

Kathyrn Larsen Poulson



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Holladay, UT- Kathyrn Larsen Poulson

Our beautiful mother, wife, grandmother, sister, and friend peacefully passed away at her home on the evening of August 10, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones.

Kathy was born on January 15, 1950, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to loving parents Ralph and Dorothy (Leatham) Larsen. She graduated from West High School in 1968, where she served as a senior class vice president. After high school, Kathy attended the University of Utah, where she was elected president of the Tri Delta sorority, recognized by Phi Kappa Phi, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in Elementary Education. At the U, she met her future husband, Cal, and they were married in April 1975.

After college, she began her career at IBM, where her outgoing personality made her a very

successful salesperson. Kathy also loved teaching and would later go on to become a reading specialist and a substitute teacher.

In 1978, she began her most important role as a mother when she and Cal welcomed their first child, daughter Natalie. Sons, Tyler and Adam arrived soon after, and they thought their family was complete. The universe, however, had other plans, and their "surprise baby" Tanner joined the family eleven years later. Kathy was an amazing mother and was her kids' biggest cheerleader.

In 2000, Kathy became a grandmother to her first grandchild, Taylor Kathryn. They shared a special bond that included shopping trips and many bowls of ice cream. Five years later, her second granddaughter, Brenna Kate, arrived. She was very proud of her granddaughters and the young women they've become.

Throughout the years, the family enjoyed many memorable vacations that included annual trips to Palm Desert and Lake Powell. Kathy also enjoyed spending time with Cal at their desert oasis in Mesquite.

She loved playing tennis with her many friends at the Sports Mall. Even as her memory declined, her friends rallied around her, including her dear friend and doubles partner, Carole, who made sure Kathy was still able to play the sport she loved so much.

Kathy made many friendships, including many lifelong best friends that she stayed close with throughout her life. She truly treasured her friends and held each of them close to her heart.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Cal, four children, Natalie (Craig), Tyler (Nicole), Adam, and Tanner (Aneesha), two granddaughters, Taylor and Brenna, and brothers Richard and Tim (Carol). Kathy was predeceased by her beloved parents.

Special appreciation to Kathy's nieces (angels on Earth) Lindsay and Meggan, who provided hospice care and assistance to her in her final days.

A celebration of life will be held at Knudsen Park in Holladay on Thursday, September 14th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 6293 Holladay Blvd East, Holladay, UT 84121 (behind the Cotton Bottom Inn).

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