



## Natalie Ruth Reed

September 26, 1957 - September 6, 2013

Natalie Reed passed away quietly and peacefully on Friday evening September 6 at the age of 55. It was with unyielding optimism and her engaging smile that she confronted the various cancers that eventually completed her mortal life. She slipped from the embrace of family and friends at her home in Salt Lake City into the waiting embrace of family and friends in her eternal home. One of those waiting her return was her little sister Libby, whose birthday was the previous day.

Natalie is the daughter of John and Edith (Grandma Dee Dee) Reed. During her final hours, Mom kept Natalie's feet warm knowing that "Daddy" would soon see those beautiful feet leap with joy and dance once again. Natalie is a dancer.

Natalie is a musician: a violinist, violin teacher, singer and conductor, who earned an honors BA from BYU, and a Masters in violin performance from the University of Utah. Her PhD studies were at Indiana University where she was a student of Josef Gingold.

Natalie grew up in Salt Lake City living near Liberty Park, graduating from East High School. She served an LDS mission in the Germany Munich mission later returning to her beloved Salzburg. She traveled widely, with her music taking her to Alaska, Singapore, Finland, England, Europe, and the Caribbean. She lived in Washington D.C.; L.A. (where she substituted in the Las Angeles Philharmonic); San Francisco; Bloomington, Indiana; and Santa Barbara, California; eventually returning home to Salt Lake City.

Natalie was a teacher, coach and trusted confidante to her countless private violin students. Many of them are now violin teachers or professional musicians themselves, often sending their children to Natalie knowing of her powerful combination of competence and compassion. She also worked as a Life Coach, a Realtor, an Office Manager, and a Ballot Initiatives Administrator.

Natalie was a rich contributor to the professional music community in Salt Lake. She played with the Utah Symphony, and The Orchestra at Temple Square. Natalie was at home in the recording studio or on stage as she played for many artists, including: Glen Campbell, Quincy Jones, Smokey Robinson, Sarah Brightman, the Four Tenors, Tom Selleck, Johnny Mathis, Barry Manilow, Transiberrean Orchestra, Mannheim Steamroller, Josh Groban, Kurt Bestor, Kenneth Cope, Alex Boye, Jon Schmidt, Jenny Jordan, Jenny Oaks Baker.

Natalie wrestled with the disease of depression. She reached out to others in a very personal and authentic way, knowing of the despair. She brought hope to those feeling hopeless; she could say, "I know," and really knew. Like Jesus, whom she loved, she lifted up those whose heads hung down and whose hands reached up.

She was a fabulous aunt to 27 nieces and nephews and their 52 children.

Natalie is preceded in death by her father, John; brother, Byron; sister, Barbara; and baby sister, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held at the Hillside Stake Center, 1400 South 1900 East, at 11:00 am, Saturday September 14, 2013 with visitation one hour before. A viewing will be held at the Mountain View Third Ward, 1889 South 1700 East, 7:30-9:00 pm Friday before the funeral.

# Comments

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“ Dear Sister Reed, I was so sorry to hear of Natalie's passing. I took violin lessons from Natalie as a young mother nearly 25 years ago. I had played violin in the public school system, but had put down my instrument for several years before I met Natalie. I was so blessed by listening to the way she made her instrument sing and by the confidence she showed in me as I struggled to find the time to practice in the busy time of life I was in. She helped me to prepare for a solo recital right before the birth of my third child. I even think you accompanied me on the numbers that were too difficult for my mother to play. After I moved away I studied with other teachers, but never forgot Natalie and the many things I learned from her. Today I have a music studio where I teach violin to 38 students. As I teach I often think back on my own teachers and their patience and sacrifices in my behalf. I wish I could have thanked Natalie, but at least I can express my gratitude to you. Thank you! Love, Janene Petersen

**Janene Petersen** - November 01, 2013 at 03:45 PM

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“ Dear Reed family, I was indeed sad when I saw Natalie's obituary. She was beautiful and talented and much too young to pass away! No doubt she had accomplished all our Heavenly Father needed her to do on this earth. Her beautiful smile is now shared with those on the other side, especially your dad. May the Lord comfort each of you with His love and the knowledge that families truly are forever. With love, Helen Butterfield Parke

**Helen Butterfield Parke** - September 15, 2013 at 02:10 PM

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“ Thank you for bringing music into our home and a smile into our hears. You were such a wonderful teacher to my Daughter, Nicole Nixon. We cherished our Tuesday afternoons in your studio. Rest in peace, beautiful Natalie you made this world a better place.

**Valerie Jensen** - September 14, 2013 at 03:34 PM

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“ It is with a heavy heart that I have learned of the passing of Natalie. She was indeed a gifted artist. Natalie is now back with her Dad, my Scout Leader, Bishop, and friend. I pray that the peace of Almighty God will rest upon the family at this time of morning. The angels have a new member for their great orchestra in heaven.

**Grant Dansie** - September 14, 2013 at 01:58 PM

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“ Natalie-- you are much loved, and are already missed tremendously. Thank you for your support and friendship over the years. Sending much love and hugs to Edith, and all the Reed family.

**Jahn** - September 13, 2013 at 05:57 PM

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“ Our condolences to Natalie's family, It was wonderful to have Natalie as a neighbor. She was always so optimistic and cheerful.

**Susana D. Anderson** - September 12, 2013 at 10:44 PM

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“ Dear Family, I have a special place for Natalie in my heart. I grew to love her as my roommate so many years ago. She created scrumptious meals, we had long heartfelt talks, we experienced crazy mountain bike adventures and even cross country skied on mud at Bryce Canyon. I have many cherished memories of Nat, a nickname we called her back then.  
I was often moved to tears when she so passionately made music. When she performed, her music touched my soul. Her talents were amazing!  
I will miss my dear friend. My heartfelt sympathy to you.  
Love, Chrissy Rogers

**Chrissy Rogers** - September 12, 2013 at 06:09 PM

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“ It breaks my heart to learn of Sister Reeds passing. I served with her in the Munich Mission, where she was the best missionary in the mission by far. What a beautiful, and talented person. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. Now she is an angel watching over you.

**Kim Nielson** - September 12, 2013 at 05:46 PM



“ The music world has been blessed so much by the Reed family. Natalie will be missed. She was indeed a gifted violinist with an out-reaching heart. Our prayers are with the family.

**Rob and Colleen Bauman** - September 12, 2013 at 05:26 PM

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“ Your bright eyes, sweet spirit and beautiful smile will be missed, but never forgotten. To your family, I extend my heartfelt sympathies.

**Bill English** - September 12, 2013 at 01:01 PM

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“ So sorry to hear the news. She and her family were all very talented people. I wish we had kept in closer contact.

**Vernon Reed** - September 12, 2013 at 10:48 AM

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“ My love to all Natalie's family. We were roommates at BYU for a year and it was one of the most fun. I was so glad that Natalie was feeling well enough to visit with myself and Carolyn Colton. It was a privilege to rub her feet and talk of old times. Her good cheer was as infectious then as it was when we were undergrads. Love you, Natalie!

**Mary Bunker Marsh** - September 12, 2013 at 09:53 AM

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“ My Dearest Edith, I send you my most heart felt sympathy for your loss. I cannot imagine the pain you must feel loosing such a wonderful and successful daughter. I send you my love and will keep you in my thoughts. I am out of town until the 16th so will miss the funeral. LOVE YOU!!  
My mother, Jolene sends her love as well.

**LynAnn Williams** - September 12, 2013 at 12:03 AM