



Sheryl Henkel

August 17, 1944 - January 13, 2021

Loving wife and mother Sheryl (Schlappi) Henkel of St. George, Utah, age 76, passed away on January 13, 2021. She was born on August 17, 1944 to Andrew and Zerma Schlappi in Delta, Millard County, Utah. She married Bernd (Bernie) Rudolf Henkel December 19, 1964 in the Salt Lake Temple. Sheryl grew up in Delta, Utah and attended Delta High School. Her father, Andrew Orson Schlappi, died of leukemia when she was nine years old. Zerma later remarried, Oliver C. Tripp on Nov. 15, 1960. After graduating from high school she moved to Callao, Utah where Zerma and Oliver ran the famous 6-Mile Ranch. It was there that her love for all animals grew to be a driving force in her life. She loved horses, dogs, and all of God's creatures. Oliver quickly became her strong, devoted father and mentor, teaching her to love the Lord and love ranching.

Sheryl loved her family, and she especially adored her cousins—all of them are boys. Wydell, Keith, Milton, Steve, Bruce, Lester, and Marion were like her guardian angels. They watched over and took care of her as if each were appointed to be her surrogate father. Her cousin Milton was her best friend. They practically did everything together. The two were inseparable. Milton died in a drowning accident while hunting. This was the second time that she had lost someone so close to her.

Having many callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she

served many years as Primary president in the Bennion ward, in Bennion, Utah. She was completely devoted to her family. As team mom she gave leadership and direction for all team fundraisers and provided the foundational support to many of the athletes on the swimming teams, soccer clubs, football, waterpolo, and cheer teams. She was a key person in Parowan to help expand Christmas in the Country, the city's annual holiday event. Helping grow its influence and notoriety, she loved her community. Sheryl and Bernie were team players when they decided that the city of Parowan needed a memorial flag pole which they both funded, built and garnered support for. Most recently our mother is well known as one who's compassion and sincere caring as Relief Society president for her current ward. She is adored and loved by many friends and neighbors.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bernie who passed away December 25, 2019. Sheryl is survived by her son, Scott Bernd Henkel (Melissa), of Vineyard and her daughter Michelle Henkel Orton (Kevin), of St George. She has 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the many friends and neighbors of West Springs who loved her dearly. And, a very special thank you to Mary Strawn for her constant care and devotion she gave our mother this last year.

Due to COVID restrictions a formal funeral service will not be held. A viewing will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 28 at the Serenity Funeral Home 1316 S 400 E #A3, St. George, UT. A graveside ceremony will be at the Parowan Cemetery at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 29, 2021.

Cemetery Details

Parowan

300 South Canyon Road
Parowan, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 28. 6:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Tribute Wall

JA

“ To the Family of Sheryl Henkel,
We send our deepest sympathies to you at this time of loss,
mourning...& rejoicing. Sheryl & Bernie were dear members of our
Springs Ward Family & they both will be missed so much. Both
were warm, tender & loving to one & all. Though we didn't know
them for very many years (we being newer to St. George), they
became choice friends & examples of true strength & goodness.
We're thrilled that they are united once again in Heaven & enjoying
the adventures of that blessed place together. We miss them but
look forward to a very happy reunion one day.
With Much Love, June & Mike Adams

June & Mike Adams - January 28, 2021 at 09:35 PM

KP

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Bert and Sheryl. These two
beautiful people have always been very caring and loving. They had
me over for a nice visit and they shared many stories and it was
nice to get to know them more.
Sheryl was always so caring and interested in our sisters well-being
while she served in Relief Society as RS President. Both Bert and
Shirley went to my daughter as a hygienist and they loved them
both at the her office. I will miss her and am so grateful to have
know her.
Sending love and prayers to your family.

Kathy Pierce

Kathy Pierce - January 28, 2021 at 01:51 PM

RS

“ We were blessed to live next door to Sheryl and Bernie for ten years. Sheryl was amazing as a Relief Society President, a neighbor, and a friend. Some special moments were the fun we had playing cards and Sheryl and Bernie at community parties. Sheryl as a nun was precious at a halloween party. Our love and prayers to her family. Ron and Judy Seidel

Ron and Judy Seidel - January 27, 2021 at 11:17 PM

BG

“ Sheryl is going to be missed so much. She was such a loving Relief Society President in our Ward. She was such a perfect example of service and love. Aa I watched her in so much pain coming to church each week I admired her much for her strength & dedication to the Lord's commandments. Our prayers and love are with your family in this time of your loss.
Becky & Kenneth Gull

Becky Gull - January 27, 2021 at 10:54 PM