



Earleen Smith

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Earleen Smith, age 71, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2017 surrounded by her children and loved ones. She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 25, 1946 to Helenbeth Smith and Maurice Norton.

She was fortunate to have a loving adoptive father, Heber Brown Smith. She spent her life dreaming of being an excellent mom and achieved that dream with four children and five grandchildren who adore her. If a life well lived is exemplified by how much a person is loved, Earleen lived so well she leaves many heartbroken at the loss of her. She was kind, generous, exhibited the highest integrity possible, cared about the environment and loved being a gardener and beekeeper. She trained as a medic in the Utah Air National Guard reserves and served for 13 years as tactical sergeant. She retired from the Moran Eye Center, where she relished being part of a community working to preserve and restore eyesight. That gift was returned to her by the loving doctors of the Moran in the last months of her life.

She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at age 10 in the Tabernacle on Temple Square. In her early adulthood, she served in the Young Women organization in her ward as a Beehive leader and loved the girls she taught. Most recently, she enjoyed serving the members of the 13th and Fair Oaks Wards as a Temple Worker, a Primary Teacher and then as a Counselor in the Relief Society Presidency.

She is survived by her children Tiffany (Terry) Parkin, Tami (Chris) Mandarino and Matthew (Dana) Porter; five grandchildren Keaton, Kienna, Kaden, Kolter and Isabella; two sisters, Maurine (James) Marshall and Thelma Smith; two brothers Archie (Cindy) Smith and Robert (Regina) Norton; several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews she adored.

She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Benjamin Joseph Porter, her father Maurice Julius Norton, mother Helenbeth Blackburn Smith, adoptive father, Heber Brown Smith, Sr., younger brothers Heber Brown Smith, Jr., Daniel LaVar Smith, and Wallace Blackburn Smith.



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Memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Sandy West Stake Center (8670 South 220 East) at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Moran Eye Center in her honor.



Tribute Wall

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WS

Wayne Sterling posted:

Sorry to hear the passing of your sister I wish I could be there for her service I know she in a better place I want send you my payer love Wayne

November 10 at 5:04 PM

SH

Shannon lit a candle in honor of Earleen .

I met Earleen working at the Moran Eye Center, although i did not work with her in the same department, I would see her in passing and she always made a point to stop me and say hello. I always got a very warm and kind feeling from her and that she genuinely cared for everyone. I am saddened that she is gone and will always carry a very special place for her in my heart. Shannon Anderson



November 9 at 11:39 AM

TF

Theresa Ferraro posted:

I'm so sad to hear about Earleen's passing. I worked with her at the Moran Eye Center and she was not only a great co-worker but someone who would always make me smile with her great sense of humor. What a great lady she was. She will be missed.-Theresa Ferraro

November 9 at 10:02 AM

BK

Barbara Korous posted:

Only occasionally do people come into our lives who can walk with us and form a bond of trust and friendship - Earleen was one of those people. When Earleen first came to work at the Moran Eye Center in 2002, I knew almost immediately that she was a person of great strength and courage. Earleen never compromised her principles and always stood up for what she believed. Her experiences in life were not easy, and she was challenged in many, many ways, but she always rose to the occasion and turned negatives into positives. She was a great example to me, and together we helped each other. She had a twinkle in her eye and brought humor and goodness to everyone she met. She loved to learn and was technically savvy, always looking for a more efficient way to do things. Earleen's family was everything to her - her kids, her grandkids and her siblings brought her the most joy and happiness. I will miss her every day. It has truly been an honor and privilege to call Earleen my friend. Barbara Korous

November 9 at 9:11 AM



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GH

Gloria Hake posted:

I have been so blessed to be called Earleen's friend. I am so thankful for her family for letting me spend time with her. She was a joy and so ready for this new journey and reunion. May we all hold onto the sweet memories. Gloria Hake

November 7 at 7:03 PM

KA

Kaye posted:

Earleen is one of those lady's you pray will enter your life. She was a friend. visiting teacher but most of all a great example of a child of our Heavenly Father. I will miss our time together talking about her love of her brother Jesus Christ, her family and her strong testimony. May her children know of her great love for them ALL.

November 7 at 4:12 PM

CS

Carlene Porter Singleton posted:

Earleen, because of your insight in interviewing my parents Bert and Emily porter we wouldnt have their life stories to read and enjoy. You were an important part of our lives for many years. Thank you.

November 7 at 3:23 PM

PH

Pandora Holder posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs to the family. Pandora (Pandy) Holder

November 7 at 2:23 PM

TN

Thelma Smith-Nilsson lit a candle in honor of Earleen .

May my sister rest in peace and may god bless all famoly and friends

November 7 at 1:48 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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