



Judith Ann Eccles Wight

January 19, 1945 - September 23, 2020

Judith Ann Eccles Wight, aged 75, passed away on September 23, 2020 at her home in South Jordan, Utah. Judy was born January 19, 1945 in Los Angeles, California to David House Eccles and Jeanne Rosemary Averill Eccles.

She attended Brigham Young University where she met Richard H. Wight. They were married on September 6, 1963 in the Los Angeles Temple.

Throughout her life, she was an avid genealogist and later became professionally accredited specializing in Irish and Scottish records. This led to her many trips to the British Isles in search of church and census records not found in the United States. Her knowledge and skills led her to working for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in their Family History Library assisting many with their own research and completing special projects.

On a trip to Northern Ireland, Judy became aware of the Ulster Project in which Northern Ireland Catholic and Protestant teens travel to the United States and are paired with an equal number of teens to help build peace by weakening religious divisions. Judy began the Utah Ulster Project in 1985.

Judy was a member of the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable which brings people of different faiths, cultures, and beliefs together. She found great joy in her friendships and service there. She also enjoyed attending cultural events and traveling the world.

After retirement, Richard and Judy served at the LDS Church Family and Church History Headquarters Mission in Salt Lake City.

Judy Wight is survived by her children and their spouses, Michael Wight, Kelly Hill (Mike), Timothy Wight (Sheryl), Kevin Wight (Tina, now deceased), Jamie Wight, and Erin Flinders (Peter); 24 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Judy was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the River View 3rd Ward chapel at 11420 S. 700 W. Draper, Utah at 10 a.m.

Interment will occur at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.

Events

SEP **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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River View 3rd Ward - Draper

11420 S 700 W,, Draper, UT, US, 84020

SEP **Interment** 11:30AM - 12:00PM

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Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams

17111 S. Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, UT, US, 84065

Comments



“ Judy and I were friends all the way back to the 5th grade when I transferred to Yorkdale Elementary, and then all the way through junior high and high school. I still remember her skit at a junior high program to the tune of the "Little Old Man in the Little Old Car" - really funny, got a big laugh. She was also instrumental in bringing Olympic diving champ Dr. Sammy Lee to an assembly at Burbank for Brotherhood Week (he went to Burbank and Franklin). I met him again at a function just a few years ago and reminded him of that assembly, and he remembered Judy fondly as well. (He has since passed away in his late 80's or even 90's, I think.) I also remember going to her wedding reception after her freshman year at BYU - such a wonderful long term marriage. We also met a couple of times for lunch over the last 15 or so years when she was visiting California, including she came to my office since I was buried in a project. She also helped me fill in some missing links in my own genealogy, finding my dad's signature on a Census form in New York over 100 years ago! Judy was really good at genealogy searches, as well as a wonderful advocate for ecumenical outreach between different faiths. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all of her big multi-generation family as well as her friends, including me. Rest in peace, old friend.

John Marshall

John Marshall - November 01, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Judy was an amazing lady and friend. We were classmates and Laurels together. I always admired Judy's desire to do good in her life and she did it outstandingly. I am happy she and Richard are together again. They have raised a wonderful family. God bless them as they deal with the separation from their parents but they will all be reunited again, one day.

Sharon Anderson - September 30, 2020 at 12:22 AM



“ Judy was a political activist from an early age. In 1960 when we were 15 she persuaded me to ride the city bus from our homes in Highland Park to the L.A. coliseum to watch John F. Kennedy accept the democratic nomination for president .

In 1987 I met up with Judy in Northern Ireland-to celebrate Orange Day..

Whenever I visited the Salt Lake Family History Library I tried to make contact with Judy. On one memorable occasion I inadvertently walked out with some library materials and didn't discover my "theft" until I was back Home in Texas. Judy kindly agreed to smuggle the materials back into the library after I mailed them to her. She was a true friend and I will miss knowing that she is no longer with us.

Jeri Martinez

Jeri Martinez - September 29, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ We love Judy. One of the most amazing human beings! Kind, generous and filled with love for people of all walks of life Judy did a lot for our community to bring us together and build bridges. We all have to work hard to fulfill the work that Judy did here for so many.

Rabbi Alan and Andalin Bachman - September 29, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ I'll miss you so much, grandma. I'll never forget those sweet memories I have of growing up and seeing you or how much you meant to me. I wish my daughter could've met you! You were such a strong, brave, and faithful woman. God be with you till we meet again. I love you so much.

Amanda Callahan - September 28, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ The news of Judy's death breaks my heart! I've enjoyed every minute I got to spend with her at the FHL in Salt Lake over the years! I had hoped to spend more under her guidance! Judy, you were amazing! Love and Hugs from Minnesota! Anne Furan Spartz

Anne Spartz - September 28, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ Judy was a brilliant genealogist. I learned quite a bit from her about Irish genealogy while reviewing the research she did for ProGenealogists and will miss her wisdom and kindness. - Krysten Baca

Krysten - September 28, 2020 at 11:59 AM