



## LaDonna Hardy Paxman

January 9, 1946 - March 6, 2016

LaDonna Hardy Paxman, age 70, passed away peacefully in her daughter's home and was reunited with the love of her life, Garth Paxman, on Sunday March 6, 2016. LaDonna was an admired and inspiring woman whose life was defined by her wonderful service and loving heart. LaDonna will truly be missed by those who knew her, but a reflection of her past serves as a wonderful tribute to the legacy she left behind.

LaDonna was born in Hurricane, Utah on January 9, 1946. She was the fourth of five beautiful children to the George Hardy and Vilate Young family. LaDonna continued to live in southern Utah during her early years, where she attended Hurricane High School.

After proposing to LaDonna at Weeping Rock in Zions National Park, Garth and LaDonna were married for time and all eternity on August 14, 1964, in the St. George Utah Temple. LaDonna's husband and family were her greatest joys, and she gave birth to four wonderful children in her lifetime. LaDonna's children - Lincoln, Debra, Eva, and Amanda - feel blessed to have had such a wonderful and fun-loving mother. LaDonna was a dedicated mother to her children, but she was also a wonderful parent to 37 foster children during her lifetime, all of which had the privilege to call her "Mom". LaDonna continued to bless the young people in her life as she welcomed 13 lovely grandchildren into the world. Each of LaDonna's grandchildren have fond memories of

spending time with Grandma, and LaDonna's grandchildren will always remember her fun stories and gentle love.

LaDonna's second passion in life was watching over the police officers she served with at the Midvale Police Department. LaDonna served as a dispatcher and executive secretary for the Midvale Police for over 25 years. During that time, she was definitely considered as a "second mom" to many police officers who blessed her life immeasurably. In such a stressful work atmosphere she was always known for her humor and an occasional prank (ok....maybe more than just occasional). LaDonna's admiration for her officers transcends the separation between this life and the next, and she will always be watching over those officers with care.

LaDonna is the perfect example of a kind and caring mother; not only to those she raised, but also to every friend, coworker, and family member she came into contact with. The people she influenced are innumerable, and her loving kindness continues to resonate with the many people who love her still today.

LaDonna's legacy is survived by: her four children and their spouses: Lincoln (Nichole) Paxman, Debra (Troy) Gubler, Eva (Courtney) Shoell, and Amanda Paxman. She is also survived by her siblings Colleen Hepworth, Rosetta Gurule, and Wendell Hardy. LaDonna is preceded in death by her husband Garth Paxman, as well as her siblings Lawrence Hardy and Vonda Hirschi (Garland).

A graveside service honoring LaDonna Paxman will be held at the Washington City Cemetery located at 300 N. 300 E. on Monday, March 14, 2016, starting at 10:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a Celebration of Life Gathering at the LDS Chapel at 274 S 100 W, Hurricane Utah.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **9**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Hurricane LDS Red Brick  
274 S. 100 W.  
Hurricane, UT

## Graveside Service

MAR **14**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Washington City Cemetery  
200 N. 300 E.  
Washington, UT

# Tribute Wall

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“ *LaDonna and Garth were extraordinary foster parents when I was a young child welfare worker in the 70's. Glad she and Garth are reunited. Unforgettable family.* ”

Chris (Calver) Helfrich - September 11, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of LaDonna Hardy Paxman.* ”



March 11, 2016 at 10:23 AM

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“ *LaDonna was a great friend in my childhood in LaVerkin. Many a spring or summer evening we could be found, walking along with other friends, laughing, talking, playing pranks, laughing some more, and hoping some cute boys would drive by! We took piano lessons from Jeri Lawrence (then Iverson) in Washington, not far from Garth Paxman's house. I got to see that romance blossom, and was actually a bridesmaid at her wedding. Those really were the good old days. Though she moved away and we lost track for years, whenever we would meet again, there was instant love flowing again. She was as fun and laugh-y as ever, every time we met and caught up on old times. Her children are lucky to have had such a warm and caring mother...and grandmother. I'm so happy for her to be with Garth again, holding hands and walking through the beautiful flowers I know are on the other side. Love you, LaDonna!* ”

Lolene Gifford - March 10, 2016 at 09:05 PM

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“ I will never forget you LaDonna... you weren't just my neighbor,, you were my friend.

*I loved how easy going you always were, like there wasn't a care in the world... your faith and out look on life was truly spectacular and I will never forget that.*

*I particularly loved to her you laugh...and you always would say something like, "Oh, it will just work out and everything will be okay" and you were always so calm and sure it would.....*

*You encouraged me to Work Midvale Police Department and I was so proud when that day finally came.*

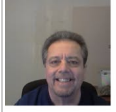
*I am very sad you are gone from this world, but to be honest with you, my heart explodes with happiness thinking about the reunion you had walking through those pearly gates meeting Garth again... I can only imagine how great that was and how happy you both are right now that you both are finally together forever..... Punch ole Garth in the arm for me and let him know how much I really missed him all these years... he was one of the good ones..... I love you both.*

*I'll see you soon, hopefully in at least 40 years from now... Everything is ok here, no worries... we all will continue to live life, remembering you...*

*I love you forever, Scott Hallock*

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**Scott Hallock** - March 10, 2016 at 08:47 PM



“ *Phil Albano lit a candle in memory of  
LaDonna Hardy Paxman*



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**Phil Albano** - March 10, 2016 at 08:38 PM