



Tamara Gifford Keele

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With heartfelt gratitude for her life, we announce the passing of Tamara Gifford Keele. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on October 21, 2023 after a long battle with a neurological illness.

Tammy was known for her strong moral compass and high standard of honesty in all she did. She was a selfless wife and mother who hardly ever sat still—she was always cleaning, cooking, working, exercising, caring for her family, and serving faithfully at church.

Tammy was born on April 23, 1959 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She grew up in Henderson, Nevada as the seventh of eight children. She married Melvin Richard Keele Jr. (Dick) on June 15, 1978 in the Manti, Utah temple and they were happily married for 45 years. Dick's fun loving and free spirit was perfectly balanced by Tammy's practicality and steadiness. They made a great team together and raised their four children harmoniously. Dick and Tammy moved to Provo, UT in 1986 where they lived until she passed away. Tammy worked for 20 years at Rite-Aid pharmacy where she was beloved by both customers and coworkers.

Tammy was a perfectionist and ran an efficient household that was always clean and tidy. She was a great cook and her family loved to gather around the meals she created. She loved holidays and making her family members feel special with decorations, gifts, and words of love. She had a warm personality that made all who met her feel welcome and at ease.

Tammy was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and had a strong testimony of the Book of Mormon and the temple. She served in many capacities and especially loved serving many years in the Young Women and Relief Society organizations. She was known as a compassionate and dependable force for good.

Tammy is survived by her husband and four children, Tom (Emily), Emily Barnett



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(Kameron), Brenton, and Ryan (Nichole). She is also survived by her eleven grandchildren. Her family wishes to thank staff from iCare, Aspen Senior Care, and MAG who helped care for Tammy for the past few years. We are grateful for your compassionate and competent care for Tammy and the support given to Dick who served tirelessly as her primary caregiver.

Funeral services will be on Saturday October 28th at the Valley Vista Chapel located at 1456 East 300 North in Provo, Utah. A viewing will be held from 10 am to 10:45 am and funeral services will begin at 11 am.



Events


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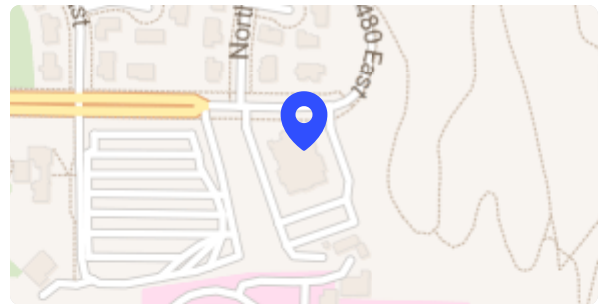
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023

 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM MT


 **Valley Vista Meeting House LDS Church**
1456 East 320 North, Provo UT

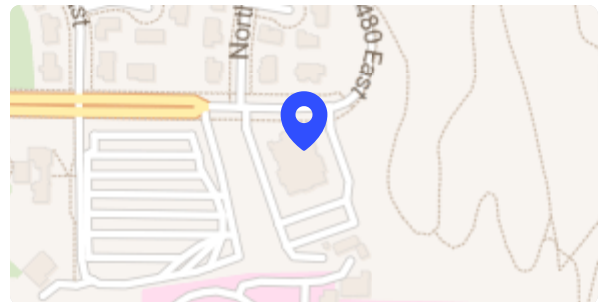


Funeral

 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023

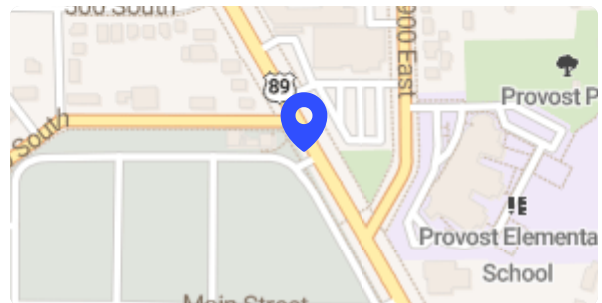
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Cemetery Details

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





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AH

Anita Neill Hall posted:

She was a wonderful person classmate may she rest in heavenly peace

May 5 at 7:03 AM

FW

Faylene Weinman lit a candle in honor of Tamara.

Faylene Weinman lit a candle in memory of Tamara Keele

October 26 at 4:55 AM



FF

Frandsen Family posted:

We are so grateful for the friendship and examples that came from Tammy and her family. Dick and her children are all great tributes to her love, strength and wisdom. All our love to you, Michael and Dawn Frandsen

October 25 at 1:45 AM

JC

Julianne Chambers posted:

My Dear Keele family, I am so sorry to hear this news. I was Dick and Tammy's neighbor for 12 years in Provo. I was blessed to have her as a consistent presence in my life even if it was just a quick wave when we were both running to work. Dick of course took care of so many things for me and I loved knowing I could count on their love and friendship. I pray for peace and I send my truest love to each of you. Julie Chambers

October 24 at 9:21 AM



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Jill Law posted:

Aunt Tammy allowed me to spend an Easter with them one year when I was in college. I remember that she bought everyone peeps so that they could explode them in the microwave. She was very generous and kind to let us make that mess, which I am pretty sure she cleaned up. We had a great time laughing and experimenting with peeps and microwaves. I love Aunt Tammy and I am thankful for her steadfast example of faith and love.

October 23 at 11:50 AM



Stella Swallick December 7 at 10:56 PM

I met Tammy only once when she had her first child. Her and Dick came to visit us at our home in Las Vegas. She had kind eyes. Dick was very happy and I knew she would bless him with a good life forever. She did. Now she's another angel in Heaven. RIP Tammy.



Phyllis Wilkins October 23 at 3:17 PM

I remember 100 years ago back in 1976, Tammy, Rhea, my sisters Wendy and Ruth and myself went to see Olivia Newton-John at the Stardust Hotel. We had a fantastic time! What a show! One of my favorite memories with the Gifford girls... ☐



Memories only last if you share them

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



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