



# Shelly Lynn Justesen

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**S**helly Lynn Justesen of Heber City, UT was called home by the angels to return to her Heavenly Father. Glory be to God. Born to Sheldon A Justesen and Janice D Justesen on Monday, July 24, 1939 in her grandparents' home in Spring City, UT. She is survived by the three daughters she always lived her life for as a single mother: Terri Andersen (West Jordan, UT), Celeste Demkov (Midvale, UT), and Natalie Jensen (Marble Canyon, AZ). Shelly had five very loved grandchildren: Amber (Brandon) Gibbs, Mishelle (Ellis Boyd) Andersen, James (Cassidy) Demkov, Michael (Tiffany) Demkov, and Chad (Sara) Mann. She had 13 great grandchildren: Dominick, Dezerae, Ashlee, Brandon Jr., MaKenzie, Zackery, Hunter, Dawson, Mason, Vinny, Mikayla, Anthony, and Nathan. Shelly also had four great great grandchildren: Jaden, Clover, Paizlee, and Ivy. Additional loved and special family members : Bob Bischoff, Deb Fisk, Bob Preston, Haley Miller, Trezz Rogers. She was preceded in death by her parents and amazing brothers Robert (Bob) and Keith JUSTESEN.

Mom was very patriotic and loved and respected her country and the flag of the United States of America. She loved to say the pledge of allegiance and taught us very young. She was so proud of her military uncles and brother Bob serving in the US Army, her grandson James Demkov serving 6 yrs in the US Navy, and her grandson Chad Mann serving 6 yrs in the US Air Force. Mom was also so proud of the strong women (especially daughters and granddaughters) in our family. She was proud of the mothers, sisters, aunts, cooks, and beautiful ladies they have become.

Mom touched many lives of humans and animals. She witnessed five generations of her legacy and was always so proud of us all. She loved all of her grandsons so much and loved to be one of the boys including telling them jokes or words that they probably should only say at home. She was excited to challenge her boys in cornhole because she had been practicing at the Rocky Mountain Care Lodge in Heber and doing very well. She was always looking for a challenge, a game, some fun or stories and some good food. She always cheered us on and was on our side no matter what. She loved us unconditionally one and all.



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She dearly loved dice and card games, bingo and lots of bling. She played 31, Uno, Skipbo, 10,000 Dice, Kings in the Corners, Scrabble, Chess and anything else anyone would ever play with her. She played Mario games on the early Nintendo and Wheel of Fortune. She won almost all the time at bingo and got her final 'Lights Out' 31 on her mother's birthday. Shelly loved to be glamorous and show off her beautiful bling bling. No matter what jewelry you were wearing, she commented on it and either wanted it or had something like it already. She left a lipstick kiss on everyone that was lucky enough to be close enough to her to get a big hug and kiss from her. She was always humming or softly singing random tunes as she always had a song in her heart. She loved to listen to beautiful singers and people playing instruments. Miss Shelly was all about her salsa and chips, pizza, chile verde, roasted jalapenos, and any hot and spicy Mexican food. She would say she was allergic to rice though, because she hated it so badly.

Shelly had strength beyond measure. When times got tough, she got tougher. She wouldn't let things beat her down because she knew she had to keep going. Her parents and grandparents taught her many values, ethics, and morals and she held her head high with pride, dignity, and grace as she ruled her kingdom throughout her short life. She passed on these teachings to her children and grandchildren. She always got glammed up and looked like a million bucks like royalty or a movie star. The brightest jewels she wore were her smile and the twinkle in her eyes.

Many of you who knew mom would say she always tried to prolong your departure because she just didn't want to see you leave. Her famous words were "before you go,.....". She loved to ride on a golf cart with her grandkids and raced her Jazzy cart down main street in Price UT, until the kind officer asked her to slow down a little. She was so lovable and to know her was to love her. Everyone that met her loved something about her and she loved something about them. Shelly and her family wish to thank her best caregivers, friends, and admin at Rocky Mountain Lodge in Heber, and all of her very special close friends in her ward and at Rocky Mountain. She loved attending her church services, taking sacrament and reading her scriptures.

Mom fought many illnesses in her life including cancer, kidney failure, and COVID-19. It took a triple whammy to take out this strong JUSTESEN woman. She passed in Davis Hospital while holding her stuffed elephant. She loved all animals as much or more than people sometimes. She rescued so many animals and people. All of her pets except her cat Bella Luce will be joining her in heaven. She will see Megan, Maggie Mae, Bornfree, Rukus, Bobbie, and many other animals of hers and ours. She mostly loved elephants and lions. She was so worried about why the elephants are dying off. It broke her heart.



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Mom died at 81 years old and that was too soon, but it was time to release herself from her tired Earthly body. Mom was very mentally and physically strong to the very end of her Earthly life. She was always spiritual and researched and was 'saved' by many churches, but she finally achieved her sacred endowments in the LDS Mormon Temple in Provo, UT. It was an accomplishment she worked for and desired her entire life and her grandparents and family are so proud of. We are beyond blessed and grateful for the love, memories, teachings, and smiles that she gave us all. Mom, we know you are dancing in the sky and reunited with your beautiful family and we rejoice you in that. We will never forget someone who gave us so much to remember. You are our sunshine!!!

Location for cremation dedication to be announced shortly. Graveside in Price Ut to be announced in the near future. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please donate and support Animal Shelters, Elephants, and Wildlife funds in her honor.



# Tribute Wall

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**Chad** posted:

Some mild adult content here:One time when I was really little, I went with grandma to here doctor appointment and I remember just wondering through the hospital until I found the bowl of "balloons" put a couple in my pocket and left with grandma. Grandma took me to the diner in price after and I started blowing up a "balloon" I still to this day remember grandmas shocked face when she said "sweetly what do you have there?" A balloon... " that's not a balloon honey" (it was a condom)

September 25 at 5:27 AM



**Terri Andersen** September 25 at 2:10 PM

That's hilarious! That's sounds like you and her!



**Amber Gibbs** lit a candle in honor of Shelly.



September 3 at 1:55 PM



**Terri Andersen** posted:

I just wanted to recognize Amber and Brandon Gibbs and their children Dom, Dez, Ashlee, Brandon Jr for their continuous, ongoing support and care to Mom/Grandma. They have taken care of our sweet mom/Grandma and done so many things for her and us when we moved her to Heber, UT and for the many years she lived in Heber UT to make it her home. She was always comforted knowing they were close enough to help her. They would do her laundry and so many things, or send her a hamburger or something from a local takeout or restaurant. There were so many shopping lists and even trips to cleaning up spilled salsa later in the evening! :) So many stories.I also want to recognize Mishelle Andersen and Ellis Boyd for their many visits and trips for Mom/Grandma. Thank you to Mishelle for sharing her man with Grandma. She loved Ellis like a boyfriend. When mom was sick 2-3 times while she was in Heber, Amber and family and Mishelle and family were with us at her bedside visiting and in our prayer vigils to ask for her to get well and stay longer. So much help and support and loving memories created.Mom and I are eternally grateful for their loving help and support in helping to make her golden years so amazing and fun. She always felt so very loved and respected. Thank you to my daughters and families and all of those who contributed to making Shelly's life so wonderful! LOVE to ALL!

September 1 at 4:25 AM



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**Terri Andersen** shared a photo to the **Shelly J ~ Out and about** album.



September 1 at 4:11 AM



**Celeste Demkov** lit a candle in honor of Shelly.

Mom always said walk with pride and be proud of who you are ❤️



August 29 at 9:55 AM



**Terri Andersen** lit a candle in honor of Shelly.



August 28 at 12:20 PM



**Terri Andersen** shared an album called **Shelly Justesen friends and family photos**.



August 28 at 12:18 PM



Terri Andersen shared a photo to the **Shelly J ~ Out and about** album.

September 1 at 4:11 AM



Mom ~ On our way to Chicks for dinner.



**Terri Andersen** shared 13 photos to the **Shelly Justesen friends and family photos** album. August 28 at 12:18 PM



**TA** **Terri Andersen** August 28 at 12:31 PM  
Mom's wedding photo to our dad. She was about 16 y.o.



Going to the Aquarium with Mishelle and Ellis.



Christmas in Heber 2019 with family.



# Media

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Flowers from family. She thought they were so beautiful.



Bella Luce, the wild kitty with a heart on her tummy!





**Media**

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Always ready for a festive celebration!



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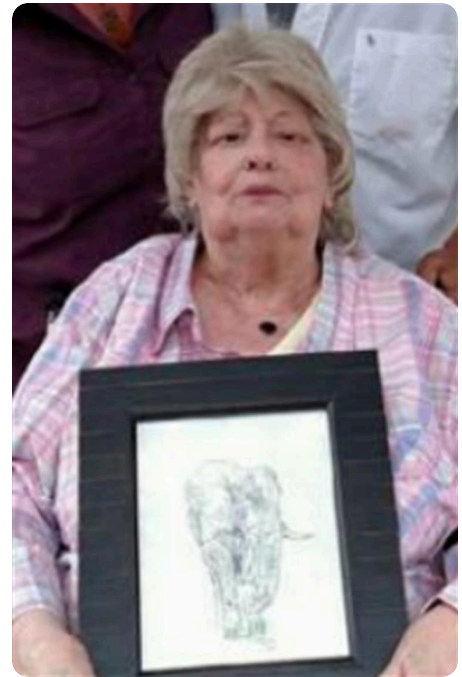
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Dinner at Dees. She loved a great diner hamburger!



Mom loved elephants. Bob Preston drew her this elephants that she dearly loved.



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Mother elephants take very good care of their babies, just like mom did.



Mom as a young girl, maybe 7 or 8 y.o.?



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

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



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