



Dorothy Ann Willis

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Dorothy Ann Willis was born on May 27, 1939, in Mesa, Arizona. At the time of her birth, her family was living in Pine, Arizona, in a log cabin built by her father. Because there were no doctors in Pine, her mother traveled to Mesa for her delivery. Those humble beginnings reflected the strength, resilience, and devotion to family that would characterize Dorothy's life.

In 1944, when Dorothy was five years old, her family moved from Pine to Joseph City, Arizona. The journey was long and dusty, traveling over rough dirt roads common to that era. Dorothy attended Joseph City Elementary School until 1954, when the family moved again—this time to Winslow, Arizona. She attended Winslow High School and graduated in 1957. Later that same year, Dorothy began her education at Brigham Young University. Like many students of her time, she lived simply, sharing rent with six other young women while working hard to support her schooling. During the summer of 1959, she was employed as a medical records librarian in Winslow, earning money for her education. That summer proved life-changing when she met the love of her life, Lloyd Willis, at her sister Rita's mission farewell. Their connection was immediate, and Lloyd soon proposed. Dorothy and Lloyd were married on September 23rd 1960, beginning a beautiful marriage that lasted 65 wonderful years as of September 23rd of this year.

Lloyd and Dorothy soon moved to Phoenix Arizona and together they raised five children: Lon, Bill, Deena, Kevin, and Anne. Their home was further blessed when they became foster parents to a Navajo girl named Nona, who became like a daughter to them and a beloved sibling to their children. In the early years of her marriage, Dorothy devoted herself fully to her family as a hardworking homemaker. Later, she became a certified nurse assistant and lovingly cared for a woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease. She also worked giving Phoenix city tours for a local tour company, enjoying the opportunity to meet people and share history.

Service and faith were central to Dorothy's life. In 2003, she and Lloyd served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Martin's Cove in Wyoming. There, they helped thousands of youth experience and understand the real challenges faced by the handcart



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companies along the Mormon Trail. After serving two additional missions, Dorothy and Lloyd eventually moved to Utah to live with their daughter Anne and her family, as Dorothy's Alzheimer's progressed and Lloyd needed help caring for her. Five months ago, Dorothy moved into a memory care facility called Covington, where she was warmly welcomed and lovingly cared for. She made several friends there and stayed busy with the activities and companionship provided by the dedicated staff.

Dorothy Ann Willis passed away peacefully on December 30th at 3:03 a.m. She will be remembered for her deep love of family, her faith, her spirit of service, and the quiet strength with which she lived her life. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched and the family she cherished so dearly.

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Events

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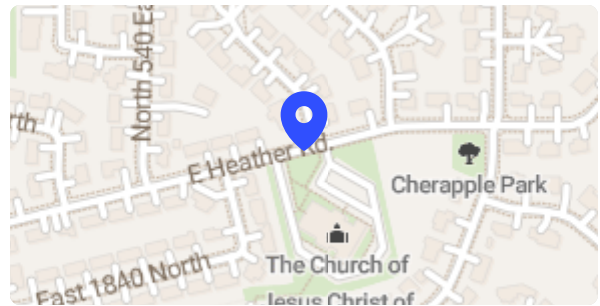
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, January 3, 2026

 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM MT

 **Church**
620 East Heather Road, Orem UT

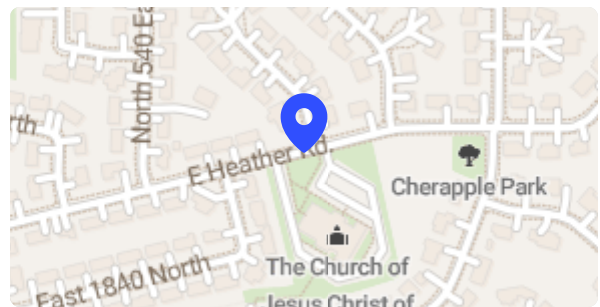


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, January 3, 2026

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MT


 **Church**
620 East Heather Road, Orem UT

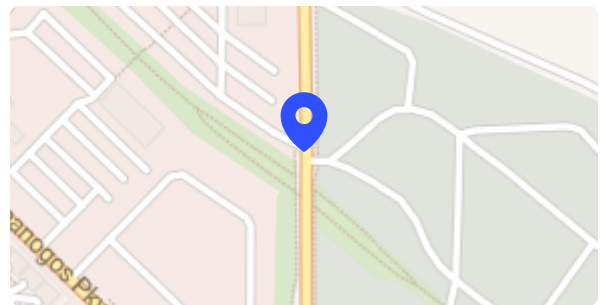


Graveside

 **Monday**, January 5, 2026

 1:00 PM MT

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





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January 3 at 12:25 AM



Batterypro Probattery shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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January 11 at 8:12 PM



Chey Shing posted:

Every summer growing up, I looked forward to the time I spent in Phoenix with my grandparents. Days by the pool and picking fruit from their orange tree will always remind me of their home. I remember my grandmother, Dorothy, watching patiently as we kids performed the same pool tricks over and over again. By the end of the summer, I was definitely the most tanned of all her grandchildren. It was also very special to me that she always called me by my full name.~Cheylynne Shingoitewa (granddaughter)

January 2 at 6:30 PM



Chey Shing posted:

My grandmother, Dorothy, showed unconditional love and kindness to my mother—a child she did not give birth to, but one she accepted into her heart as her own. Now that I am a mother myself, I can see how my grandmother's influence shaped the atmosphere of my mother's home. This explains why visiting my grandparents home always felt so familiar; my own childhood home carried that same motherly influence. The ability to make a house feel like a home is a generational gift that began with Dorothy. She possessed the heart of a servant, creating a loving space for her family to the best of her ability. I saw this firsthand in her home and in the one where I grew up. It is now my own desire to emulate that environment—a place of love and belonging that I have always cherished. I pray that I can be a mother and a faithful servant to my family and others, just as she taught me to be.~Cheylynne Shingoitewa (granddaughter)

January 2 at 6:17 PM



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Rhonda Montgomery posted:

Aunt Dorothy was a gifted seamstress. She was meticulous with her attention to detail. She stepped in with support when my Mother (her younger sister, Mary) died, helping me to craft her eulogy. I will miss her immensely but know she's sharing stories and laughing loudly with my Mom as they did here on earth.

January 1 at 5:09 PM



Donna Anderson posted:

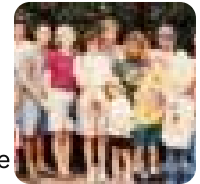
No, not a memory, we shared a lifetime of them. Dorothy came into my life when I was just 20 years old and never left. Time and distance may have separated us over the years but our friendship is eternal. Shortly I will have the opportunity to be with my dear friend again. One of Dorothy's gifts to me was her steadfastness in the gospel. Because of her devotion I know she is one of the reasons my testimony is stronger today. I love Dorothy and her special family. A big hug, Donna

January 1 at 5:00 PM



Linda Schroeder shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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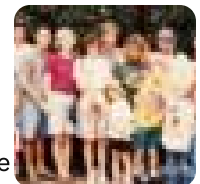


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