



# Esther Elaine Bishop Sivert

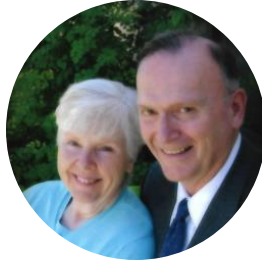
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**E**sther Elaine Bishop Sivert, 74, passed away peacefully at her home in Lehi, Utah on December 10, 2019, after a valiant battle with cancer. She departed this life surrounded by loved ones, holding the hand of her eternal sweetheart. Her final hours were spent with family singing hymns by her side, which was one of her greatest joys in life. Born September 26, 1945 in West Union, Iowa, Esther was the fifth of six children of Clifford Wilson Bishop and Agnes Benita Saltsgiver. She grew up on a dairy farm where she learned the value of family, hard work, and faith in Jesus Christ. Esther graduated with a double degree in music and elementary education from Upper Iowa University. There she met another music student, Dale Sivert, who became her eternal companion. Dale introduced her to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and after gaining her own testimony of the gospel, she was baptized on November 19, 1971. Dale and Esther were married on December 7, 1972 in the Logan Utah Temple. They eventually settled in Orem, Utah, where they raised eight children in a busy home filled with laughter and love. In so many ways, Esther was a teacher. She taught her children and grandchildren to love



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music, to love one another, and to love Christ. She taught the gospel through her many church callings. And she taught countless children as a music teacher and as a classroom teacher, including 18 years teaching at American Heritage School. She was a bright light to her students and a positive influence on all who knew her. Esther's musical talent and beautiful singing voice blessed many lives. She was a dedicated member of her ward choir, and was also an excellent soloist. She sang duets with her favorite singing partner, Dale, for many special family and church events. Their shared love of music will be a lasting legacy cherished by all their family. Esther served joyfully in many Church callings within the Primary, Young Women, and Relief Society. She diligently served alongside her husband when he was called as President of the Hidden Meadows Branch in Orem. She and Dale served as full-time missionaries in the Utah Orem Mission from May 2018 to May 2019, when they were released due to her declining health. Through all her service, she demonstrated unwavering faith in Christ. She will be remembered for her quick wit, vibrant personality, and compassionate heart. Many happy memories were made in her home. She was always up for a game of Yahtzee, Aggravation, or Scrabble. She could frequently be found putting together a puzzle, tending her garden and canning its bounty, or cheering on her Cougars in a BYU football game. Undoubtedly, the thing she loved most was spending time with her husband, children, and 33



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grandchildren.

Esther is survived by her husband Dale, her siblings Bonna Gehring and Neal Bishop, her eight

children and their spouses: Ben (Erin) Sivert, Bill (Megan) Sivert, Rebecca (Bruce) Jasper, Bob

(Shelli) Sivert, Jake (Marianne) Sivert, Buffy (Sam) Bentley, Bethany (Hardy) Cherry, and

Julianna (Braden) Allred, and her 33 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents

and her siblings Sally Buchholz, Clarence Bishop, and Harry Bishop.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse at 1801 W 700 S, Lehi, Utah. A viewing will be held at

the same location on Monday, December 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on

Tuesday. Interment will be at the Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah,

under the direction of Premier Funeral Services. The family requests that in lieu of flowers,

donations be made in Esther's name to the Huntsman Cancer Institute or Primary Children's

Hospital.



## Tribute Wall

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**Carson Passey** posted:

I remember her in the early 80's working with me in Primary, I remember when she was a devoted mother figure to me in her many capacities to serve other. I was always awestruck on how her children knew almost every answer in church. I loved being in their home and part of their lives.

November 28 at 1:22 PM

SM

**Stan Matuska** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss and Heaven's gain. Prayers knowing we will one day all be reunited.

December 14 at 12:45 PM

BA

**B & A Allred** posted:

To a wonderful, talented woman, wife, and mother. Happy memories and that warm feeling of Esther hugging you to her family. The Allred's

December 13 at 1:39 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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