



Helen Williams

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Mom left this world May 11th to join her daughter, Bonnie Williams; granddaughter, Heidi Kocha; her parents, Marjorie and Fred Tibbitts, Horace Andrus and her siblings, Ben Andrus and Phyllis Toigo. Mom was born on Valentines Day 1931. Her early years were difficult, and money was scarce, but they were rich with love. After moving many times her family finally landed in Tooele. This is where she met my dad, Jerry (Vernal) Williams. After three years of lying about her age, saying she was 18, they were married in 1949. Four babies were born, three girls and one boy. She was an excellent seamstress working for Mode O'Day. This talent poured into our home life as well, I remember wearing handmade clothes until High School. When her granddaughter, Stefani, asked our Mom to make her wedding dress, she did not hesitate to say yes. The dress was beautiful! Mom and Dad divorced in 1970 and mom started a new adventure. She managed two private clubs, The Norwood and Larry's Shop. She made many friends here and spoke of them often. This is where she met the love of her life, Joe Long. He built her the "little house" to pursue her interest in Porcelain Dolls. She made them from scratch starting with slip, molds, firing, painting, making their clothes. She sold some of her dolls for over a thousand dollars. Throughout her life she was an avid crocheter, making afghans, bedspreads, baby clothes, doilies, etc. She was also an amazing cook, baking for all of our friends and kids in the neighborhood, making cookies, cakes and pies. This earned her the honor of being called mom by all. Mom was a woman of many talents.

In 2003 while getting ready for the day, she fell to the floor and was paralyzed for the rest of her life. In 2004, Joe passed away. She spent the rest of her life as a single lady. She loved people, proven by how many friends she had, from Pat, Janet, Maureen spending hours conversing, her nurse Bethany, and her aide Martha.

We would like to thank Stefani and her husband for taking care of mom for the last three months. This made it possible for mom to stay in her own home.

Mom's greatest passion in life was her family. Grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, and nephews



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would call and visit her often throughout her life. Mom was the greatest mom; she was always there for us for everything. We knew every day how much she loved us and how proud she was of each of us. Mom will be missed every day by her family. Her children; Linda (Mike) Kocha, Carol (Brent) Hainey and David (Judi) Williams. Her 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and two great great granddaughters, nieces and nephews. We love you Mom
In lieu of flowers please donate to nokidhungry.org



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BE

Bethany posted:

Helen was so much fun to meet and get to know. I enjoyed eating ice cream and laughing with her. It was a delight to know her and care for her. 💜 Bethany

May 31 at 3:48 PM

LI

Linda lit a candle in honor of Helen.



When I was about four mom told me the devil lived in the canal behind the house. So one day I decided to go look at him. My friend Kathy and I with Bonnie in tow took off for the canal. Right before we got there we changed our minds. Lol About the same age Kathy and I went to see the neighbors rabbit. I stuck my finger in the cage, the rabbit tried to eat it. Kathy ran to mom yelling I had been eaten by a chicken. Mom did what all moms would do, she threw flour on it to stop the bleeding and rushed me to the doctors. After cleaning out the flour my finger was saved. I was almost five we moved to Rose Park. Only thing, mom, dad and Bonnie moved. I was saying good bye to my friend. Hours later they realized something wasn't quite right. They had left me at the old house. I was traumatized for years. Mom was the only person I knew that could sleep while floating in water. She would scare me half to death. We worked together for many years, we definitely could keep the customers laughing. When we quit in 1989 mom moved in with us for five years. The kids will always remember those special years. I could go on and on with so many memories. I might write more another day. I have picked up the phone every day to call her. Needless to say I will miss her. I love you mom ❤️

May 16 at 10:55 AM

LI

Linda posted:

Mom was the only person I knew that could sleep floating on her back. She scared me half to death. Mom and I worked together for many years. We kept people entertained and laughing. After we quit mom lived with us for five years. These are special years the kids will always remember. I have picked up phone at least three times a day to call her. To say the least I will miss her. I love you mom.



May 24 at 5:49 PM

CH

Carol Hainey posted:

Mom was always so pleasant with everyone. She was the original Koolaid mom. She taught us about grace and compassion and to laugh. I love you mom and will miss you forever

May 21 at 3:21 AM



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Pat posted:

I loved visiting with Helen. No matter how either of our days was going, she could make us laugh together. She never lost her sense of humor.

May 16 at 10:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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