



## Donna Somers Turner

April 7, 1942 - June 22, 2019

Donna Somers Turner, 77, peacefully passed away on June 22, 2019 surrounded by her loving daughters. She was born on April 7, 1942 in Pioche, Nevada to Donald Varley Somers and Margaret Louise Rathbun Somers. She married Earl "Bud" Turner for time and all eternity on September 15, 1961 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Donna was raised in Pioche, Nevada until the age of fourteen, at which time her family moved to American Fork, Utah. She later graduated from American Fork High School in 1960. Donna worked for Bailey Manufacturing in Pleasant Grove for a number of years while raising her children. She later began working as a school librarian for Orchard Elementary School, and retired after 15 years of service. She cherished her time working with the children and getting them excited about reading. She was awarded the Alpine School District Outstanding Classified Professional Award in 1993, and the Utah State Legislature Outstanding Employee of the Year Award in 1994, along with numerous other awards which reflected her sincere love for her work.

Donna was an avid reader, was invested in researching her family history, and spent countless hours crocheting baby blankets for charity. She spent many summers camping and fishing with her family. She enjoyed her opportunity to travel to numerous places. Some of her favorites were Nauvoo, Boston, the Caribbean, New York, Alaska, Hawaii, the Panama Canal, along with so many more. She enjoyed gardening and loved watching the hummingbirds in her yard. Donna was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served valiantly in her many callings throughout the years. She brought great joy and happiness to those she served through visiting teaching, and she enjoyed making her weekly trips to the temple. She was kind, gentle and found great joy in spending time with her family.

She is survived by her loving daughters Wendy Woods-St. George, Bonnie Blackburn-Woods Cross, Toni Thatcher (Bryan)-Las Vegas, Beverly Richins (Brandon)-Saratoga Springs, and daughter-in-law Alicia Turner Heugly-Lehi; 19 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and her sister Joanne Seely-Nephi. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Bud; parents, Don and Margaret; son, Matt; sister Beverly; and brother, Allen.

Viewing and funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the Jordan Willows 2nd Ward Chapel, located at 1801 West 700 South, Lehi. Viewing visitation will be held 9:00-10:45 a.m., with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Lehi City Cemetery.

As a family, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our wonderful friends at Advanced Healthcare of St. George for their loving and compassionate care. Their efforts and friendships will never be forgotten.

# Cemetery

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## Lehi City Cemetery

1000 N St. 400 E

Lehi, UT,

# Events

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**JUN** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Jordan Willows 2nd Ward

1801 West 700 South, Lehi, UT, US

**JUN** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:15PM

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Jordan Willows 2nd Ward

1801 West 700 South, Lehi, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Donna was one of the kindest, most selfless people I’ve ever met. Her love for her family and her quiet strength was something I will always respect and never forget. I never once saw her treat a person poorly or speak unkindly of anyone. She lived what she believed. She taught me so much, from cooking to balancing my bank statements and how to budget. She was always there to lend advice, a shoulder to cry on, and patiently show me how to be a grown up. Her love for books and learning inspired me. Some of my favorite conversations with her were about the books we were reading and what our favorite parts were. The thing I always looked forward to was the box of books she would buy me every Christmas that would last me several months. When those were read, there were always more to borrow! I often wondered why she would go fishing when she spent the whole time reading a book on the bank (this is my favorite memory of her sitting there on the bank reading). She would set down her book and reel in a big one - always caught the most fish too! She was such a great example of patience and compromise. She always let me know how much she loved me and how lucky she was to have me as part of her family. Looking back at all of the wonderful memories, I realize I AM THE LUCKY ONE to have had this amazing lady as my mother in law. I’m so grateful to have been a part of her beautiful life. R.I.P. Mama Donna

**Alicia Turner (Heugly)** - June 25, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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“ What a wonderful person and proud to have as my cousin. I remember her when she first rode a bike. She was doing really well but someone forgot to tell her how the brakes worked. She hit the fence in the front yard and she went over the fence head first and the bike stayed on the other fence. Lucky her was not hurt, but man was she scared. Can't blame her. I think she was bout 6 or 7 years old. Uncle Don and Aunt Margaret really did a great job of raising her. She never got into trouble that I remember. Always doing the correct thing and always doing it right. She loved life.

**Louis Somers** - June 25, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ You will always be in our hearts grandma We love you so much and will never forget the love and kindness you had shown to those around you. Octavia just adored you in every way.



**Miranda Turner** - June 25, 2019 at 10:39 AM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of my cousin. I remember as a teenager, all of our visits every year to Aunt Margaret and Uncle Don's house. We enjoyed spending time with Donna, Joanne and Allen. We loved Donna's sweet demeanor and kind heart. Her husband Bud was the opposite of Donna, with a big sense of humor and zest for life. He made her laugh. I remember their loving glances and how happy they seemed. She is reunited with him now and she is out of pain. I didn't get to see her very much, as we lived in different states, but we kept in touch through Facebook. I will miss our conversations and her sweet smile...  
Love, Gerry

**Gerry Rathbun Edie** - June 25, 2019 at 12:44 AM