



Heather June Hardy Betteridge

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Heather June Hardy Betteridge, 65, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 27, 2024, and returned to the waiting arms of her parents.

Heather and her husband had just completed a mission to England for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when she began to suffer symptoms related to a brain tumor. She passed away just two and a half weeks after her diagnosis, providing precious days filled with expressions of love and reminiscing of a life joyfully lived. Heather was born in San Jose, California, to Douglas Woodford Hardy and Evelyn Louise Moncur. She is the sixth of 11 children and was seen as the “glue” of the family. Their home in San Jose provided a fertile environment for her to develop her love of music, dance and learning. Her parents provided many opportunities for her to study and perform on the piano, the violin and sing. One of her favorite opportunities was to sing in the multi-stake production of Mendelssohn’s Elijah Oratorio. She found great joy attending and developing her interpersonal skills at Young Womens Camp each year. Having pursued summer school opportunities in high school, she was able to graduate a year early and was accepted to Brigham Young University Provo at the age of 17 to begin her education in piano pedagogy. While in her freshman year, she met Bryce Lamont Betteridge (Mont), who was also a member of her ward. They began dating in March of 1977 and were soon engaged. She worked at a car dealership in San Jose until their wedding day on August 9th, 1977. Their marriage was solemnized in the Oakland, California Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where they were sealed together for time and all eternity.

After their wedding, Heather began working and studying piano performance privately while Mont finished his formal schooling. During this time they welcomed their first child into the world, Jared Lamont who was born in Provo, Utah. Mont then accepted a job offer back east which took them across the country to



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Binghamton, New York in 1979.

In Binghamton, Heather continued to study piano with a professional piano teacher, and began to learn the ins and outs of teaching piano lessons, taking on several students after they procured their first piano. Over the next 10 years their family continued to grow. Additional children born in Binghamton were Justin Bryce, Tiffany Lee, Brittney Lynné and Jordan Douglas. These were busy days for Heather as a young mother, but she still made time for her own private piano lessons and even enrolled in a point ballet class at a local ballet academy.

Mont's career then took them to Flower Mound, Texas where Heather gave birth to their sixth child, Sarah Evelyn. After nearly four years in Texas, business opportunities led them to move to Highlands Ranch, Colorado; Yorba Linda, California and then finally to Tacoma, Washington where Mont grew up. These moves provided an environment for her children to learn how to make friends and adapt to change, experiences they are grateful for to this day.

While in Tacoma, Heather's piano teaching began to rapidly grow as she took on a large group of students including nieces and nephews. She was always delighted to teach family and she hosted many piano recitals in their new home in Tacoma. Heather's service in the church brought her great joy. She was always in demand as a piano and organ accompanist for Sacrament meetings, special choirs, funerals, soloists and youth groups. She especially enjoyed the opportunities she had to accompany the multi-stake cultural arts productions while in the Tacoma area. Her accompaniment skill was highly developed and well recognized by her many musician friends. She served as Relief Society president, Young Women's president and also as an institute and seminary teacher.

Heather has always been a member of a book club. She's enjoyed learning about other cultures and taking trips to visit those places with her friends.

While in Tacoma, a very special event took place – the miraculous placement of a young girl, Hailey, into Heather's care. Hailey needed a home at six years of age. Heather and Mont had been caring for Hailey on weekends for a counselor friend before the State of Washington took custody. They could not bear the thought of Hailey going into the foster care system so Heather quickly began to study and take



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the qualification courses required to receive a foster care license so Hailey could return to their home. A year later they began the process of adoption. When asked what middle name she wanted for her birth certificate– Hailey chose Heather’s middle name, June– a fitting tribute to Heather’s love and special bond with Hailey. Heather’s eternal family was completed on August 10, 2007 when Hailey was sealed to them in the Jordan River temple.

When invited to submit hymns for the new hymn book, Heather and her sister, Tara, enthusiastically began writing the music and lyrics for five hymns and five children songs. These sacred hymns and songs have been a great blessing to Heather’s family and friends, and will continue to bless her posterity throughout eternity.

Heather and Mont moved in 2021 to Utah to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Because of Heather’s lifelong love of nature, one of her favorite places to spend time with family was at their mountain property in Tollgate Canyon, nicknamed “the Ridge.” Taking care of grandchildren and teaching them in a loving and gentle way has been Heather’s crowning joy. She has been blessed, to date, with 27 cherished grandchildren. Heather’s greatest legacy is how she loves and teaches her children and grandchildren to follow Jesus Christ, which we expect will continue in special ways beyond the veil.

It has always been Heather’s greatest desire to serve a senior mission with her husband. She accepted a call to serve in July, 2022 and began service in the Leeds England mission in December. Serving the young adults of the Sunderland England stake kept them busy. She made many eternal friends while visiting stake members, teaching the young adults and cooking them favorite American dishes. In her final months of service she began to unknowingly suffer from the symptoms of a brain tumor, but despite this she gave her all to the very end of her mission service and returned home on April 25th, 2024 to the loving arms of her family. She now will continue her service and ministering to loved ones in the life beyond. Thank you, Heather June, for the loving and gracious life you have lived. Our hearts are forever full of gratitude for your example, your teachings and kindness to your family and those around you.

Heather is survived by her husband Bryce Lamont and seven children: Jared (Ashley)



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Betteridge, Justin (Radene) Betteridge, Tiffany (Todd) Ericksen, Brittney (Chris) Archibald, Jordan (Estefania) Betteridge, Sarah (German) Stewart, Hailey Betteridge and 27 grandchildren.

Heather is also survived by five sisters; Susan Brady, Tara Anderton, Cheri Hancock, Rebecca Berbert and Bonnie Morrison as well as four brothers; Stan Hardy, Robert Hardy, Jack Hardy and Jim Hardy.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the Harvest Hills 10th Ward, the American Fork 14th Ward and the amazing caregivers at Pointe Meadows Rehab and A Plus Healthcare at Home for their kindness and many acts of service during her care. She loved them all!

Funeral services will be held at the Saratoga Springs Harvest Hills LDS Stake Center at 368 W Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045, on Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. A family meeting and viewing will be held before the funeral at 9:00 am at the same location. A viewing also will be held Friday evening at the Harvest Hills LDS Stake Center at 368 W Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045 on Friday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00 pm. Funeral services are being provided by Premier Funeral Services of Orem. More information is available at www.premierfuneral.com. Interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery, 1520 N. 800 E., Orem, Utah.



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Viewing

 **Friday**, November 1, 2024


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MT


 **Harvest Hills LDS Stake Center**
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, November 2, 2024


 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM MT


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Funeral Service

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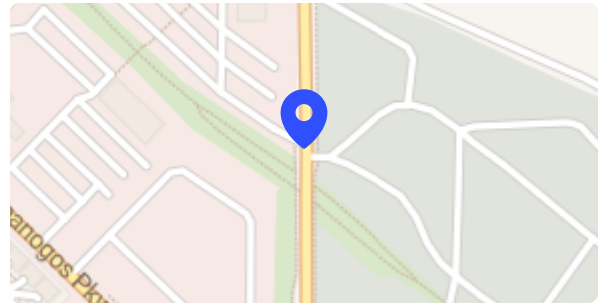
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Cemetery Details



Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East, Orem UT 84058





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Bonnie Mason posted:

Heather was so kind to me. As a new member of the church back in University Place, WA she was one of several Sisters that I looked up to. She had a beautiful smile and was sincerely kind. When we were the first of the Mason clan to move to Sandpoint, ID she was so thoughtful and gave us a parting gift basket. Who does that? Why Heather does! I sure wish I had kept in touch as a few years ago we moved to Eagle Mountain, UT and have family around Orem and Provo. I missed the opportunity to reconnect. -Love Bonnie Mason

November 22 at 9:41 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Betteridge family.



November 1 at 1:01 PM



Michelle Ahlgren posted:

Heather and I became friends while our husbands were finishing up their Masters degrees at BYU. We all went off to Binghamton New York, our baby boys in hand, to begin our careers with IBM. As our families grew, Heather and I got together for "play dates". One in particular was a sleep-over at Heather's while our husbands were traveling on a business trip. We each had three kids by now, (same ages) so there was a friend for everyone. We had a wonderful time and talked the night away after the kids were asleep. I returned back home, and the next evening Heather called to say that she just discovered that her kids had chickenpox. She was so upset about exposing my kids, but of course it wasn't her fault. A few days later my children succumbed, but at least we got it all over with at once!Mont and Heather were such an amazing and fun couple. We shared many memories together, and then we moved to Ca. They threw us a lovely party, making it even harder to leave our beloved New York friends.Mont, Ralph and I send our love to you and to your beautiful family. We are heartbroken at this early loss of Heather and know this must be incredibly difficult for you. Thank you for being lights to the world and for living the gospel as the Savior would have us do. With love to you and yours—Michelle & Ralph Ahlgren

October 30 at 5:45 PM



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Erin Guinup posted:

Heather was always a joy to collaborate with. There were a couple of points during Lamb of God where we would make eye contact and exchange joy in the spirit that was abundantly present. She also played for me on many occasions including hour long sets of Christmas carols for the Festival of the Nativity. It was a delight to be in her home and watch her teach my children piano lessons. She truly was an angel among us.

October 30 at 2:14 PM



Viki Snow November 14 at 11:46 AM

I truly agree 🙏 with your sentiments! We'll ALL miss her Christlike service! that was given with a joyful heart ❤️! Love always to the Betteridge Family!



Ashley & Marie Fish posted:

This amazing daughter of our Heavenly Father touched the lives of SO many people. Her gentle approach to helping us feel loved, her amazing musical skills, her exemplary display of true motherhood, and simply enduring to her end of mortality and, her sincere testimony of The Savior and His Restored Gospel will forever be remembered.

October 30 at 1:11 PM



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Rhonda Stewart posted:

Betteridge Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. When Sarah & German got married, I became part of this fabulous family. It has been a joy to be part of this group of wonderful people. The Stewart family will lovingly cherish our friendship now and always. Love, Frank & Rhonda Stewart Family

October 30 at 12:34 PM



Debra Gessel November 2 at 8:02 AM

The funeral for Heather was like a General Conference for mothers: how to love your children and grandchildren like Jesus would do. Heather is so Christ-like.



Debra Gessel October 31 at 9:40 AM

Gary and I love the Betteridge family! I first came to love Heather as our children are the same age and were involved in school and sports and church activities together. Then we were in the same book club, and toured London together with 10 other wonderful friends. Gary and Mont served together in the Tacoma Stake presidency, and we sat together through all the meetings and cooked dinners for them. Whenever I went into a meeting or performance, there was Heather at the piano or organ, making an environment where the Spirit could be felt. I don't think I have ever seen her without a smile, or a kind word, or a gentle touch. She truly is angelic, and such a great example of a mother, wife, grandmother and sister. Our prayers for her during her tests and diagnosis did not yield the results we hoped for, but to see her and her family tread those difficult times with faith and hope for the eternal future was a comfort to my soul. She is so beautiful, inside and out, and I can't imagine a sweeter daughter of God. She will always inspire me. Debbie Gessel



Lowell Reed Sr. October 31 at 7:04 AM

Your sweet smile and kindness that you spread where ever you went, will be missed by so many. We were so blessed to have you as our neighbor, I so enjoyed your visits as my ministering sister, our ping pong group, where we spent most of our time eating and laughing. My husband Lowell. loved his spiritual visits as your ministering teacher. During our friendship we ended up having so much in common, our meeting was no accident, when we were guided to move to Utah to "be with like minded people" you and Monte were two of them"! So grateful we didn't waste our short time together, We will miss you and pray for love and comfort for you wonderful supportive family. With love Lowell and Iris Reed



Memories only last if you share them

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



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