



Kay Whiteley Eagar

March 5, 1940 - March 21, 2021

Kay Whiteley Eagar (Katie, Grandma Tutu) was blessed to graduate from this earthly life into the arms of Jesus Christ on March 21, 2021, due to natural causes.

Kay was born of Ida Burton (Burrows) and Jerry Lorraine Whiteley on March 5, 1940 in Montclair, New Jersey. She graduated from South High in Salt Lake City, Utah; received her Bachelors in Elementary Education and later, a Masters in Social Work, both from the University of Utah. She had a much loved and successful career in Social Work. She worked with cancer patients, back pain patients, and newborns. She worked at the University of Utah Fisher House, where she was the Director of military families. She also worked for the VA at the Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. Many benefited from her teaching and knowledge.

Leo Brent Eagar swept her off her feet with thoughtful kindness and charm. They were sealed on November 17, 1960, in the Salt Lake Temple and started their family immediately. Together they raised 6 children who adored her. She had a special relationship with her youngest daughter who is “celestial” in nature. Mom cared for her lovingly, and always included her in our lives. Her efforts with Rachel could only be seen as heavenly, and completely selfless.

Mom was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She put 100% effort into her many callings. She served in the Bonneville Stake Mission, and in the New York North Mission with L. Brent. Many West Point Academy cadets and members loved them and expressed touching stories of their time there.

Mom had a great love for her ancestors, and spent many hours researching and performing ordinances in the temple. She was deeply intuitive to her connections to the other side.

Mom could find fun anywhere and anytime. She dressed up in hilarious outfits, gave gifts with the most imaginative wrapping, and played loud opera in the car. Mom was an

accomplished pianist and violinist. She played in many groups, and touched many hearts.

She was a gifted writer and wrote faithfully to her children, grandchildren, and greats while on their missions and other life celebrations. She would often give us blessings, pray, and fast for us. Her family was her passion.

Mom was an avid reader, mostly of gospel topics. She collected church doctrine books, and was well versed in their teachings. She would often read far into the night. She was generous in sharing those books as gifts, often signed with a note of testimony and love.

She was an incredible seamstress and needlepointer. She could make anything from scratch and spent hours at the machine adding and embellishing simple pieces. She often helped people in need through fostering, and generous giving. Her love of animals was apparent. She had a talented eye for creating beautiful home spaces, and knew how to invite the spirit of God to dwell there. We always knew our home was a refuge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her bio brother William Whiteley, and her beloved gentle giant, L. Brent Eagar. She is survived by children: Leo Jonathan Eagar, Thaddeus Brent Eagar(Rebecca Uhlig), Jeremy Burton Eagar, Mary Vee Poelman(Douglas Poelman), Sarah Kay Cook(Blaine Cook), and Rachel Whiteley Eagar, 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Kay's life will be held Friday April 2, 2021, with a viewing from 10:00am-10:45am and a memorial service at 11:00am at Murray 29th Ward, 6300 South 700 West, Murray Utah. Interment, Murray City Cemetery at approximately 1:00pm. Thanks to Serenity Funeral Home for hosting.

Cemetery

Murray City Cemetery

5490 S Vine Street
Murray, UT,

Events

APR 2 **Viewing** 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Murray 29th Ward
6300 South 700 West, Murray, UT, US

APR 2 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Murray 29th Ward
6300 South 700 West, Murray, UT, US, 84123

APR 2 **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Murray City Cemetery
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Comments



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Jon,

I was saddened to read about the passing of your mother. It's hard to lose your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this tender time. My most sincere condolences to you and your siblings.

DeAnne Kjar Rogers

DeAnne Rogers - April 01 at 10:20 PM



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We first met when in the Student Ward in Seattle. Brent and I were in the Bishopric with Bishop Merrill Ellis. We had wonderful associations there. A lovely lady.

Wally Brown - March 26 at 04:42 PM



“ She and I were engaged to be married when i was 19 years old--before my mission. Although she married the better man, we remained friends throughout our lives.
Gary Smith

Gary Smith - March 26 at 03:21 PM



“ Graham Dodd and I were in the Garden Park 2nd Ward with Kay and Brent for many years, and her children and my children grew up together and still have lasting friendships. Please know Of my sorrow at your mother’s passing. She was truly a good woman! With love, April xx

April Dodd Bardsley - March 26 at 07:46 PM



“ I knew Kay at South High School. She had a gentle sweet spirit about her.
Kaye Parsons Butler

Kaye Butler - March 27 at 09:36 PM



“ I met Kay in Seattle Wn. Our husbands were getting their PhD at the U of Wn. I so much enjoyed playing my violin with her on many occasions with Kathy Faerlber accompanying on the piano.
Recently Kay found Kathy and I and we texted our joys and concerns for just this past year. I had much love and admiration for her. Ruth A. Smith March 30, 2021

Ruth A. Smith - March 30 at 12:45 PM



“ During our high school years at Granite, we had a group of ten or so who met at Kay's house on Sunday evenings. Her mother, Ida, then led us in discussions of the Book of Mormon. We were all blessed with special bonds of love and knowledge as we helped each other through those years. Therefore I carry treasured memories of Kay's teenage years. She was fun and full of creative ideas. Furthermore, I have the pleasure of claiming her for my first cousin, once removed. She was a gal worth knowing.
I extend my sympathy and love to her family as you carry on the love and traditions she has left with you.

Elizabeth Burton

Elizabeth L Burton - March 30 at 12:58 PM



“ Kay Eagar is one of the most amazing women I know. She taught me how to listen to and follow he Holy Ghost when we were young married couples. I had the privilege of being the piano accompanist for her and Ruth Smith's violin due as they performed for many special occasions in Seattle, Washington, and other places. She had a special love for the Prophet Moroni. Now she and Brent can have the privilege of shaking his hand. LeRoy and I love you, Kay, and your family. --The Faerbers

Kathleen E Faerber - March 30 at 02:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Poelman - March 25 at 12:27 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Poelman - March 25 at 12:25 PM



“ Kay played matchmaker for my husband, Peter, & I. We named our 2nd daughter after her. She is an amazing, fun, wise, and tender hearted woman.

Judith Bellville - March 31 at 10:03 PM