



Meredith Walker Christiansen

September 15, 1943 - November 14, 2014

On Friday, November 14th 2014 we lost our mom, our momma, our grandma Meredith (Marty) Walker Christiansen to the long sleep of death. Marty was born on September 15th 1943 to Calvin and Delores Barnum Walker in Salt Lake City Utah. Marty had three siblings, Mary Elizabeth (Liz), Calvin (Butch), and her sister Michael who also has fallen asleep in death in 2007.

There's so much that we could say about momma, but in the true character of our beloved mother she also had a few things to say about herself... Here is her own obituary in her own words...

"Mom loved to do things with her grandkids. They were what kept her going in the last few years. Disneyland was a favorite destination for them. She liked puzzles, games, playing cards and dominoes. She married Don Christiansen in July of 1973 and moved to Utah the following year.

Thanks to Theresa for taking such good care of her mom. Her husband Don was a great care giver and never complained. She worked at Martin Door Mfg for 20 years and had lots of friends there."

That's probably the most momma would ever say about herself. Her words about herself say so much about who she was in ways that words can not describe. Her words were short, sweet, and to the point, just like she was. Momma never once thought of herself first, she was the most unselfish and generous person you could ever know. She always gave everything she had and then some, especially to her kids and her grandkids. She never wanted nor asked for anything for herself except one thing. All she ever wanted was to spend time with the people she loved, and that she did up until the very moment she finally fell asleep.

Momma was definitely understating the fact that "Disneyland was a favorite destination". Momma loved going to Disneyland oh so much, but she didn't love going for herself. Momma loved going with her kids and grandkids. She would do anything she could do to take them, and even though she was physically unable to go the last few years she always asked that we try to go for her.

If there's one quality to describe our momma and grandma it was absolute unselfish and unconditional love. The bible calls this kind of love Agape love and momma was the

personification of that kind of love. No matter if or how anyone in her life may have let her down, she never let go of that love for all of her family and her friends. Momma may have been a spitfire at times, showing her frustration or causing frustration by her stubbornness. But you would never have a doubt in your mind that momma, mom, grandma, "gramma gramma" or whoever she was to you, loved you.

Momma had so many in her life that she loved. She loved dad so very much... Sure they may have bickered from time to time, usually over dad trying to get her to eat something she didn't wanna eat. But it was not uncommon to see mom and dad holding hands. Even in some of mommas last few days, you could easily catch her and dad holding hands as they watch a movie together. Momma loved you dad, no matter what happened in your 40 plus years together you were the love of her life.

Momma loved her kids and her grandkids more than can be put into words. And momma had a lot of kids and grandkids. She had four kids of her own... Theresa, who mom described as "the rock", the one who momma trusted would care for the family as she did. Tami, who is so much like mom that they often butted heads, like identical magnets that wanted to push each other away. Chris, her first son and mommas best friend. Chris and momma were like two peas in a pod, sharing almost every love in life. And finally Caleb, mommas baby. Caleb was mommas baby, and often got away with things that none of the rest of the kids would have. Momma had two step children, Heidi and Ceven who were grown when mom and dad married. But no matter what, and even though she didn't show it in the same way, momma loved them both the same.

In the later years, the loves of mommas life and what always brought a smile to her face were her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jacob, Calvin (James), Robbyn, Richard (Ricky), and Samantha were as much her kids as they were her grandkids. Gramma loved them and helped raise them as though they were her own kids. Gramma was always there for all of her grandkids whenever they needed her most, and was always ready to offer love, advice, or anything she could give to help take their problems away.

Mommas love was so unconditional and limitless that it didn't just stop with her blood. Momma was momma (or grandma) to so many others that came into her life. Sasha and her family, Cynthia and her family, Danny, Tristan, all of the Davidsons and Maxwells, Keith and Betty Hill, Rose and Mitch and so so many more. To name them all would fill a book, and yet it seems that momma always had room in her heart for more... That's just "how mom do", and how mom loved. And to all of them, she wasn't "Meredith" or "Marty"... She was Mom.

Losing our momma, our grandma, our sister, our daughter, and wife has left a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. But who momma was, and who she taught us to be, will never leave our hearts. Momma is a part of us all now, and no matter how much time passes none of us will ever doubt the love that she had for us.

Until we see you again momma, we will miss you and we will all, everyone of us reflect the love you taught us so well.

There will be a brief service held for our mom on Saturday December 6th 2014 at the following location. For all who would like to come and remember momma and grandma together, you are invited.

South Jordan Community Center 10778 S. Redwood Rd. South Jordan UT. 84098 Service will begin at 7:00 PM

Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Sending love...the Lord will always give strength to all in every situation.*

Tanja - February 25, 2015 at 02:27 PM

KD

“ *Memories. I have wonderful memories of Marty and they give me comfort. I pray that your memories give you great comfort, until you are united in the paradise. This message is sent with love and hugs for all who are grieving.*

Karen O, Dell - December 11, 2014 at 10:51 AM

MO

“ *Michael ODell has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Michael ODell - December 09, 2014 at 06:49 PM

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“ *When I was younger, My mother and Marty were good friends. I grew up with her girls. My heart goes out to them and all who knew Marty. I remember her vividly and always carry fond memories of those days back in Potter Valley. You are all in my thoughts. - Michael*

Michael O'Dell (Martin) - December 09, 2014 at 06:13 PM

MP

“ *I speak for myself as well as my brother David Rogers and my mother Liz Rogers whom loved Marty very much! We love you all and share your pain..... Just see yourself, just see me too, just see us all in a world that is new..... They have fought the fine fight the have run the race to the finish..... May we all be there as we all share in the victory together! LOVE YOU!!!*

Melissa Parker - November 28, 2014 at 10:16 PM

CW

“ *You have always been in my heart and thoughts. Our love for you will never die. May you finally rest in peace. Don, you were Her sunshine always. Our love to you and all the family.*

Calvin G. Walker - November 28, 2014 at 08:14 PM

BD

“ My heart goes out to all who lost their mom, grandma and friend. I think back to all of the Times we all gathered together for a meal and hospitality at the Christiansen home. She knew how to make you feel welcome.

Becky Davidson - November 28, 2014 at 01:55 PM

BL

“ To all who knew Marty, I join in your grief, but also knowing it is temporary. I hold her memory dear. The space I share here in this valley, with the "family" she has, is a much better place because of the person Marty was. May we all try to add to our friends and family, the Agape Marty showed to us. That will be a memorial she will love to hear when we see her in the resurrection.

Betty Jean Locke - November 27, 2014 at 07:50 PM

BD

“ We have many fond memories of getting together to play cards, dominoes and dice, going out to eat or just ordering Chinese. We laughed so hard over dumb things. Good times. We will continue to watch out for Don and Theresa and the rest. Glad we could be "family". We will miss you. Bob and Nancy Davidson

Bob and Nancy Davidson - November 27, 2014 at 07:01 PM

GL

“ Just wanted to let you know that Marty will be missed and I look forward to welcoming her back from her long sleep at her resurrection. Marty and her family was and continues to be an answer to my prayers. Thank you Jehovah for keeping her in your memory and giving us the hope of the resurrection.

Geraldine Locke - November 27, 2014 at 06:41 PM