



# **Phyllis Delores (Calkins) Kelly**

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**P**hyllis Delores (Calkins) Kelly went home into the loving arms of her heavenly family on March 26, 2024 at age 70. She was born on January 23, 1954 in Great Falls, Montana to Albert and Goldie (Price) Calkins. She was the 10th of 11 children, 3 brothers and 7 sisters.

Phyllis lived in Great Falls until high school and then lived 2 years in Kalispell, Montana. She attended Ricks college and BYU where she met her husband, Bruce Elvin Kelly. They were married on November 21, 1975 in the Salt Lake Temple and lived all of their married lives here in Orem, Utah. They have 5 children, 19 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her sons Brian and Nathan, her parents, and her siblings: Elizabeth Stover, Ruth Cabbage, Lionel Calkins, Sharon Willis, Bonnie Melancon, and Gary Calkins.

She is survived by her husband and her children: Lisa (Sergio) Montes, Jennifer Kelly, and Amy (Matthew) Garner; her daughter-in-law Lisa Quist Kelly; her grandchildren Jacob, Samantha, Amelia, Brooklyn, Sophie, Olivia, Autumn, Tiana, Angel, Ammon, Alexa, Isaac, Caleb, Patrick, Stephen, William, Sariah, Julia, and Erica; her great-grandchildren Theodore, Oliver, and Addison; her siblings Bill Calkins, Beverly Wolford, Linda Brunson, and Karen Winter.

She loved learning, reading, and in her younger years, swimming and camping. She enjoyed helping Bruce in some of his jobs, usually being his secretary. She enjoyed traveling to different states with his work, including Alaska and Hawaii. She also got to travel with him to install carpet in the Tahiti temple.

Phyllis loved the gospel. She served in the Mt. Timpanogos Temple and enjoyed working at the PERC library (Parent Education Resource Center) as well as other odd jobs. She also enjoyed gardening and canning fruit harvested from the family orchard. She would often visit people in the rest home.



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Her grandchildren could always count on her to have fresh play dough, crayons, and ice cream in the house. There were good books to read and games to play. She loved to have the family all together as much as she could.

Phyllis lived a humble life. She did not enjoy being the center of attention or in the spot light. She very much disliked anyone being critical of others.

Phyllis loved being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She had many happy times in her younger years growing up in a large family, out in the country in Great Falls on the banks of the Missouri River. It was here that her 5-year old nephew Randy Cabbage drowned, which incident helped her develop a testimony of Jesus Christ, his grace and forgiveness, and the resurrection that comes through His merits. We miss her very much but are grateful she is enjoying a glorious reunion with her sons and other family members.

We appreciate and are grateful for the love and support given by many of you as our mom struggled through these difficult times.

A viewing will be held on April 1st at 9:00 am with the service to follow at 11:00 am at the Orem Utah Hillcrest Stake Center located at 1450 South 800 East, Orem, Utah. Interment will take place following the service at the Orem City Cemetery.

For those who would like to contribute toward medical expenses, you may do so here:

<https://www.givesendgo.com/PhyllisKelly>



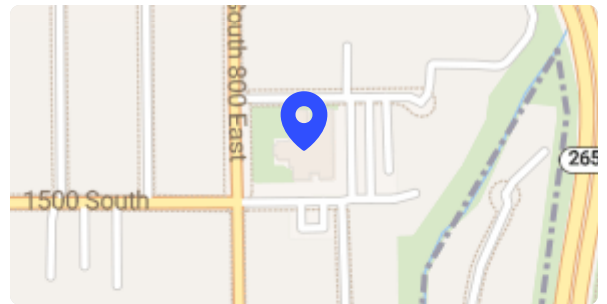
# Events

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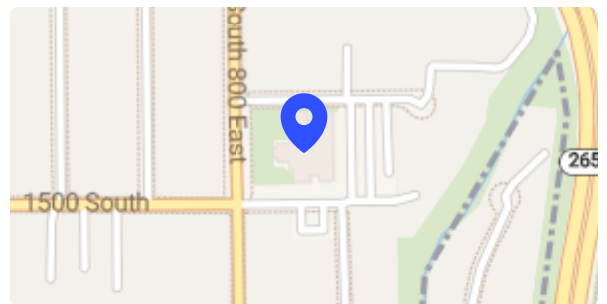
## Viewing

- Monday**, April 1, 2024
- 9:00 AM MT
- Hillcrest Stake Center**  
1450 South 800 East, Orem UT



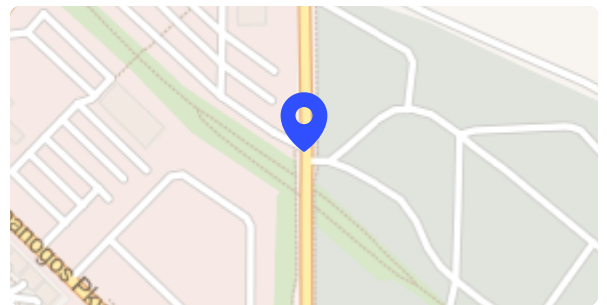
## Funeral Service

- Monday**, April 1, 2024
- 11:00 AM MT
- Hillcrest Stake Center**  
1450 South 800 East, Orem UT



## Cemetery Details

- Orem City Cemetery**  
1520 North 800 East, Orem UT 84058





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**Don Willis** posted:

I remember when Phyllis was 20 years old, when my Mom and Dad were separated living in Ogden Utah with my sister Gayle and Karen Calkins, it was a very difficult time, I'm great full she was there for us. Love you Phyllis, I'll miss you!

March 18 at 9:14 PM



**Don Willis** posted:

I'll miss you every day Phyllis, love you, thank you for being here for Mom in 2012

March 18 at 8:57 PM



**Kurt Cabbage** posted:

I always appreciated how aunt Phyllis would always exhibit her love for people by sending a card for Christmas and their birthday! What a thoughtful lady she was. One of the most caring person I knew.

April 13 at 5:23 PM



**Leslie Hendricksen** posted:

We will miss your sweet, quiet countenance. I remember you running me out a roll of dimes when I would drive Lisa to school in the mornings in the suburban to fill it up with gas. I remember the many sleep overs at your house and how you would go around the kitchen in your apron. You were always so kind to me and my family and I appreciated your example. I'm so glad you get to be with your boys. I'm sure your heart and arms are full!

March 29 at 11:14 AM



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**Katherine Griffin** posted:

Growing up with a single-working mom, my sisters and I were often left to our own designs. There were two families that kept their eyes on us, the Porter's and of course the Kelly's. Phyllis was always so warm and loving, no matter the amount of racket or trouble, I am sure, we got her girls into. For some reason, one of my strongest childhood memories of her involved pizza. I was over at their house, and Phyllis made "bubble" pizza (or at least that is what I remember it being called). I was so confused by this, until I saw the giant bubbles that were all over the pizza. Over the 30 years plus since that memory, every time I see a giant bubble on a pizza slice I think of her, that day, and the quiet but fierce love and care that she and Bruce had/have not only for three little girls but everyone around them. You are missed Phyllis.

March 28 at 10:56 AM



**Lauri (Pratt) Madsen** April 1 at 12:53 PM

So nice to be neighbors. The Kellys always felt like an extension to my home. I so enjoyed serving in church callings with Phyllis.



**Joyce Porter** March 28 at 6:00 PM

I always remember the many slumber parties we had and she was always so kind every time we slept over. We had our many adventures involving the trampoline. That was just one of the many memories at the Kelly home and Sister Kelly



**Matt Winter** posted:

"Your life was a testament to the power of kindness, the strength of character, and the beauty of a life well-lived" See you on the other side Aunt Phyllis.

March 28 at 10:52 AM



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

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



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