



Kathryn Christensen Gardner

August 21, 1929 - March 26, 2018

Kathryn Christensen Gardner, 88, died March 26, 2018, at home in Orem, Utah, at the side of her husband of more than 51 years, Brigham Delworth Gardner. Kathryn and Del had survived a catastrophic automobile accident 3 1/2 years earlier and were cared for in their home by their daughter Jeanmarie. Kathryn, the youngest of eight, was born August 21, 1929, in Provo, Utah, to Myrtle Farnsworth Christensen and Judge Albert H. Christensen.

Kathryn was known for her passion for education and her compassion for others. She taught elementary school after graduation from Brigham Young University in Provo and Lincoln High School in Orem. She earned a Master of Arts in Instructional Media and Library Sciences from Indiana University and was an assistant professor at Utah State University for six years. She lived in several states, primarily Utah and California, and traveled the world, including the former Soviet Union during the Cold War and multiple trips to Europe and Japan. She and Del taught in Beijing, China, for a year after his retirement from BYU. She opened their home with more than 50 students at various times and was instrumental in helping an extended family of Cambodian refugees to resettle successfully in the U.S. after they fled their war-torn country in the 1980s.

She loved gardening and attending concerts and plays; she was active in the LDS church, organizing and directing many music programs through the years. She is sorely missed by family, friends and neighbors.

Kathryn is survived by Del, 89, her second husband, and all seven children in their blended family: Brigham Gardner, Naunie Marie Gardner, Bruce Gardner, Paul Todd, Peter Todd, Jeanmarie Todd, and Phillip Todd, plus 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Albert Charles Todd, Jr., her parents, and siblings. Services will be held Monday, April 23, at the Cascade 1st Ward at 481 E. Center Street in Orem, at 11 a.m. Viewings will be 9:30-10:45 that morning and 5-7 p.m. the night before. Please share memories, condolences and photographs of Kathryn at www.serenityfhs.com.

Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery

1520 N 800 E
Orem, UT

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Cascade LDS Stake Center
481 E Center Street
Orem, UT

Visitation

APR 23. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

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Funeral Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn Christensen Gardner*

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“ *Dear Paul,
I won't be in Utah for your mom's funeral, but I'm thinking about you. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. She was an extraordinary woman who always treated me with warmth, generosity and respect. I have fond memories of European travel, the Shakespeare festival, the symphony, and , above all, intelligent conversation over dinner in her home. Please call so we can catch up. Miss you!*
Love,
Ann Harrison
801.815.3446

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