



Kathleen Covington Tobler

February 9, 1948 - July 19, 2024

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Our loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Kathleen Covington Tobler passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family July 19th as the result of complications from Cancer.

Kathy was born February 9th 1948 in Cedar City, Utah to Delbert Ross Covington and Cleora LeBaron Covington.

Kathy spent her childhood in Hurricane, UT. She was raised by righteous parents who modeled good values and a strong work ethic. She was the 2nd of 7 children and shared a close, loving bond with her siblings. She was blessed to grow up near her extended family and remained connected to several of her cousins throughout her life. She was a graduate of Hurricane High school where she enjoyed singing at school functions and rooting for the Tigers as a Cheerleader. One particular athlete captured her attention-Rex Tobler. They began dating when she was a Sophomore, pausing their courtship for 2 years while Rex served

an LDS mission to Texas. During that time Kathy attended Dixie college where she earned an Associates Degree. She loved her time at Dixie and shared fond memories of participating in theater and the homecoming queen pageant. Rex and Kathy were married November 27th 1968 in the St. George LDS temple. They were blessed with 6 children-Rachelle, Christy, Hilary, Carie, Cicely and Matthew. Education and early career took their family to Chicago, then Phoenix before settling in St. George. Kathy was passionate about learning and teaching-a combination that led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Utah University, and later received a master's degree. She was a dedicated student and was very proud of her straight A report card. She used her talents teaching children in Montessori pre-school, then Kindergarten, teaching elementary for a total of 13 years. She taught at both Santa Clara Elementary and Bloomington Elementary, but her favorite teaching assignment was "Grammy-garten" for 2 of her Kindergarten-aged granddaughters during Covid. Kathy was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She applied her love of learning to the Gospel and was a diligent student of the scriptures. She served in many capacities within the church, including a mission with her husband to Mexico City. She was a natural nursery leader and had an innate ability to make even the tiniest

person feel

loved. She often said she considered Primary Chorister to be her favorite calling and she had a true gift for inviting the spirit through music.

Kathy was creative and used her artistic skills to bless her family and those around her. She

was a master seamstress, baker, singer and pianist. She loved to travel and she and Rex had

the opportunity to explore much of the world together. The nativities she collected during her

travels were among some of her most treasured possessions.

She was a wonderful friend and cherished the life-long relationships she created during the

years they spent in Chicago, Phoenix and southern Utah as well as those she gained through

her church service and in support of her children's activities.

Kathy's love for her family was her number one priority. She considered her role as wife and

mother to be her single most important calling and accomplishment. She was our most

enthusiastic cheerleader and her love and support were endless.

She is survived by her sweetheart of 55 years, Rex, daughters Rachelle (Matt) Staheli, Christy

(Justin) Jenkins, Carie (Chris) Homer, Cicely (Adam) Stuart and son Matthew (Annie) as well as

18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, Siblings Marsha (Gary) Wells, Kelly (Margene)

Covington, David (Parlena) Covington, Vance (Connie) Covington, Lonnie (Sue) Covington and

Susan (Brent) Lamoreaux.

She was preceded in death by her parents Delbert and Cleora Covington and daughter Hilary.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m. Funeral Services to follow at 11:00 a.m.

Manzanita LDS chapel

3519 Manzanita Rd, St. George, UT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93570745724?pwd=XkZtVYmG3oq7gbaoWcqDbnHXKcCBhS.1>

Meeting ID: 935 7074 5724

Passcode: 060987

Cemetery Details

Hurricane City Cemetery

200 E. 600 N.
Hurricane, UT 84737

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 27. 9:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
3519 Manzanita Road
St. George, UT 84790

Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (MT)

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3519 Manzanita Road
St. George, UT 84790

Graveside Service

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (MT)

Hurricane City Cemetery
200 E. 600 N.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Kathleen Covington Tobler*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - July 23, 2024 at 04:23 PM



Kathy was a beautiful woman inside and out. I loved teaching with her. She will be remembered for her gentle ways and for her giggle. How wonderful, to be remember by your laughter.

Suzie Read - July 24, 2024 at 12:31 PM

CV

Kathy was a dear friend for many years. We first connected through our children, Christmas Trees with a theme that we both loved to fill our homes. Long talks on the phone and just a special feeling of friendship. May her family realize what a great example she was to all she met.

Cheryl Vause-Cannon - July 25, 2024 at 11:30 PM

DH

*Rex and Family,
We were sadden to hear of Kathy's passing. It was a blessing for us to get to know you and Kathy in our Mexico Mission. Kathy was always happy and fun to be around. She radiated sun shine all along the way. May you and your family feel love and peace.
Love Dave & Marilee Hacking*

David & Marilee Hacking - July 30, 2024 at 11:39 AM



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



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - July 29, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *I sometimes saw her at the temple or some other place around town. She always asked how my son, James, was doing. How could she remember a child she taught thirty years ago in half-day kindergarten? She was remarkable!*

She gave him a great beginning in education. He loved attending her class, and he loved her.

Carla Gurr - July 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ Dean and I have known Kathy and Rex since our dental school years. We have loved you for many years and will miss Kathy more than words can say. We make the trip from Salt Lake to St. George often and Kathy and I always had our routine of breakfast or lunch and a facial while Rex and Dean golfed! Those trips will never be the same for me. I am grateful for so many memories over lots of years, and grateful for all the wisdom she shared with me. I loved how she was always excited about something new.....whether it was a new theme for another Christmas tree, planning a family reunion, writing her personal history, planning for her Grandkid camps she had in the summers or their annual Newport family trips. Kathy, you inspired me and I love you! Rex and Kathy, you have amazing children. which are a great blessing and the Connollys send prayers and love to all of you!
Dean and Joan

Joan Connolly - July 26, 2024 at 11:29 AM

PA

Kathy was my classmate at Hurricane High. Rex a year older. I am so sorry Rex and your children. I was very surprised when I heard she had passed. Such a sweet good person. I am truly sorry.
Paula Hirschi Arriola

paula Hirschi Arriola - July 26, 2024 at 04:06 PM

BW

“ I'm sorry to hear about Kathy! She has always been a ray of sunshine and goodness whenever I got to see her. She was one of those friends that I have admired my whole life. God bless you all that you may feel her light as well as our Saviors. Love and Hugs,
Becky Stratton Wheeler

Becky Wheeler - July 25, 2024 at 08:34 PM

AH

“ I’m so sad to hear that the cancer finally won. She was a special roommate at both Dixie and BYU and a delight to be around. I remember discussing D&C 88 with her for hours on end at BYU. What a great thinker she was! I love her and am sad we are far across the world during this time.
Our hearts and prayers are with you, Rex, and the family.
Ada Hinton

Ada Hinton - July 25, 2024 at 09:51 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry to hear the passing of your sweet wife. Time will fly too fast. So glad we will have them forever. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time Matthew Chappell and Pat sampson Chappell.



Mst & Pat Chappell - July 25, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Covington Tobler.



July 24, 2024 at 02:18 PM

CC

“ Aunt Kathy was always so kind. Her smile was contagious and genuine. We love her, Uncle Rex, and their family. May God bless and comfort you all.

Corey Church - July 24, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ So sorry. Sending my love to the whole family. Im sure Kathy will be cheering for you in all you do. I hope you can all remember her in peace. She was such a talented, loving person.

Ilene Hacker

Ilene Hacker - July 23, 2024 at 03:38 PM