



# **Shannadean Dipo Christensen**

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## **S**hannadean (Shan) Dipo Christensen January 1, 1938 – March 23, 2016

On Wednesday March 23rd 2016 at 7:45pm surrounded by her loving, loud, and comedic family, Shannadean Dipo Christensen returned home after a 6 year struggle with Alzheimer's. Throughout her life Shan loved spending time with her family whether it was in the mountains at Camp Ugly, by the lake fishing, on the house boat at Lake Powell, or during the holidays; especially Christmas when she would display her collection of hundreds of Snow Babies figurines. She was also a member of the LDS Church and worked in the Jordan River Temple Baptistery for 19 years as well as owning and operating Body Brown Tanning Salon for 10 years. She was a stylish dresser who always made sure she had the right pair of shoes to match every outfit. She also enjoyed reading romance novels, doing crossword puzzles, toll painting, coloring with her Grandchildren (as long as you didn't break her crayons), and crafting. She was a kind and understanding mother who had unconditional love for her children. And a devoted wife who made sure to have a cold beverage ready for her husband who would always bring her fresh flowers from the garden.

She will be greatly missed by her husband Jared "Jerry" "Derk" Christensen, her children Kerk Christensen, Michelle Henderson, Brad Christensen (Alissa), and LaR Morgan (Rick), her step daughter Debra Brown, her brothers Richard "Dick" Dipo, Vernon Dipo, and Fred Dipo, sisters Joan Cunningham, Dorthy Dipo, Lovina Kae Letcher, Patricia Chavez, and Sherry Jones, 35 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren (soon to be 66), as well as her yorkies (except for the one she took with her).

It gives her family joy to know that she was reunited with her parents Henry P. Dipo and Edith Lindsay Dipo, son Shane Christensen, step-son Reed Christensen, brother Roy, and sister Edith Wanita.



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Services will be held on Tuesday March 29th 2016 at the LDS Church located at 2450 West 10400 South in South Jordan. The viewing will be from 9:30am – 10:30am, with services held at 11:00am. A family lunch will be held at 12:30pm followed by a game of Screwy Louie, Pool, and reminiscing until someone turns the generator off!



## Tribute Wall

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TB

**Tiffany Dipo Beebe** posted:

I remember visiting Aunt Shan at Body Brown when I was younger. I also loved when the entire family got together. Especially the reunion that included distant relatives from Denmark. I always looked forward to seeing Aunt Shan because she always looked so beautiful with her hair done! You knew when Aunt Shan arrived even without seeing her because you could smell her perfume (good smell) the second she walked into the room! I'm sorry to say that we only saw each other on rare occasions however I still have fond memories of her. I love you Aunt Shan and you will be greatly missed!

March 28 at 1:18 PM

DW

**Debi Warner** posted:

I loved being a neighbor to Shan & Derk. Even though we moved 11 years ago, our family still talks about the chickens and bunnies (to eat or not to eat), the fantastic Christmas lights, the puppies and pigs (inside), the garden, the inside Christmas display, and all the shananigans Shan put up with. Shan was generous and a lot of fun. I'm grateful that she and Derk took my boys (Jake and Jon) camping and hunting and let them hang out at their place after I divorced. Christensen family - Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Shan may be gone from here, but she'll remain in our hearts and memories. Love you Derk! Love, Debi Warner

March 28 at 4:19 AM

RF

**Rebecca Fielden** posted:

Things I will miss about my Aunt Shan. Her of course!! How much she loved chewing on ice, how when she crossed her legs one of them was all ways "going" :), how she called everyone kid, the slight roll of her eyes whenever my uncle Derk was being a comedian, all while she was smiling and pretending he wasn't that funny. her adding an "oh brother" to the end of the antics of my uncle. The way she made me feel loved, and how just being near her or in her presence made me feel good, and made me feel happy. I will all ways miss you Aunt Shan and I loved her dearly. Love your neice Rebecca or reb or rebeee as she liked to call me. xoxo. :) I am filled with her loving energy as I sit her and type trying some how to capture who she was to me.

March 27 at 6:45 AM

DI

**Di** May 9 at 12:33 PM

I'm very sad to hear of Shans passing she was a fun and loving person that will be missed. I loved working with her, helping with Christmas lights and her cabbage patch collection. She gave me a best friend of her daughter for many years when we met in the hospital with our first babies. I know Shan suffered for many years and happy to know she is no longer lost. I hope her family can celebrate her life and know she will always be loved by those whos life she touched.



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**Sherry Jones** posted:

My sweet sister Shan, I will miss you every day until we meet again in Heaven. I will miss your smile, our long talks, crafting, and shopping adventures. You were my Angel here on earth and now my guardian Angel in Heaven. I love you always.

March 27 at 3:00 AM



**Rebecca Stromsdorfer** posted:

I met her when I was 5. We were her step grandchildren. But she never made us feel that way. She took us in as her own, it was years before I realized she was not my biological grandmother. I was heartbroken when I found out. She was the Grandmother I had the most in common with! She made me laugh, took me in at 16 and spoiled me rotten for a summer. She taught me to love and take care of myself. She taught me self worth and that projects are therapeutic and a million other things. I have missed her for a long time now. I will always miss her. I love her and I am happy that she has many loved ones to be with in Heaven. I know that is where she is. Grandma, Thank you for loving us. Thank you for blessing our lives. I will always love you Becky Stromsdorfer

March 26 at 5:55 PM



**Naomi Burrows Foote** March 29 at 4:09 AM

South Salt Lake, Burton Ward, Madison Elementary, Central Jr. High and Granite High are all things I had in common with Shannadean and Doreen Dipo. They were always together. I was jealous because they even dressed alike. So pretty. I had seven sisters of my own [and one brother] so I could always find someone to play with. And I lived just far enough away from the Dipo girls that I didn't spend much time with them. I'm sorry we lost track of each other, We have a lot in common. I too served in the Jordan River Temple baptistery. The Holy Ghost truly is a comforter and He will help you through this difficult time. God does know us and loves us and His plan is divine. Love, Naomi Burrows Foote



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