



## Maria Heaton

December 11, 1952 - June 15, 2021

Our sister, daughter, aunt, cousin, niece, friend and teacher, Maria Heaton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Maria was born in Casper, Wyoming on December 11, 1952 to Weldon and Vivien Heaton. She attended Hurricane Elementary School, Hurricane High School and graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Elementary Education.

She had a passion for teaching and exhibited this as she served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Lisbon, Portugal. She held many callings in the church but her favorite, by far, was her last one as an early morning seminary teacher. She taught and loved her students with all her heart. She wasn't just their teacher; she was their friend.

Maria recently retired from JNA Consulting in Boulder City, Nevada where she worked for over 20 years. She was known for her honesty. She loved and accepted everyone. Maria was never afraid to share what she believed and did this with most everyone she met.

She will be missed greatly by her father Weldon Heaton and her siblings Teresa (Kris) Gubler, Shawn (Kim) Heaton, and Tory (Setema) Gali. She was a fantastic aunt to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. They

will all feel a loss without her in their lives. Maria leaves behind many friends that were like family to her, including, the daughter of her heart, Annette Reitano and her best friend Peggy Leavitt. She is preceded in death by her brother Royale, her sister André, her mother Vivien, and her nephew Scott.

The family wishes to thank her nurse Jon at Mountain View Hospital, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Tyson Smith from the Boulder City Mortuary, Kerry Gubler from the Serenity Mortuary, Rodney Woodbury and family, her bishop Terry Warner and President Steven Walton from her Stake Presidency.

At her request, there will not be a funeral. Interment will be on June 26, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Hurricane City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Humanitarian Aid for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

# Cemetery Details

## **Hurricane City Cemetery**

200 E. 600 N.  
Hurricane, UT 84737

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Sister Heaton was my seminary teacher for 4 years. I absolutely loved her. She inspired all of us. Many people, including me, chose early morning seminary, even though they didn't have an early class period, just to be in her class. She would shake everyone's hand, provided snacks out of her own finances every morning, and went the extra mile to get to know every student. She made many of my sports games to support and cheer me on. I loved this lady and have had quite an impact from her Christ like love and example throughout my life. ❤️

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**Sariah Passey** - February 22, 2023 at 01:25 PM

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“ Maria was a long time friend and client of mine. I enjoyed every moment I got to share with her! Maria was a light and a joy! She will be missed! Rest well my friend.  
Poppi Ealy

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**Poppi Ealy** - July 30, 2021 at 05:39 PM

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“ She served 3 of my children as a seminary teacher. She was such a blessing in each of their lives. She taught the gospel with vigor but with love beyond measure. She saw the weakness and strengths in each of my children and help them to grow. One of my daughters spent hours after class asking gospel principal questions and Maria always had the time for her. Never making her fill rushed and always had thoughtful answers to her questions. She helped them each to grow a testimony and a love of our Savior. Thank you Maria, you will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Debbie A Miller** - June 29, 2021 at 12:27 PM

PH

“ I don't have words. Sister Heaton was a blessing in my life. She made me feel like I had a purpose and loved me. I got to have her as a seminary teacher my freshman year of high school. She was so excited to see me and always had a smile on her face... even at 5:30 in the morning!! She encouraged me to be the best me and always told me how proud she was to have a student like me. For almost 8 months, I have gotten the privilege to serve her. Going shopping, cleaning, organizing, and anything else she need, put a smile on her face and made my heart happy. She was a loving servant of God and made those around her smile. She lit a spark in those she taught and was such a friend. Even though she was in the fight of her life, she was determined not to let it stop her. Her determination was inspiring. I am so beyond grateful for the time that I spent with her and got to know her. Though she is no longer here in person, she is always in my heart.

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**Priscilla Heckenlively** - June 26, 2021 at 03:33 AM

SG

Zachary loved and adored her as his Seminary teacher. She made personal visits to our home to ensure he was prepared to share messages, and even gave him the opportunity to teach. She always believed in him and his capacity to share his heart, regardless of his speech disabilities. She has been integral in instilling his love and faith in God through her amazing example! She always had a smile on her face, no matter how much she was going through. Her optimism was and will continue to inspire our family. We love and miss you Sister Maria Heaton. ❤️

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**Shannon Goldston** - June 27, 2021 at 08:14 PM