



## Shannon Peterson Sevison

March 15, 1964 - August 18, 2013

Shannon Peterson Sevison passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Sunday, August 18, 2013, after a valiant three-year battle with breast cancer.

She was born on March 15, 1964 in Holbrook, AZ to Elwood and Beth Peterson. She was raised in Snowflake, AZ, where she learned to love athletics and competition at a young age. She was born with the drive, determination and talent to succeed at anything she put her mind to do. She played on several state championship teams in basketball and volleyball. She attended Yavapai College and Northern Arizona University on a full-ride basketball scholarship where she became the first female athlete from NAU to become an Academic All-American (and her team beat BYU, one of her dad's proudest moments).

She went on to get a master's degree in physical education from BYU, and then, continued on to coach basketball at College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA.

Five years later, she decided she wanted to be closer to family and moved to Provo, UT, where she met the love of her life, Jay Sevison. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Mesa, AZ temple on March 22, 1996. Jay brought a son with him into their marriage and four more children, one girl and three boys soon followed. Being a wife and mother were the most rewarding experiences in Shannon's life. She took the same drive, determination and love she had used her whole life and applied it to teaching her children and making her home a place where everyone wanted to be, and everyone was welcome. Family and friends were always extremely important to Shannon, and she worked hard to stay in touch with immediate and extended family. She enjoyed learning about her ancestors and their stories. She felt a real connection to them. Shannon was very patriotic and loved her country. She was extremely active her whole life, loved fitness and took great care of her body.

Shannon has always been a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many callings, where she served valiantly. She was always very kind and loved meeting new people and long lost relatives. She was funny and had an awesome sense of humor. She was the life of the party and all her little nieces and nephews love their favorite Aunt Shannon. She lived a life full of service and devotion to her Savior, and she died having a valiant testimony of Jesus Christ, knowing that she will be with her family again for eternity.

She is survived by her husband Jay Sevison; children: Jayson, Andelin, Bradley, Jackson and Justin Sevison of Provo, UT; parents: Elwood and Beth Peterson, Snowflake, AZ, Jack and Betty Sevison, Brigham City, UT; siblings: Loni (David) Parker, Firestone, CO; Dallas (Brendee) Peterson, Snowflake, AZ; Amy (Dave) Braithwaite, Perry, UT; Russel (Nicole) Peterson, Snowflake, AZ; Laurie (Todd) Furstenau, Overland Park, KS; JoLynn (Dean) Wood, Tempe, AZ; Mack (Monica) Peterson, Glendale, AZ; and Andrea (Rand) Holyoak, Orem, UT; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the Colonial LDS Church Building, 1625 South Slate Canyon Drive, Provo, UT. There will be a viewing on Friday evening, August 23 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the church and again on Saturday prior to the service from 9:00-9:45 a.m.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to all the doctors (Dr. Buys), staff and healthcare professionals at the Huntsman Center and to the many friends and neighbors who provided meals and hours of service to Shannon and her family.

# Comments

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“ Dear Peterson Family,  
I'm so sorry to here of Shannon's passing. She played basketball with my sister, Lori Haydukovich, at NAU. And I was involved in the Miss Navajo County Pageant with Amy.  
We lost our mother a little over a year ago to pancreatic cancer. It was tough, but so was she....just as I'm sure Shannon was. My heart goes out to you and I will keep you all in my prayers!  
Amy Haydukovich Rhoades

**Amy Haydukovich Rhoades** - November 14, 2013 at 09:30 PM

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“ So sad to hear that her battle here on this earth was lost, but her life in eternity has begun. I am sure she heard the words "well done", upon her arrival!  
I was so pleased to see her at our 30 year reunion last year. She was as warm and loving as I always remember her. I will never forget her walking around at the park, leaning on her son (lovingly) and chatting with each table. Such a joy to be around. God bless her family and friends, her gain is our loss.

**Mary Jo** - September 03, 2013 at 05:11 PM

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“ My sincere thoughts are with Shannon's family. She was marvelous. I am sure that because of her radiant spirit and the family she came from that she produced her own beautiful family.  
I had Shannon in my fifth grade class at Snowflake Elementary School my first year of teaching in 1974. She was an outgoing and very happy child. She was very kind and always with a smile on her face.  
Bishop and Sister Peterson and family, I am saddened by your loss of your precious daughter and sister.

**Mike Shintaku** - August 29, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Sevison and Peterson Families. I first met Shannon at NAU. We were teammates and she was my counselor in the RS Presidency. Shannon was the best of all of us on and off the floor. I immediately looked up to her and admired her. She's a true disciple of Christ. We then crossed paths at BYU and play intramural basketball and volleyball. We even won a coveted championship. Then when I started coaching at Bakersfield College, she showed me the ropes to California Community College Basketball. Shannon, you will be missed!. Say "hi" to my folks for me and God be with you til we meet again.

**Paula Dahl** - August 27, 2013 at 02:44 PM

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“ Shannon was a special person!  
I remember her walking from her place to the swimming pool when I managed the Snowflake swimming pool.  
I remember her as a student of mine and an perfect example for anyone to follow. I remember what an athletic person she was.  
I don't know of any unkind word that she ever spoke.  
She was a great person in this life and will continue being that great person on the other side. We are the ones that will miss her, may God be with you and the family at this time and bless you as you adjust your lives.  
(I was her teacher at Snowflake Jr. High)

**Mary S (Martin) Gailey** - August 26, 2013 at 03:51 PM

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“ I am very saddened to hear of Shannon's passing. What an honor to have known this remarkable woman. Shannon was passionate, kind, competitive and always accepted a challenge! Having had the opportunity to know Shannon through our NAU women's basketball team, she was a talented competitor with an amazing work ethic and always met adversity head on. In 2011, I saw Shannon at Coach Brown's Hall of Fame Induction at NAU – we all shared memories and she shared stories of her beautiful family. Shannon was and always will be a shining example of determination. Lori Goslar, Phoenix Arizona.

**Lori Goslar** - August 26, 2013 at 12:05 AM

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“ Shannon and I went to college together both at Yavapai and NAU. We were immediate friends. I am so grateful for our friendship. She has graced my life and so many others. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to all of her family.

**Nancy Williams** - August 25, 2013 at 11:42 PM

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“ May you know of our love for Shannon and all of your family. Families are Forever! Beth and Woody we love you and wish we could be there to hug you and express our love for you. Shannon is a ray of sunshine with her big smile and even bigger heart.

To her children and husband we express our love for you and think you are pretty lucky to have her for all eternity.

**David and Sandra Decker** - August 25, 2013 at 03:16 PM

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“ I am glad to hear you are no longer in pain. I wish I could attend your going home celebration, however I am thinking of you this day. Your smile, humor, compassion and strength are the qualities I think of. You are a great teacher and a now a greater spirit. You were needed to teach and guide your family from another location. I hope peace finds your family, husband and children. See you in time and thank you for always being Ms. Shannon.

**Tina Ballandby** - August 24, 2013 at 07:05 PM

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“ Shannon was a dear dear friend to me. We started college together our freshman year, and thankfully that friendship endured time, distance, and life in general. I am truly grateful she came into my life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you today.

**Nancy Williams** - August 24, 2013 at 11:03 AM

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“ Jay,  
I read Shannons obit with great sadness. I know exactly what it is like to lose a spouse to cancer. Our prayers are with you.

**Mark Infanger** - August 23, 2013 at 11:36 PM



“ Dear Andelin, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother! I enjoyed visiting with her during your basketball games. She was so fun to talk with, and despite her illness at the time was never pre-occupied with herself, but always interested in those of us sitting around her. Besides, it was so fun to listen to her cheer you on and shout out instructions to you since she knew the game so well. She was proud of you. I'm sure there were times when she didn't feel well, but she always had that big, beautiful smile on her face. She's a great lady!

**Jill Farnsworth** - August 23, 2013 at 01:31 PM

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“ I met Shannon at a softball BBQ last year. She was upbeat and active with her teammates even though she was battling cancer. We visited several days later at her home about her treatments plans. She had such a positive outlook and hope for her family and their future. She touched my heart and gave me a reason to continue my own battle with this ugly disease. She will be dearly missed.

**Laurie O'Brien** - August 23, 2013 at 11:01 AM

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“ Dear Jay and family, I am so sorry that you have been called to suffer such a difficult trial. Thankfully the Gospel brings comfort and peace, and I know that Shannon is with our Savior and her ancestors that she cared for so deeply. Additionally, I know that she will be with you whenever possible, as the loving and concerned Mother she has always been. Our prayers are with you, may you be comforted by the Holy Ghost and by the knowledge that Shannon is HOME and has earned exaltation & eternal life.

**Kim Kerby Hildebrandt** - August 23, 2013 at 09:40 AM

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“ I want to express my sympathy and let you know we will pray for the family. Shannon was an amazing person who I was privileged to have had as a roommate in college and played on the volleyball and basketball teams with at Yavapai. She was inspiring and a person of high integrity. Please know you will all be in our prayers.

**Veronica Snow** - August 22, 2013 at 10:07 PM

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“ We were deeply saddened with the news of Shannon's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all and wish we could be there to express our love and feelings. We take great comfort in the testimony of the Plan of Salvation and pray that yours will also be strengthened at this time.

The Peterson family are beloved of the Scotts and will be for all eternity. May the windows of heaven be opened upon you at this most difficult time.

Woody and Beth we want you to know of our special love for the both of you.

Love, Dave & Diane Scott

**Dave & Diane Scott** - August 22, 2013 at 07:42 PM

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“ This week, the world lost an extraordinary woman, wife and mother, but the heavens gained back a wonderful angel. Shannon will truly be missed. So many years of playing volleyball against her team and being fortunate enough to be on the same team. A very inspiring woman. My heart is saddened. My thoughts, prayers, and love go out to her family. Please know that she touched many peoples lives and we all are so blessed to have been able to know her.

**Diana Beebe** - August 22, 2013 at 05:32 PM

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“ Shannon had been my teammate at Yavapai College, and again at Northern Arizona University not only as a teammate but as a roommate. One of the memories that comes to mind-we had just beaten Central Arizona College. They of course had been the powerhouse of community college women's basketball in Arizona, until the Roughriders came to town. After the game we took a team photo, where everyone was looking at the camera smiling except Shannon. Shannon was looking sharply with the number one sign, looking intently over at their coach with a grin. To me that gesture meant we came and we conquered. Shannon will always be remembered that when she was on this earth, she conquered. I will miss her dearly. Julie Hanks

**Julie Hanks** - August 22, 2013 at 03:44 PM

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“ Allen Estes has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

**Allen Estes** - August 22, 2013 at 09:39 AM

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“ Many fond memories of growing up with Shannon. No doubt where her place is in the Eternities. Prayers and peace to her husband and family in this hour of grief.

**Louis Jarvis** - August 21, 2013 at 09:08 PM

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“ Shannon was an amazing example to me, and a wonderful leader for much of my childhood/teenage years. She always had a smile on her face, always encouraged us to work hard and take care of ourselves, and she loved so unconditionally and without judgement. My heartfelt condolences go out to Jay and her children at this time. She will be forever missed.

**Amy** - August 21, 2013 at 06:49 PM

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“ To my second family...the Petersons. My heart is heavy with sadness for you and I offer my love and deepest sympathy. I adored Shannon for her wit, talent, and overall likeability. It's a great privilege to have played on the same summer softball team as "Shannon the Great," to hear her sing karaoke to "Hard for Me to Say I'm Sorry," and to call her my friend. She will be missed. Love to you all, Cindy (Rogers) Decker

**Cindy Decker** - August 21, 2013 at 03:40 PM

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“ My condolences to Shannon's wonderful family. I have admired Shannon for too many years to count. Way back before the Pioneer Market vs. Beefmasters in Snowflake women's softball.  
She is an amazing woman and will be missed - even my those of us who haven't been around her for years. May the Holy Ghost be there to comfort all of you in this difficult time.

**Celeste Flake Dana** - August 21, 2013 at 02:09 PM

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“ This is such a tremendous loss. Shannon was so well-liked, funny, and a spectacular athlete.  
My profound sympathy for your loss. She was a great person--with a terrific family. You all are in our prayers. Godspeed, Shannon.

**Jay Crutchfield MD FACS** - August 21, 2013 at 11:28 AM