



Lavina McKnight

April 9, 2025

St. George, UT- Lavina McKnight peacefully departed her Earthly bounds, to join her beloved husband in Gods warm embrace on April 9, 2025. Lavina, or Vi to those who knew her, was a devout mother of eight children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. An avid bridge player, Vi was always up for a match.

Born in Phoenix AZ in 1932, Vi attended the University of California, Berkley, where she would meet her soul mate, Selden McKnight. Upon Selden's graduation from UCB, the young couple would eventually reside in "The Ranch House" in Orangevale CA, raising their eight children, many dogs and countless cats.

In 1979, Selden and Vi transplanted to Heath Ohio with their two youngest in tow. Selden would serve as the Director of Metrology for the United States Air Force and Vi made a home of the almost finished "mansion" in Forest Hills. Upon Selden's retirement from the government, the foot loose and nearly kid free couple relocated to Tucson AZ. After a brief bout of desert living, they would once again relocate, settling down in Dayton Ohio until Selden's passing in 1992.

Vi relocated to Raleigh NC to be closer to family, becoming deeply involved in church community services. She founded and supervised the Center for Volunteer Caregiving for 20 years. This organization focuses on identifying available services and directing people in need to appropriate resources. This organization became a true passion for Vi and gave her a sense of purpose.

The organization continues today and is a major resource for the community. Her final move would be to St. George UT, where she would live out her final days.

Lavina is survived by her eight children, Calyn, Danna, Kimber, Tenley, Teryl, Selden Jr., Weslie and Kyle.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom uou were my friend my leaning tower and I miss teading to you at night.

Thank You for being my mom you are truly missed and loved.

Weslie McKnight Littrell - May 12, 2025 at 04:51 AM

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“ My name is Haley Gates and I was Vi's insurance agent. I didn't get to speak with Vi often but when I did she was always a delight.

Conversations with her, however brief or long, always brightened my day. I wish her family all the best and hope they find comfort in this time of grief. I'm sure they are very aware of this but their mom was a wonderful woman. She will be missed.

Haley Gates - May 10, 2025 at 01:47 AM

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Thank you Haley. She is mused.

Teryl McKnight - May 11, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teryl McKnight - April 21, 2025 at 10:15 AM

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“ Mom I miss you all ready. There is so much I want to tell you and ask you. All I can say is thank you for being our Mom. I love you dearly. The last 6 years have been a privilege and a gift.

Teryl McKnight - April 20, 2025 at 12:59 PM

DB

“ A memorial Mass will be said at St Joseph's, Lincoln CA on June 6th @ 11:00 am. The McKnight children invite everyone to a luncheon following the Mass at the St. Joseph's Family Center. Please RSVP to Danna - dannabeith@gmail.com

Danna Beith - April 15, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ My mom was my frienf my mom and my leaning post. I miss her everyday and I know she is in heaven with my dad and family and friends. LOVE and Miss you Mom.

Weslie Littrell - April 15, 2025 at 06:36 PM