



## Margie Geertsen Hardy

September 16, 1948 - December 31, 2015

Margie Geertsen Hardy was born on September 16, 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Paul and Lois Geertsen, the oldest of four children. According to her mother, she was her "perfect child" that was always helping with her younger sisters and brother. She was always honest. She couldn't tell a lie if she had wanted to.

When she was in fourth grade, she developed Rheumatic Fever and missed several months of school. Much of her schooling that year came from lying on the couch doing her school work.

Mom came from a very musical family. She sang with her sisters from a very young age and performed many times. When she was 16 years old, she took piano lessons for a year and a half and became an excellent pianist which is a skill she fell back on for the rest of her life. Mom always loved music.

Mom's first job was at Heber Valley Milk Depot where she made 90 cents per hour. She even made a commercial for them back in the day. Her dad sold Fuller Brush on the side so she and her sister, Nancy, used to deliver her dad's Fuller Brush for extra money.

She graduated from Cyprus High School in 1966 where she was an excellent student and sang in the Madrigals. The summer between her Junior and Senior year, she met the man that would be her future husband, Ray Hardy. Mom and dad met while dad was working at Saratoga Resort. Mom and her sisters were visiting Saratoga, the rest is history. Mom and dad married on August 22, 1966 in the Salt Lake Temple. Margie was the mother to 10 children, seven boys and three girls whom she dearly loved. She dedicated her life to loving, supporting and instilling values in her children for the remainder of her life. She was a very hard worker and very unselfish. She was always to be found gardening, canning or working a side job or two so that her kids could have things such as piano lessons or gymnastics or to save money for Christmas. Mom's hobbies included anything that her children were doing. She taught 4H club to her children and their friends, she was a soccer coach to her kids and room mother. She taught her kids to cook, clean, play the piano, pray and how to be decent human beings. They never lacked for attention or love. Mom loved the gospel and more than anything wanted her children to have a testimony and love the Lord. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mom had many callings in the church throughout her life such as primary teacher, YW

presidency, and primary and relief society pianist but the lengthiest being the calling of ward organist. She played the organ in the ward for over 30 years.

She loved the mountains, she loved to hike, fish and have picnics in the canyon. Mom also loved the ocean and cherished every opportunity she had to travel there. She loved to go to Disneyland and Yellowstone and visit family. She loved birthdays and holidays and made them special and passed on many cherished memories and traditions to us children. Mom also sang with the Utah Valley Chorale Arts Society for several years and had the opportunity to perform throughout the valley. She had a beautiful soprano voice that we all knew and loved.

Mom was a mail carrier for 25 years. Just like in the rest of her life, she was very organized and meticulous in her work. Mom took the opportunity to get to know her customers and was always friendly and kind to everyone she met. A friend recently told one of her children, "I barely knew your mother but she treated me like a long time friend every time I saw her at the mailbox. What a sweet lady."

Our beloved mother, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend passed away on December 31, 2015 at the young age of 67 after a valiant struggle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her children and husband.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Hardy, children- Brian(Hiroko) Hardy, Lisa(Layne) Zimmerman, Robert Hardy, Christy(Mitch) Keck, Jennifer(John) Peterson, Mike(Melissa) Hardy, Todd(Jackie) Hardy, Jason Hardy, Mark(Jennifer) Hardy, David Hardy. Siblings- Nancy(Rand) Rawson, Patty(Jerry) Bennion, Gary(Jill) Geertsen and her mother, Lois Geertsen. In addition, Margie was blessed with 39 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her father Paul Geertsen, granddaughter Taylor Zimmerman, son-in-law Ross Williams, Ray's parents, Fred and Edna Hardy and great granddaughter Tenley Karren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 8, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the LDS Chapel at 1680 West 700 South Lehi, Ut. Viewings will be held Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Friday from 9:30-10:30AM at the same chapel. Interment will be in the Lehi City Cemetery.

Many of earth's greatest and noblest souls live their lives without glamour and social prestige yet their individual lives are examples of purpose, meaning and honor. Mom leaves a profound legacy for us to live up to. To her family, she is one of the noble spirits. Thanks mom, for being our mother.

# Cemetery

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## Lehi City Cemetery

1000 N St. 400 E

Lehi, UT,

# Events

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**JAN 7 Viewing** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Lehi 700 South

1680 W. 700 S., Lehi, UT, US

**JAN 8 Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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**JAN 8 Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Lehi 700 South

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# Comments

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“ It was a pure pleasure to be friends & ward members with all the Hardy's for some 20 plus years in the Lehi 13 Ward. Great family, who taught us much and were always kind and friendly to all. Margie was so special and made everyone feel special when with her. When we moved into Lehi then she became our Mail connection for another 7 years. We will miss her and always remember her kind and gentle friendship. We pray for her family and know that the Lord will help them thru this time of sadness. Sue & Phil Faulk

**Sue & Phil Faulk** - January 12, 2016 at 01:24 AM

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“ To a half-cousin who I met 30 years ago. I hate goodbyes. Thankful for sweet reunions to come.  
My heart felt emotions to all the family; Geertsen and Hardy.  
Jeff A. Geertsen. (Son of Bill Geertsen).

**Jeff A Geertsen** - January 07, 2016 at 11:33 AM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Margie's passing - she accomplished so much and influenced thousands of people for good in her lifetime. I don't believe that she had any enemies in the whole world. I have fond memories of family gatherings and outings when we were kids growing up.

Now you all are working through the grieving process - I know it is hard. I am grateful that you have a large and loving family and can be there to support each other as this process takes months and even years. I pray that the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your minds and hearts and give you hope for a future life together in heaven.

I am sorry that we are not able to make it down for the funeral as we are in Seattle. Please pass along our condolences to all of the family.

Dave and Aura and Charlie, Stein, Thor, Terry!

**David Erickson** - January 06, 2016 at 07:47 PM

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“ Margie always had a smile on her face and a kind word to help lift your spirit. I never saw her being down or depressed about life. I will miss her positive example. ?

**Julie McNamara** - January 06, 2016 at 07:06 AM