



# **Geraldine Hancock Woodward**

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**G**eraldine (Gerri) Hancock Woodward passed away on July 23, 2023 in Provo, Utah at the age of 80. She was born in Glendale, California on December 9, 1942. She married John L. Woodward on June 4, 1964 after meeting at Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah. Her parents are Wayne Hancock and Phyllis Lines.

The surviving members of John and Gerri's family are six children: Daughter Wendy W. Hill, of Irvine, CA wife of Boyd Hill, with sons Mark, Blake and Brent, daughter Jocelyn. Son Daniel L. Woodward of Provo, Utah, and his wife Shelly with sons Daniel L Jr, Joshua, and James and daughters Coral, Crystal, and Amanda. Daniel and Shelly Woodward have 12 grandchildren. Son Whitney H. Woodward and his wife Anne live in Heber City, Utah. Daughter Hillary Woodward lives in New York, NY. Daughter Candice A. W. Hansen of Ft. Worth, Texas is the wife of Brian Hansen with their son Grey. Daughter Lindsey A. Sutton is the wife of Jasher Sutton living in Nashville, TN and Tokyo, Japan with daughters Allegra and Eliska.

As a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gerri liberally shared her talent as an organist and pianist with the church. She also served as an Ordinance Worker in the San Antonio Texas Temple.

She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education at BYU in 1964 and taught Fourth Grade in West Lafayette, Indiana from 1964 to 1967. She later taught piano for 30+ years, mostly in San Antonio, TX.

Gerri and John traveled extensively, often with his sister Sharon and her husband David Smith. They toured Canada (where they lived for 2 years), United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Lichtenstein, Belgium, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Ecuador, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, and every State in the USA. She enjoyed playing card games and tennis and was recognized as a welcoming hostess and



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family chef, loved by all who knew her.

Gerri's funeral will be on Saturday, August 5th at Grandview South Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1122 Grand Avenue, Provo, UT. 9:30 am Viewing / Visitation; 11:00 am Funeral Service (Celebration of Life); 12:00 pm Luncheon. Flowers can be sent to the address of the church. Donations in honor of Gerri can be sent to a cancer-related charity of your choice.



# Events

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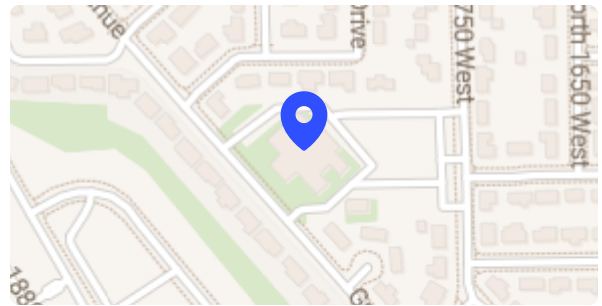
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## Viewing

**Saturday**, August 5, 2023

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM MT

**LDS Church**  
1122 Grand Avenue, Provo UT

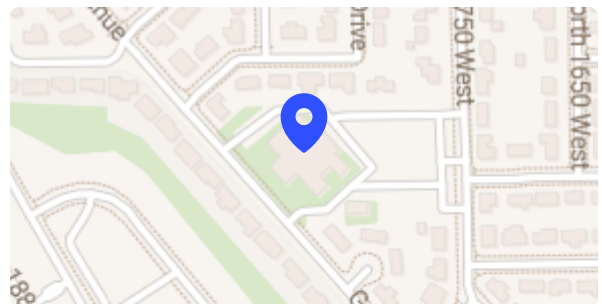


## Funeral Service

**Saturday**, August 5, 2023

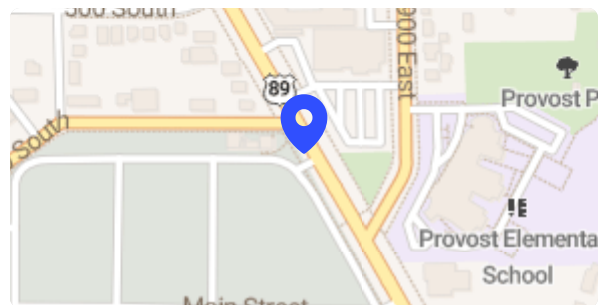
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT

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## Cemetery Details

**Provo City Cemetery**  
610 South State Street, Provo UT





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MP

**Melinda Preator** posted:

I just heard about Geri's passing. She taught three of my children piano for many years. My oldest would take lessons in the morning before school and Sister Woodward would give her a ride to Bush MS after her lessons were over. They had great conversations and Cali loved those rides to school. We all loved her freshly baked bread loaves that she would gift the kids. Her dill dip at the piano recitals was legendary and my daughter raved about how delicious it was. I always considered her our kids Texas Grandma. She served and loved her piano students and their families in so many ways. We have many great memories of recitals in her home. -The Preator Family - Cali, Kensi, and Luke

September 6 at 6:05 PM

BH

**Brenda W Hassell** posted:

My husband Jay and I loved John and Geri and feel blessed to have known them, worked side by side in the Church with them and benefitted from their many talents which they shared with us and everyone so generously!!! We have been impressed over the years at the many accomplishments of their children which reflect on the excellent parenting they received. Geri was a wonderful gracious hostess and we looked forward to spending some enjoyable time with them when possible. Geri has had a number of difficult health issues in these last years but was always so patient in her trials. Her strong faith definitely helped her pull through. All of us who knew Geri will miss her significantly and pray God will comfort her family. We know she is happy to rejoin John and we will be happy when we can all be together again. The H. Jay Hassell family

August 4 at 12:18 PM

HH

**Heidi Mendez Harrison** posted:

Gerri was wonderful! Loved her! My most precious memory is her being proxy for my mother when I got sealed to my deceased parents at the San Antonio temple. Wish I had known she was in Provo now. I moved to Herriman a year ago. I am sorry to miss her funeral - on my way to New York right now.

August 3 at 7:01 PM



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YA

**Yolanda Adams** posted:

In Memory of Gerri and John - Our Good Friends. Gerri was our first friend in San Antonio, and she was immediately interested in our family. She loved to hear about our children's whereabouts. We will remember Gerri and John forever. It was a privilege to have known them. We have met few people so genuine and generous as them. We knew them for their love of their family and their enthusiasm for life, gathering in each other's homes, eating out at restaurants, or going to plays and concerts. We will always remember Gerri's involvement in community activities, faith in God, and service as well as inviting friends to wonderful dinners, including tasty rolls and desserts. We never went home after eating until we had played games. Our Shih-Tzu dogs were always invited to each other's homes when we were out of town. Gerri and John were passionate about living life to the fullest - we believe they did! We love them and we miss them! Michael & Yolanda Adams family

August 3 at 1:10 PM

DH

**Don Hundley** posted:

I was a young man in the same ward as Brother and Sister Woodward. My mom worked at the high school and would have to be at work long before I was due to go to middle school classes. Sister Woodward lovingly offered to let me go to their house every morning and I'd ride the bus with Candace and Lindsay to go to school. Every day, she would make me two eggs, over-easy, with two slices of buttered wheat bread toast. She taught me to put a lid on the eggs while frying to achieve the perfect over-easy outcome with the whites totally cooked and the yolk still runny. To this day, I still use her technique. I have passed this technique into my wife and children. I never thanked her and her family enough for their loving hospitality. I will "pay it forward" in remembrance of her loving spirit.

August 1 at 1:56 AM

MS

**Melissa Sonksen** August 4 at 5:56 PM

This is really beautiful and I lived very close to them and never knew this. Geri was always serving. She was a rare gem of a woman who was accomplished and respected by all who knew her.



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RW

**Rebecca Wood** posted:

Gracious, talented, intelligent, sociable, spiritual, well dressed, well mannered are some of my descriptions of Gerri. We moved onto the same street in 2006. We didn't meet them right away because they were on a trip to the Galápagos Islands. They always went on such cool trips. She introduced us to a lot of people in the neighborhood and stake. She was well known and loved in the neighborhood as well as at church. One neighbor told me that for their Red Hat Ladies group she organized a trip to the San Antonio Temple Open House. She played Bunco with several neighborhood women. She was a wonderful hostess, a great cook and especially a good dinner roll baker. Card playing was one of her skills. When we played cards with her, she had to keep repeating instructions to me, a very inexperienced player. Gerri served as Sonterra Ward Music Chairman so we did a lot together. One of my first callings in Sonterra was ward choir director. Choir practice was at the Woodward's house. She also accompanied me when I did some violin solos. We did piano duets a few times. She actively recruited people to share their musical talents for intermediate hymns for Sacrament Meeting and other special activities. A talented musician, she sang in choir, played the organ, accompanied people, kept the choir music and taught piano for decades. I'm sure there are pianists all over the country who got their start by taking lessons from her. I was her visiting teacher off and on. I learned a lot about her family during my visits. Over the years, I was able to meet all the children. Her family was so important to her. She was willing to help when needed, I pray for comfort to the Woodward family at the loss of Gerri, especially since it's so soon after John's passing.

July 31 at 5:15 PM

HC

**Heidi Crockett** posted:

We lived up the street from Geri for 15 years. She taught piano to all 4 of my kids and we went to church with her. She made the best rolls and her Christmas recitals all included a festive singalong afterwards. We have loved having Geri in our lives- I will miss her energy and spunk. My heart goes out to her family; I feel like we are all family! And I'm so happy that she is now having a glorious reunion with John and her ancestors and friends.- Heidi and Andy Crockett family

July 31 at 7:55 AM

KS

**Kristy Sandoval** posted:

Gerry was a great lady. I enjoyed serving in Primary with her when I was the secretary and she played the piano. She had my husband and I over for dinner once too. She made really good rolls! Condolences to her husband and family.

July 31 at 7:52 AM



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**Tara Collette** posted:

Gerri was a light and blessing to everyone who she came in contact with. She holds a special place in my heart. Prayers and hugs to all her family, who I know she loves dearly. May you find some comfort during this difficult time. Sincerely, Tara Collette (former ward member in San Antonio, TX)

July 31 at 6:54 AM



**Melissa Hayhurst** July 31 at 7:09 AM

Gerri graciously accepted to play the piano for our son's baptism last year. She was amazing at the piano and could follow the Primary chorister like a boss. We miss her dearly and hope that the Holy Spirit will bless you with peace at this time. All our love, The Hayhurst Family (San Antonio, TX)



**Dan** shared 6 photos to the **Mom** album.



July 31 at 5:51 AM



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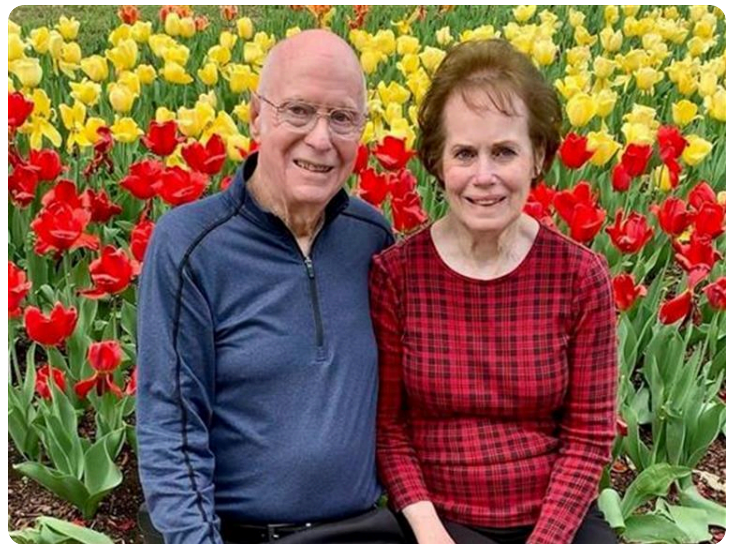
Mom growing up in California



Mom, Dad and Oreo



Mom and Dad at their Sealing



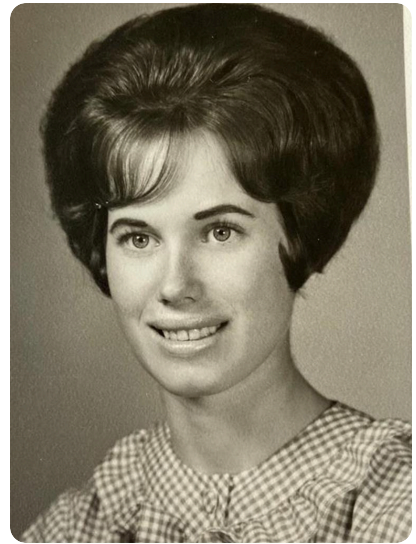
Mom and Dad



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Mom and her beloved piano

Mom her senior year at BYU



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

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



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