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Our angel Mother, Rita Ann Liddiard Anderson passed away on May 7, 2020 at the age of 79. She left a legacy of service and love. Rita was a light to all who knew her. Rita's home was filled with love and laughter. She was a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and friend. All who knew Rita, felt of her love and devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She shared her testimony of Jesus Christ by word and example. Rita knew her role as a daughter of God and disciple of Jesus Christ. She loved her family and they knew of her love for them.

Rita was born on July 3, 1940 in Provo Utah. She was the only child of Charles Austin Liddiard and Anna Eliza Johnson. She was dearly loved by her parents and grandparents. Her grandfather, Samuel George Liddiard called Rita his "Little Princess."

Rita grew up in a brick home her father built on 167 North 1100 West in Provo, Utah. She had the blessing of living next to her Grandmother, Clara Ladelle Peay. She spent many hours in her home. Throughout her early childhood, she enjoyed playing with cousins and friends. Rita missed half of kindergarten and half of first grade due to Rheumatic Fever. Because of her illness, many early childhood memories were forgotten, but Rita remembered her Mother teaching her about Heavenly Father and telling her Bible stories as she ironed. Rita loved to roller skate and became quite skilled in roller skate dancing. She also loved horses and pretended a neighbor's horse was her own. She named it Gracie Dell. Rita enjoyed singing and participated in a female choral group called "The Mel-o-tones", in high school. She passed that love of music on to her children.

Rita's life forever changed when she met a young man named Roy. He would often come at dusk and hunt nightcrawlers in her backyard. Their first date was in the summer of 1956 when they went to see Louis Armstrong at Lagoon. The fall of 1956 they went to see Nat King Cole. As they held hands, he sang the song they would call their own, "When I Fall In

Love.” On November 6, 1957 they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Roy and Rita were blessed with 7 children. The concrete stork Grandpa Chuck constructed for good luck worked!

Rita filled their home with music as their children enjoyed singing together around the piano. The value of work was taught as gardening and canning became part of each summer. Rita loved to fish as a child with her Father and she passed this on to her children and grandchildren.

She loved nature and being outdoors. Many memories of working in the garden, camping, fishing, hiking, and singing around the campfire with the family, will be cherished.

Rita was a great example of selflessness, and service. She served in Young Womens for many years, and served as Relief Society President in American Fork and in St. George. She worked hard in finding her ancestors, and enjoyed doing genealogy. She loved being at the Temple and served as an ordinance worker for many years.

In the “Golden Years” of her life, Rita and Roy enjoyed serving in the St. George temple and later as missionaries at the temple visitor center, and at the Jacob Hamblin home in Santa Clara Utah. After their mission, visits to the temple became a weekly tradition. In the “forward” of Rita’s autobiography she states, “Going to the temple often, reading the scriptures daily, and conversing with my Heavenly Father through personal and family prayer, are my three vital sources of spiritual strength.”

We will be forever grateful for our Angel Mother, Rita Ann.

Rita was preceded in death by her beloved husband Roy, who passed away April 15, 2020.

Rita is survived by her children: Alan Liddiard (Terri), Maren Jeannine (Brett Bennett), Annalee (Bardett Fausett), Diane (Kevin Ciriako), Lisa (J. Reed Findlay), Richard Todd (Debbie), and Sheri Lyn (Jacob Benoist); 27 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren, with 5 more on the way.

A small family viewing will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 10:00 am at Premier Funeral Services in Orem. The graveside service will be at Eastlawn Memorial in Provo, Utah, that same day, at noon.

Funeral Services at Graveside

Conducting.....Richard Anderson (son)
 Chorister.....Diane Ciriako (daughter)
 Opening Hymn.....#292 “Oh My
 Father”
 Invocation.....Annalee Fausett (daughter)
 Memories by Daughter.....Maren Bennett
 Memories by Daughter.....Diane Ciriako
 Memories by Daughter.....Sheri Benoist
 Music Number (Viola) by Granddaughter.....Tessa Day “When I Fall In Love”
 Life Sketch.....Lisa Findlay (daughter)
 Music Number by Daughters.....Maren, Annalee, Diane, Lisa, Sheri
 ”Because I Have Been Given Much”
 Gospel Message.....Bardett Fausett
 Closing Song (Everyone).....#190 (Children’s Songbook)
 “Love is Spoken Here”
 Dedication of the Grave.....Patriarch Carl Draper

Mom was always so dedicated in her daily journal writing.

“Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for ever and ever.”

Isaiah 30:8

To view services please visit, <https://youtu.be/VWNfZ2CglbQ>

Events

MAY **Graveside Service** 12:00PM
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Eastlawn Memorial Hills
4800 North 650 East, Provo, UT, US, 84601

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Premier Funeral Services - May 15 at 12:12 PM



“ Rita was my very best friend. We have been friends since we attended Franklin Elementary School in Provo. She was the Angel in my life. I have kept all of the letters and cards she sent me over the years. I was her bridesmaid and she was my bridesmaid. I cherish our lifelong friendship and the close bond we had. We felt like we were spiritual sisters and had known each other forever. This is the first year she didn't send me a birthday card. I will miss her dearly.
I send my love to her beautiful family.
Jeannine Madsen Beck

jeannine madsen beck - July 16 at 07:02 PM



“ Love you grandma



Kylee Ciriako - May 17 at 11:55 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rita Ann Liddiard Anderson.



May 15 at 06:18 PM



“ Oh, the joy of "connecting" with Rita, by her daughter's kindness, to hear her gentle, sparkling voice remembering me on April 23, 2020! I shared with her my gratitude of her and Roy's letter to my now deceased sweetheart Patricia and me, as we had moved up to Utah County into assisted living from their midst March 2018. Yes, Roy and Rita were-are the "Celestial kind," a true reflection of heavenly peaceful, ever smiling countenances. I will ever be grateful of their sweet Christlikeness to pattern my life by. Thank you, Dear Rita, for your thorough, constant caring friendship.
Lovingly, Jess Jarvis

JESSE SELVOY JARVIS - May 13 at 11:38 AM



“ Endure to the end. Roy and Rita exhuded love and appreciation for each other and all family and friends. Love in it's purest form..

Steven Higginson - May 13 at 09:31 AM



“ Maren, and family, so sorry for the loss of your mom! You have her beautiful smile! Love to you, Maren, and Michelle from our family! Nancy, Selina. Huffman, and Roxanne Rebusit.

Nancy Huffman - May 09 at 04:17 PM



“ I first remember Rita Ann when we were in Franklin Elementary school. She has ALWAYS been a sweet, caring person...even at that young age. I began singing with Rita Ann in the "Mel-O-Tones" double-trio when we were in Dixon Junior High School. We loved singing and loved being together. The Mel-O-Tones continued on into Provo High School. I went to the wedding shower for Rita - and still remember her smile and excitement, and her love for Roy--and she was only 17! What an elect lady she is. What a wonderful wife and mother! I smile when I think of Rita and Roy (and their family) together forever.

Arleen Harding Allred

Arleen H. Allred - May 15 at 01:43 PM