



## Norma Irene Rust Hamm

June 6, 1924 - March 14, 2023

On Tuesday March 14th, 2023, our sweet mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother passed away peacefully in St George, Utah at the age of 98. She was born June 6th, 1924, to Irene Winward and William Vernon Elmer in Portland, Oregon, the second youngest of seven children. Two sisters, four brothers, Lyone, Arlon Clark, Duane, Thelma, and Donna, all of whom preceded her in death.

Born just after World War I ended, she grew up in Portland area, surrounded by close family, the flowers, trees and greenery she enjoyed so much.

She lived her whole life serving and helping others and most of all living to spend time with family and friends, creating and sharing memories. She was very musical and an accomplished pianist, organist and soloist. She was widely known for her beautiful singing voice and often sang in wards, and was hired by the Presbyterian Church to sing for services. She played the organ when the Portland, Oregon Temple opened and served as a Temple Worker for the next 28 years until she moved to St George at the age of 91.. An active member of the Church, Norma served in numerous capacities including Relief Society President, Gospel Doctrine Teacher and Primary Teacher.

She married Donald Rust of Mountain Home, Utah in the Cardston, Alberta, Canada Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on June

24, 1943. She and Don completed a service mission in the United Kingdom when she was 75. They were blessed with four children, Dan (Brenda) Rust, Linda Kindred (Jim), Sharon Littlefield (Jay), and Janice Shafer (Greg). She is survived by her four children, 19 grandchildren, 41 great great grandchildren and 2 ½ great, great great grandchildren.

Her husband of 53 years, Don died of Cancer March 12, 1996.

She met and married Raymond Owen Hamm of Portland, Oregon when she was 77. They served together in the Portland, temple and served a Temple Mission in Nauvoo, Illinois. They lived in Portland until they moved to St George for health reasons. They so enjoyed living in the Beehive Cottages for eight years where they enjoyed meeting many new friends. Ray passed on July 12, 2019 at the age of 91.

Our family would like to express sincere thanks for the support and sympathy they received from the Seasons Health and Rehab, Dixie Hospice, Mari Sanders and all the workers and dear friends at the Beehive Cottages.

Services will be held Saturday March 18th, at 11:30 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1068 Chandler Drive, St. George, Utah 84770.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 18. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (MT)

Southgate Ward Chapel  
1068 West Chandler Dr  
St. George, UT 84770

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:30 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - March 20, 2023 at 12:52 PM

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“ It always saddens us when we lose a member of our BeeHive Cottages family, especially one who has been an integral part of our family for so many years. Norma Hamm’s quiet passing on Tuesday March 14th has left many of us with feelings of sadness. Norma lived a remarkable life in which she was most proud of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an accomplished pianist who loved to play her organ with the garage door open for all in our community to hear and enjoy. She also loved to bake cakes and cookies – always taking great joy in generously giving samples to everyone. I admired her for her strong will and tenacity. She faced many challenges in her later years, including losing some of her strength and suffering several falls. She was blessed with incredible resolve, so determined to overcome any obstacle without causing anyone else worry. I marveled at her ability to maintain her wonderful sense of humor throughout those challenges. I was also in awe of her desire to continue to learn and grow. While she possessed a lifelong love of games, she really enjoyed learning new card games including “Kings in the Corner” and “Pinochle”. She also was a regular at our monthly “Bowling with Justin” games, cheering on all who played along with her. Her love of old movies was legendary – often inviting her friends and neighbors over to watch movies at her Cottage nearly every week. I can honestly say that Norma left an indelible mark on everyone she met here at the Cottages. And that included our employees -- she took a genuine interest in their lives and their life challenges, becoming close friends with many of us. The day that God called Norma home – she didn’t go alone -- a part of us went with her. Norma....“God has you safely in his keeping, but we have you forever in our hearts.”

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**Mary Sanders** - March 17, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Jerred, Tammy, Ethan and Cole Jerdee purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Norma Irene Rust Hamm.*



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**Jerred, Tammy, Ethan and Cole Jerdee** - March 17, 2023 at  
12:29 PM