



## Margaret Geraldine "Jeri" Blaylock Christiansen

November 29, 1937 - February 6, 2024

Funeral Service Link:

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Margaret Geraldine "Jeri" Blaylock Christiansen, died Tuesday February 6, 2024, at the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray Utah, from natural causes related to advanced age.

Jeri was born on November 29, 1937, in Pocatello, Idaho to Sherwood James Blaylock and Margaret Emiline Skelton. She had four younger siblings Andrea, Roger, Susan, and Steven.

In 1956, she graduated from Ben Lomond High School, North Ogden, Utah and was among the first graduating class to complete all three years at the school. She was a member of the Allonettes and sang Soprano in the high school choir under the direction of Ed Sandgren. Her school traveled to Disneyland and was one of the first groups to sing at the amusement park after it opened in 1955. She had a lifetime love of roller coasters and amusement parks. Following high school, she pursued a degree in music at Weber College, performing in several plays including the school's production

of the musical Oklahoma.

On June 20, 1958, after years of dating, and long-distance writing, she was married to her eternal companion Orson J. Christiansen the Salt Lake City Temple. The marriage was officiated by Orson's great uncle, ElRay Christiansen, who was serving as the temple president. Jeri and Orson were married for 63 years and remained faithful sweethearts until his death in September 2021.

For a majority of her career, she worked in banking at the Lockhart Company and Zion's Bank. Jeri loved parties and holidays and was a fabulous hostess. Most notably hosting annual Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's parties. Her infectious laugh evidenced her absolute love of life.

Jeri's parents operated a movie theater when she was young, and it began a lifelong love affair of movies. Movies, popcorn, Junior Mints were all staples in her home. She loved mysteries, soap operas, musicals, and the theatre. She was a season ticket holder to Pioneer Theater Company and the Hale Centre Theatre for decades cherishing multiple productions of her favorite shows.

As a child she spent summers visiting her grandparents in Rexburg and Island Park, Idaho. Island Park was one of her favorite places to visit, taking her children annually to enjoy the beauty of the Snake River, Big Springs, Pond's, Mack's Inn, Quake Lake, and Yellowstone.

Jeri was always singing. For 40 years she sang Soprano for the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Armont Willardsen, and George Welch, enjoying many great and wonderful associations. Orson and Jeri resided in the Willow Creek, Sandy from 1978 until the time of her death. She was an active member of the Willow Creek Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Jeri was the matriarch of her family. The glue that kept everything and everyone together. She frequently expressed her love for family. She loved and was loved. Jeri is survived by her eldest son Brent Christiansen (Draper, Utah), her daughter-in-law, Joy Christiansen (Sandy, Utah), her daughter Andrea (“Jill”) Sutherland (Sandy, Utah), her son Orson Jeffrey (“Jeff”) & Laury Christiansen (Taylorsville, Utah), and her son Gregory (“Greg”) James & Tiffany Christiansen (Draper, Utah). She is also survived by her sister Andrea (Douglas) Merrill (Brigham City, Utah), her sister Susan (Jim) Coleman (Roy, Utah), and brother Steven (Patty) Blaylock (Santa Maria, California). She is survived by 17 loving grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jeri was preceded in death by her husband Orson J. Christiansen, her son Michael Steven Christiansen, her son-in-law Kyle Sutherland, and her brother Roger Blaylock.

A special thanks to the nurses, staff, and doctors at the Riverton Hospital and the IMC for the care provided to Jeri over the past couple of weeks.

Funeral services will be held at noon, Friday February 16, 2024, at the Willow Creek 2nd Ward Chapel located at 2400 East Alta Canyon Drive, Sandy, Utah with Bishop Bill Christensen officiating. Friends and family may attend a family gathering and prayer between 11:15 and 11:50 am. With Interment at the Ben Lomond Cemetery, in North Ogden.

“Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us. To see ourselves as others see us!” – Robert Burns.

# Cemetery Details

## Ben Lomond Cemetery

526 E 2850 N  
North Ogden, UT

# Previous Events

## Family Gathering

FEB 16. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Willow Creek 2nd Ward  
2400 East Alta Canyon Drive,  
Sandy, UT

## Funeral Service

FEB 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Willow Creek 2nd Ward  
2400 East Alta Canyon Drive,  
Sandy, UT

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Jeri and I worked together at the bank for a number of years. She was an absolute delight! I loved working with her! She had a charming laugh, a beautiful singing voice, and a positive, upbeat attitude. She shares in some of my favorite memories. I LOVE Jeri! Sorry I didn't know of her passing until now. She was always so much fun, and so kind to me!*

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**Linda Anderson** - June 28, 2025 at 02:16 PM

RP

“ *Christiansen family  
I very much enjoyed singing with your mother and dad in Symphonic Choir. I always thought them to be wonderful people. As Armont Willardsen may have said, they were "top drawer" people.*

*Randall Petersen*

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**Randall Petersen** - February 13, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Jeri will be greatly missed, I did her nails for over 20 years, but I thought of her as a dear friend. I loved our chats and to hear about her family, her love for Orson, and all their travels together. She was so proud of her children’s accomplishments and how they would get together to for just a simple movie night. I could tell her family was the center of her world. Cherish all the great memories that you share, and the importance of continuing family get togethers in memory of your parents. Bless your family and may you be comforted and strengthened in knowing we will see our loved ones again.*

*(Poem by someone unknown)*

*Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well.*

*Kristie Frost*

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**Kristie Frost** - February 12, 2024 at 10:19 PM

GB

“ *Such a sweet person. Beautiful inside and out. She will be missed!*

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**Gail Bullock** - February 12, 2024 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ We had a lot of fun throughout the years, I will miss her so much !  
Love you xxxxxxxx Be Happy, Suzy

susan coleman - February 12, 2024 at 08:40 PM

LG

“ Jeri was a delight to get to know after our daughter married her youngest son Greg. Orson and she were a team with everything she did. She truly loved her grandchildren and loved sharing her theater time with them. She and Orson always made us feel welcomed and we loved seeing them at family dinners! We are going to miss her constant smile and fun laugh! It won't be long before we're all together again. In the meantime - stay busy Jeri with that youthful and active spirit!  
Leah Gibbons

Leah Gibbons - February 12, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home - February 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM