



Marolyn Gifford Farnsworth

October 30, 1936 - October 23, 2024

Marolyn Gifford Farnsworth, born on October 30, 1936, in the small town of Springdale, Utah, passed away on October 23, 2024, surrounded by family and love. Marolyn's life began with an early arrival, she entered the world three weeks ahead of schedule, sharing a birthday with her cousin, Mervin, who also made an early appearance. From that day forward, Marolyn was blessed with the abundant love of her parents, Larkin and Ruth Gifford, who cherished her as the second of their six children.

Marolyn's childhood was shaped by the breathtaking canyons surrounding Springdale. Her fondest memories included family trips and picnics, relishing the scenic beauty and close-knit bonds they shared. Growing up next door to her grandparents, the Gifford family was a hub of joy and music, a tradition carried on over generations whenever extended family gathered. These gatherings and memories became a cornerstone of Marolyn's life and values. Marolyn deeply valued her faith, community, and the many friends she made throughout her life. A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served in various roles, always eager to support and uplift those around her. Her devotion to service was a blessing to all who knew her.

On December 22, 1956, Marolyn married Larry A. Farnsworth, her beloved husband of 46 years, until his passing in 2003. Together, they built a life of love and joy, raising two children, Larkin and Janette. Her son Larkin's passing in 2023 was a great loss, yet Marolyn remained resilient, continuing to

embrace her family and friends with warmth.

A talented seamstress and craftswoman, Marolyn's creative gifts extended into a business, where her highly sought-after handmade creations brought joy to many. She was an exceptional cook and baker; known for the treats she would prepare and lovingly deliver for special occasions. Her knack for correspondence also kept her close to loved ones far and wide, as she was known for her thoughtful cards and care packages, much to the delight of her local postal workers.

Marolyn's love for the color blue was evident throughout her Las Vegas home and her cherished canyon cabin near Zion National Park. She enjoyed scenic drives, especially during autumn, when the leaves transformed, and visits to the park lodge were a favorite pastime.

Her favorite sayings, such as "Be Happy, Be Believing, Don't Be Discouraged, Things Will Work Out," by Gordon B. Hinckley, captured her optimistic and steadfast spirit. Music brought her peace, and some of her most treasured hymns and songs included As I Have Loved You, Going Home, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and Be Still My Soul. She also loved classic musicals and westerns, with Phantom of the Opera, Sound of Music, and Rose Marie among her most beloved films. She enjoyed life's simple pleasures: chicken-fried steak, strawberry pie, dark chocolate, and Dairy Queen ice cream cones. Marolyn is survived by her daughter, Janette (Jet) Farnsworth; her three grandchildren, Valerie, Olivia, and Ethan; and four great-grandchildren, Harrison, Felicity, Royce, and Bodhi. She also leaves behind her beloved siblings Ralph, Beverly, Clark Larkin, and Carla, along with dozens of adoring nieces and nephews who will sorely miss her optimistic and joyful spirit. As she departed this life, Marolyn was welcomed on the other side by countless loved ones, including her parents, her husband Larry, and her son Larkin.

A graveside service honoring Marolyn's life will be held on Friday, November 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jolly-Gifford Cemetery, followed by a luncheon to celebrate her memory and the legacy of love she leaves behind.

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

m. Arrangements and memorial tree planting under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Jolley-Gifford Cemetery

Springdale, UT

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (MT)

Jolley-Gifford Cemetery
221 Paradise Rd
Springdale, UT 84767

Tribute Wall

JB

“ It is always sorrowful for us when a loved one dies.
But for the departed one it will be glorious.
Here are two song renditions that seem to give us perspective:
<https://share.singsnap.com/play/723805>
<https://share.singsnap.com/play/2354370>
just go to these internet links and listen.
Jay Beacham

Jay Beacham - November 03, 2024 at 01:13 AM

SF

“ Another loss of a sweet and gentle Zion soul. Marolyn was so kind and committed to her faith and family. May you feel comfort and peace during this difficult time, knowing she has moved on and is enjoying a beautiful and loving reunion with her family.

Sue Fraley - November 01, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AS

“ We will miss her loving, giving, happy presence always! What a blessing it was to know her for the last 20 years! She blessed our lives and the lives of our family in many ways. She will never be forgotten and will always be loved!

Allan and Kristi Staker - November 01, 2024 at 02:22 AM

KR

“ My condolences to the family, Marilyn and I grew up together in Springdale Ut. She was a good friend and person to be around, I feel blessed to have known her.

Keith L Ruesch - October 29, 2024 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ *Marolyn had a way of making everyone she knew feel special. When she would come to the Hurricane Valley Clinic, she seemed to always bring us treats. Her homemade fudge was always a favorite!*

She will truly be missed here on earth, but what a great reunion there will be in Heaven.

Linda Boucher - October 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM

ER

“ *A loving, cherished angel has left this earthly life, leaving me with a bittersweet ache in my very soul. What a blessing it is to have known such a remarkable, loving, caring, and giving woman! Her smile and sweet spirit were genuine. She radiated the love for our Savior in all that she served and cared for. My faith in God helps me know that she is no longer in pain or suffering and instead has energy, freedom and joy. I know she is with her beloved family that she has missed for so long. But the knowledge that she will no longer be near us to grace us with her kindness, compassion and love breaks my heart. I have treasured my friendship with this sweet woman for nearly two decades. The difference in our ages was irrelevant to our friendship. My life has truly been blessed by knowing such a special woman.*

Thank you Marolyn, my sweet friend, for being an angel to me. I love you so, and I will miss you!

Eva Richins - October 29, 2024 at 09:01 AM

CF

“ *Clark Gifford family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marolyn Gifford Farnsworth.*

Clark Gifford family - October 28, 2024 at 07:04 PM

CF

“ *Clark Gifford family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Marolyn Gifford Farnsworth.*



Clark Gifford family - October 28, 2024 at 07:04 PM