



Shirley Blanche Phelps Wilson

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Shirley Blanche Phelps Wilson was born December 2, 1940, in Jacksonville, Florida. After a quick and unexpected illness, she passed from this world on Saturday, December 17, 2022, in her Orem Utah home, surrounded by her children.

Shirley is the daughter of Milton Laurence Phelps and Irma Marie Sattler Phelps. Shirley was a beautiful baby who was quick to smile and giggle. As she grew, young Shirley showed a love for singing, sewing, and being a doting sister, but never quite came to love her middle name. She enjoyed her life in Jacksonville, until circumstances caused her mother to move her children across the country to Montebello, California, in 1956. Shirley was fifteen years old at the time and thought her life was over (as any teen would feel about leaving dear friends). Shirley didn't know it then, but this move would become a pivotal moment in her life, a change that would echo through the eternities.

In Montebello, Shirley quickly lost her southern accent, but found friends and she and her family began to consider Southern California home. Following her graduation from Montebello High School in 1959, she moved to Provo Utah to attend Brigham Young University. Coming home for Christmas her freshman year triggered a whirlwind of events that began when she met a handsome recently returned missionary whose eyes sparkled and cheeks blushed when he looked at her. It really was love at first sight and he was determined to win her heart. Shirley did not return to BYU.

Shirley married Ronald George Wilson in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Los Angeles Temple on August 27, 1960. Shirley and Ron began their life together in married bliss. Shirley thought her heart would burst, and couldn't imagine she could love any greater, until another boy entered her life. In 1962 Shirley gave birth to their first child, Steven. Three more



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children followed while in California: Ron, Sean, and Shirlene. With the birth of each child Shirley wondered how she could grow to further love so intensely.

Shirley and Ron lived in various homes in southern California (including a brief detour to Scottsdale Arizona) for more than a decade. In a flash of inspiration, Shirley and Ron moved their young family from southern California to Logan Utah in 1974. Their children at first wondered if their parents were delusional taking them from the sand and waves of Huntington Beach to the alfalfa fields and cows of North Logan. Logan was only a short stop, as Shirley and Ron moved their family to Alpine Utah in 1975.

Shirley and Ron quickly realized that Alpine was a wonderful place to raise their family. In 1976, the family became complete when Chris arrived. Shirley was enchanted with this adorable baby, and her heart again expanded with love for her youngest son. While living in Alpine, Ron and Shirley made many life-long friends as they served in various roles in the community and church. These years in Alpine contain many cherished memories and relationships. Years later they moved to American Fork Utah, Kingwood Texas, and Orem Utah.

Shirley is a loving soul who always thought of others needs before her own. She is an exemplary spouse and mother and is loved and honored by her progeny. She took pride in keeping a lovely home and perfecting her skills as a self-taught seamstress and master quilter. Throughout her life she used her many talents to serve and bless the lives of others.

Shirley was raised a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her baptism at eight years of age started a life-long discipleship to Jesus Christ and His gospel. She loved her Savior and Heavenly Father with a deep devotion. She served in many church leadership callings, including a full-time mission with Ron in West Virginia. Shirley's faith in eternal families was more profound in recent years as she found peace in the temple and yearned to join her beloved Ron following his passing.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Nancy Sego, brothers Larry Phelps and Bob Phelps, daughter-in-law Kemley Wilson, and her eternal sweetheart, Ron. She is survived by her sisters Carole Young and Joan Schaller, her brother Ron Phelps, and children Steven Mark, Ronald Scott (Andrea), Michael Sean (Lisa), Shirlene Barlow (Matthew), Christopher James (Summer), fifteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



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Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 28, 2022, in the Orem Suncrest 5th Ward meetinghouse located at 140 N 400 W Orem, Utah. A viewing will occur prior to services Wednesday at the church from 9:30am-10:30am. Interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery.



Events

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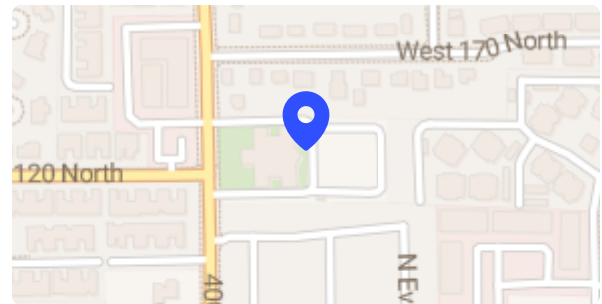
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Viewing

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM MT

Suncrest 5th Ward
Suncrest 5th Ward, Orem UT

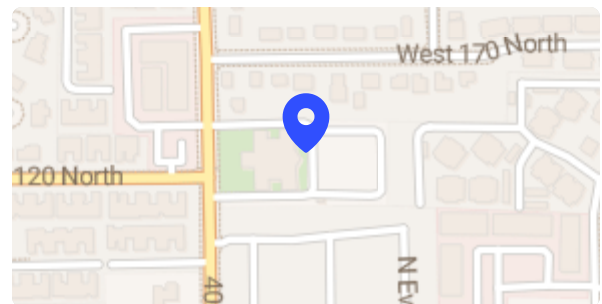


Funeral Service

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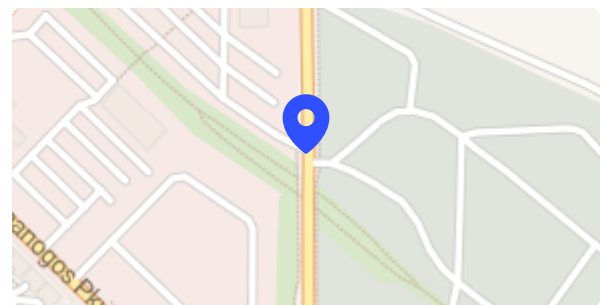
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Suncrest 5th Ward
Suncrest 5th Ward, Orem UT



Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery
1520 North 800 East, Orem UT 84058





Tribute Wall

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Linda Kimble posted:

Shirley was one of the sweetest, caring sister missionaries whom I ever met! She continued to stay in touch with us long after she went home from her mission. She and her husband made a big impact on our ward as they served others so selflessly and gave their all to the building of Zion. As we were leaving to serve our own mission, I took with me the winter coat which she had brought for her mission and I was so grateful for it on the cold days in OR. We will forever be grateful for all that they did for us personally, for our family, and for our ward and community. God bless you forever, dear Shirley! And God bless all of your family and friends with sweet memories and the hope the Lord gives us that it won't be long until we meet again.

December 27 at 4:33 AM



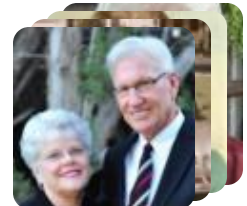
Ron Phelps posted:

My Sweet Sister. I already miss the texts, the jokes, the laughter, the spontaneous calls, the protection, the guidance, the wisdom, the grace you so fully gave to me. I will treasure the words of your last text " Know that you have a big sister in Utah who loves you with her whole heart. Tuck that in your heart forever." I shall. You have now slipped from our today to your eternity. We pause to see your smile as a beacon. We see your peace. Our reach is reaching and we will see you in the forever!

December 20 at 11:53 AM



Ron Wilson shared 4 photos to the **Memories** album.



December 19 at 2:31 PM



Media

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Great-grandmother



BYU Freshman



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Happy Bride 1960



Shirley and Ron



Memories only last if you share them

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



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