



## Myrna K Copley

May 7, 1940 - April 12, 2015

Myrna Kay Copley of St. George, UT, passed away on April 12, 2015, in St. George, Utah surrounded by the many loving members of her family. She was born May 7, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho to Earl O'Dell and Maxine Jeanette Wendell Johansen.

Myrna graduated from Kimberly High School, Kimberly, Idaho. Myrna moved to California in 1958 and attended Monterey Peninsula Junior College in Monterey, California. While attending college she met her soul mate, Jim. They were married on November 11, 1959, in Watsonville, California. They were happily married for fifty-seven years.

After living in California for several years, she and Jim moved to Boise, Idaho, where they resided for more than ten years. During their married life they lived in California, Arizona, Utah as well as two years in Guam. They remained in Utah until her death.

While raising their five children, Myrna completed her college degree at San Francisco State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

Her career started in California where she was vice president of Consumer Credit Counseling in Oakland, Phoenix, Arizona and then back to California in San Diego. While living in Utah, Myrna was a 4-H Extension Agent for Millard County.

Myrna and Jim enjoyed traveling throughout the country, as well as in Europe and the South Pacific. In more recent years they traveled throughout the US in

their RV.

She is survived by her husband, James “Jim” Gordon Copley; and their five children, Gregory J. (Kathy) Copley, Douglas P. Copley; Vicki K. (Newell) Cumming, Robert E. (Samantha) Copley, and Eric J. Copley; Myrna is also survived by 13 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren; and her brother Earl “Butch” Johansen.

Memorial services for will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah 1316 S. 400 E., St. George, Utah. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make donations in Myrna’s name to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, 435-986-9100.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ We are all so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Copley's passing. It has been such a delight to know her and have the opportunity to care for her eyes over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.

Yours truly,  
Sharon & staff  
Richens Eye Center

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**Sharon Richens, MD** - April 20, 2015 at 03:56 PM

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“ Jim, and Family, Myrna was so very special. She was such a fun and saucy little girl as we began first grade together. (Most of us had little or no personality at all, as we left our homes for the first time and ventured out into the world.) I will always remember the 12 years we spent going to school together. Myrna was a beautiful, fun-loving person who could light up a room just by entering. We send our love and best wishes to you all as you grieve her loss.  
Brent and Audry Smith

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**Audry Smith** - April 20, 2015 at 11:49 AM

CV

“ I knew Myrna through Vicki, her beautiful daughter. I am very sad to hear of her passing. The Copley family are very close and truly enjoy being with each other. Myrna and Jim were the kind of parents we all aspire to be. Myrna was at the helm and raised five amazing children. She was the moral compass. Vicki, know that I am thinking of you.

Cindy Vail

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**Cindy Vail** - April 19, 2015 at 07:34 PM

EW

“ *Jim and Family,  
I was shocked to see of Myrna's passing in our local paper!! Please accept my sincere and deepest sympathy in your loss!!! May fond memories help this difficult time easier.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Elaine Wright*

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**Elaine Wright** - April 15, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Myrna K Copley.*



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April 14, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ *A good friend has passed on into the next stage, Myrna will be truly missed. I met Myrna in our Book Club out in Coral Canyon. She always came with a smile and contributed such great discussions and ideas as we reviewed the books for each month  
I always admired the ways in which she served and assisted others and truly contributed in positive ways to all she came in contact with; enjoyed her sense of humor and compassionate spirit!  
You are in a better place Myrna and with those you know who have also gone before;now you know peace and may the Lord bless your family with His comforting spirit.  
Carolyn Hansne*

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**Carolyn Hansen** - April 14, 2015 at 12:35 PM

BM

“ I have never known and been embraced by such a beautiful person. I am so glad I had an opportunity to know her. You will never be forgotten Myrna, your beautiful family will always speak your name with love and honor. My heart is one of the many broken by her loss.

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**Bonnie Musser** - April 14, 2015 at 11:42 AM

 Nancy  
Bennett

“ Such a special woman I feel so blessed to have known. She will be missed but her memories will live on.

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**Nancy Bennett** - April 14, 2015 at 11:09 AM

FF

“ A kind and gracious woman who will be missed deeply and remembered fondly.

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**Fritschle Family** - April 14, 2015 at 10:57 AM