



Charlotte O Shepherd (Harris)

April 30, 1926 - February 15, 2018

Charlotte Shepherd (Harris), age 91, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2018 at Covington Senior Living in Linden, Utah.

Charlotte's infectious smile, wonderful sense of humor, grace and style were all characteristics beloved by many. Her four children, 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren (with three more in the oven) were the greatest joys of her life and she loved to shower them with unconditional kisses, hugs, and unexpected gifts.

Charlotte was born on April 30, 1926 in Conrad, Montana to Charles C. Harris and Olive M. Wagner. She had one sister, Darlene (Blazen), who preceded her in death. The Harris family would eventually move to Portland, Oregon where Charlotte lived with her family until leaving to attend college at BYU in Provo, Utah. While at BYU, she met Kenneth R. Shepherd (deceased) from Mesa, Arizona. After graduating, she and Ken were married in the LDS Mesa Arizona Temple on August 17, 1948.

After getting married, Ken and Char relocated to the San Francisco area where they spent their formative years as a couple and family. They had four children, Terry Lynne, Larry (Heidi Johnson), Scott, and Charles (Diane Gardner) (deceased).

In 1960, Ken and Charlotte moved to Woodland Hills, California where they developed many dear, life-long friends on "Mormon Hill." In 1964, the family moved across the country to New Hampshire on Charlotte's condition that the family learn to ski. For the next several years, the family would pack the Buick

station wagon every Saturday to ski the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire. While the lifestyle change was dramatic, every member of the family loved their years in New England. Five years later, the family moved to New York for a short stint outside the Big Apple. In 1970, the family eventually moved back to Southern California, purchasing a home just four houses down from where they lived six years earlier. While major moves like this could have been traumatic, thanks to Charlotte's enthusiasm and example, each new move was an adventure which helped to bond the family closely together. Ken and Charlotte loved to travel around the world and after Ken's retirement, they served a mission in South Africa in 1987. After their missions, they returned to live in the Mesa/Chandler, Arizona area where they thought they would live the rest of their lives. However, the draw of close friends from Woodland Hills eventually lured them to St George, Utah in 2004 where they lived for several years. As their years matured, they decided they needed more support from family and moved to a new home in American Fork, Utah in 2012. After Ken passed away in 2014, Charlotte moved into an assisted living facility where she again, in usual fashion, developed many new friends. She passed away peacefully with her children by her side. Just as she wanted.

Charlotte's celebration of life will begin with a viewing at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 1600 N 828 W, Orem Utah 84057. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM and the interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to either kiva (www.kiva.org/team/shepherd) or the Autism Society (www.autism-society.org).

A more complete obituary may be found on the homepage for Serenity Funeral Home (www.serenityfhs.com)

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlotte O Shepherd (Harris)*

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“ Terry, Larry, and Scott, and Families, Ken was Doug's older brother by 7 years and so as you can imagine Doug thought he was IT! Doug wanted to be like him, i.e. he played the trumpet and so Doug took up the trumpet. They never had any close relationship growing up because by the time Doug was 12 Ken was away to college and then the Army Air Corp. After that it was BYU--again both he and Arlene were gone and Doug was home with David--He was 7 years younger. When Ken married Char a new special person joined the family and Doug was thrilled. His 1st real close time with them was when they lived in Albany. Ken got Doug a job with C&H Sugar Co. and He lived with them and Terry all summer. Ken really introduced Doug to golf that summer when he took him to play golf with his good friend Herb Hill. Doug really learned to appreciate Char that summer as She took really good care of him. When Doug got home from his mission and met Carol Lee that was it . They married the next summer and went to California for their honeymoon. On their way to a job Ken and Char invited them to come by Palo Alto to visit which was really nice. Doug's job was near Napa, Ca. at Bar 49 Ranch for kids. Ken had helped Doug get that job too. A couple of years later Doug and Carol Lee moved to Whittier, Ca. where life changed for the two brothers. They both bought lots in Woodland Hills and they became neighbors. They both continued to raise their families there--played golf--games, and enjoyed our growing families and the Church which was so near. Ken and Char were constant companions actively involved in many worthwhile endeavors and made many wonderful friends which included Doug and Carol Lee. Later in our lives Arlene and Maury entered more fully into our lives and we continued to enjoy golf, card games and other combined family reunions and family affairs. Life has been real good for Carol Lee and Doug because of your Mother and Dad. We love them and will miss them but not forever, as families can and will be forever for those who will!

We love and miss all three of you and your families. It was good to see all of you this past week and hope to see more of you sooner rather than later.

LOVE, Carol Lee and Doug

Doug & Carol Lee Shepherd - February 25, 2018 at 09:30 PM

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“ *Dear Shepherd Family:*

I just learned of your mother's passing. She was a dear, dear friend of my mother -- Mary Smart Hales Jensen -- and I knew her as well. She was a wonderful person and I know how much you will miss her. My mother died in 2004 and we still miss her every day. The picture you have used for your mother's obituary is exactly as I remember her.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Hales Hoagland

Mary Hoagland - February 24, 2018 at 11:05 PM