



Ila Jean Davis

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Ila Jean Davis, 85, began her heavenly reward on May 10, 2023. Ila was born on February 5, 1938 in Coalville Utah to Melvin and Beulah Saxton.

As a child, Ila loved spending time in the mountains with her Dad and Grandpa herding sheep and riding horses.

Ila began loving and raising children at a very young age but waited until 1976 to meet her soul mate. She married DeWayne Davis on March 15, 1977 and moved to Auburn, Washington. Ila had so much love for children, she began a new career as a special needs teacher in the Seattle School District. She and her husband retired in 2000 and moved to Helena, Montana where they enjoyed their retired life camping, ATV riding and spending time with their many newfound friends. With her friends, she loved swimming at the YMCA, playing cards, Bunco, going to the casino and shopping. But her greatest joy was cooking and baking for her family and friends. She always had coffee on and some homemade goody she insisted on feeding you. Her legendary homemade bread and “scones” will be missed by anyone who was fortunate enough to have eaten them.

Ila came full circle and returned to Utah in December 2022. She spent her final few months at Sundridge Assisted Living in Layton Utah where she endeared herself to both the residents and staff. Once again she enjoyed playing games and the many activities Sundridge offered.

Ila never met a stranger. Everyone who crossed paths with her was a better person for it. She made friends easily and had many lifelong friends with whom she kept in contact for the rest of her life.

Even though Ila enjoyed an active life, her greatest joy was her 6 children and especially her 14 grandchildren, and too many to count great grandchildren. She reveled in spending time and loving all of them. She celebrated every success and encouraged all of their dreams.



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She is survived by 3 of her children, Susan Isbell (Bob) of Layton Utah, Marla Sherrard (Myron) of Oro Valley Arizona, and Brady Wilkerson (Merla) of Helena Montana, daughter-in-law Donna Wilkerson of Helena Montana, and her sister, Marsha Jones (Lehi Utah)

Preceded in death were her husband, DeWayne, and 3 of her sons, Denny, Mark and Billy. Also preceded in death were her parents, Melvin and Beulah Saxton and 2 sisters, Norene and Lucille.

A celebration of life will be in Helena Montana at a later date.



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LG

Lisa Gadaire posted:

Ila was one in a million. She brought so much joy to those around her. Her door was always open and we had many conversations about life over a fresh cup of coffee. Ila was a giver...she spent countless hours volunteering where I work. She shared her love of making cards, bringing us her yummy treats and providing lunch for all of us. Of course, she went home with a box of our tomatoes. The Farm in the Dell truly misses their great friend. It is hard to believe that my wonderful friend is gone but I cherish the memories that we shared.

June 4 at 3:23 AM

NC

Nila Christensen posted:

She has been reunited with her good friend "Fetch". They spent many hours talking on the phone after Dewayne's passing and before Parkinsons made it difficult for him to speak. They are the dearest of friends.

May 19 at 9:44 AM

DF

Dixie & Turf Finnegan lit a candle in honor of Ila.

Dixie Turf Finnegan lit a candle in memory of Ila Davis

May 14 at 9:25 AM



DF

Dixie Finnegan posted:

The world has now had to say "good bye" to one of the "good ones" and Heaven has a new Angel! I was so blessed to be able to call Ila one of those friends you can count on one hand in you life. She was such a dear, sweet person and I cannot picture my life without her having been in it all these years. She taught me how to live fully like she did. We laughed and cried together, we shared, counseled, gave each other advice and vented, and always loved and hugged each other! Her kind and generous soul will be surely missed by everyone who knew her or ever came into contact with her...especially ME! Dixie Finnegan

May 14 at 7:03 AM



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Brenda Mudgett posted:

I am a regular volunteer with the LDS Church at Sunridge, and feel blessed to have known Ila for the few short months she was there. She was a ray of sunshine and a blessing to all who knew her. She was often seen showing concern and friendship especially for those who had special needs. She was such a pleasant and lovely lady, and will truly be missed. Condolences and prayers for all the family. 🙏 God bless you all at this sad and difficult time.

May 13 at 3:56 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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