 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ Theo and Mark Powell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Miller Taggart.



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**Theo and Mark Powell** - May 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Miller Taggart.



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May 14, 2025 at 12:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Miller Taggart.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Miller Taggart.



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May 13, 2025 at 01:32 PM



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“ We love Karen and will miss her. She is a part of our family. She was with us at the temple with Trevor and his wife and also with Ann Dee and her husband. She has supported us in many events and we love her. So sorry for your loss. Rick and Kathy Engman

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**Kathy Engman** - May 08, 2025 at 08:42 PM