



## Marilyn Brighton Wardle

September 21, 1935 - March 2, 2021

On Tuesday, 2 March 2021, our dearly loved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Marilyn Brighton Wardle, age 85, departed this life in West Jordan, Utah. She died from non-alcoholic liver cirrhosis. Marilyn will be remembered for her: generosity and kindness; love of family; artwork; ability to beautify her surroundings; compassionate service; love of gardening; and especially as a servant of Jesus Christ. She was a ready helper and a trusted and loyal friend.

Marilyn was born in Bennett, Utah, on 21 September 1935, to Sidney Alvarus Brighton and Evelyn Fanny Whitelock, and was the last of 7 children born to them. She graduated from Union High School and was married to Don L. Killian on 13 August 1953. They had four children together: Sidney Grant (Shaunna), Patti (Roger Clark Johnson), Clay L. (Maridee), and Guy T. (Gerusa).

While we were young, a divorce ensued making it necessary for Marilyn to find full-time employment. She was encouraged to run for Duchesne County Treasurer, and shortly after learning that she had won, our family moved across the street from the county court house where she worked. We played on the lawn outside her office, and occasionally she would open the window to check on us.

Later, she met and married Larry K. Wardle, on 20 July 1967. Soon thereafter they moved the family from the Uintah Basin into Salt Lake City, Utah. It was while living in Taylorsville that mother first decided to read and pray about the

Book of Mormon and learned of her Heavenly Father's love and mercy and of His Eternal Plan for His children. This brought her much peace. She served faithfully in many church callings, some of these included: Primary worker, Compassionate Service Leader, Gospel Doctrine Teacher, and Relief Society President. All of these callings brought growth and unique service opportunities.

Mother belonged to a book club and enjoyed reading and discussing ideas and authors. She belonged to The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and hosted and participated in their meetings as well. But her enduring interest and outstanding talent was as an artist and homemaker. As her children married, she bought a kiln and molds and made each of them many ceramic holiday decorations. She was frequently called upon to make backdrops and scenery for road shows, and twice she worked on designing floats for the 24th of July Parade. One year a float she designed received the History Award and was featured on the front page of The Church News. Scrapbooking and craft days were a common occurrence in our family room. She always had a beautifully landscaped yard, winning two city awards for the most beautiful yard. She also enjoyed preserving fruits and canned grape juice, tomatoes and tomato juice, apricots, peaches, pickles, and green beans. After she sold her kiln, she focused on her most enjoyable and soul-satisfying talent of all: oil painting. Nearly all of her children, and many of her grandchildren have been tutored at her easel and many family members have at least one painting of hers adorning their homes. Many of her paintings can be viewed on You Tube: "The Art Work of Marilyn Brighton Wardle," which is made available by her son, Sidney Grant Killian. Mother has always been a nurturer of small children who graced her home, both family and neighbors. She enjoyed teaching them reading and math skills and was dearly beloved by many. Rarely did we ever sit down to a Sunday family dinner when we did not first deliver a plate of food to a widow or widower or perhaps to a family friend.

Marilyn was preceded in death by spouse, Larry K. Wardle (2014); parents, Sidney Alvarus Brighton (1973), and Evelyn Fanny Whitelock (1957); siblings:

Ruth Saari (2005), Sidney Brighton (1920), Laurence Brighton (2009), Eula Watkins (2001), Glen Brighton (2003), and Kent Brighton (2015).

A Viewing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, 8 March 2021, at the Taylorsville 12th Ward Chapel, located at 4505 Brians Way, West Valley City, Utah, followed by a Funeral also at this same address at 11:00 a.m.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, the funeral will also be streamed on-line. In order to gain access to the video stream, please go to <http://t12.erygg.com/> on Monday, 8 March 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

The Burial will follow the funeral at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park located at 17111 South 1700 West, in Bluffdale, Utah at 1:30 p.m..

We invite you to share your memories of Marilyn at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com)

The family would also like to offer a special thank you to ALL of the staff at Bristol Hospice who cared for Marilyn, specifically: Debbie, Tiffany, Laura, April R., Tynesia, Stephanie, Natalie, Jackie, Mary Liz, doctors Richard Allen and Kevin Johnson, but especially to her regular aide, April A., who did so with exceptional tenderness.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Taylorsville 12th Ward Chapel (LDS Church)  
4505 Brians Way  
West Valley City, UT 84119

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Taylorsville 12th Ward Chapel (LDS Church)  
4505 Brians Way  
West Valley City, UT 84119

## Graveside Service

MAR 8. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams  
17111 S. Camp Williams Road  
Bluffdale, UT 84065

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Brighton Wardle*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I had no idea that Marilyn had passed until I was checking Familysearch for any new information to add to the biography of her mother Evelyn. She was very helpful in the project and I was looking forward to sending the newest addition to her for review. My mother and grandmother , as a cousin and aunt, spoke highly of Marilyn, and always enjoyed the opportunity to interact with her. She will be remembered with fondness.*

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**Marilyn Price-Larson** - October 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *It's October 1st, 2021. I just received a beautiful card from Patti letting me know of Marilyn's passing. As for everyone, Marilyn was there through thick and thin, while I went through chemo and radiation, taking me when I couldn't drive myself. But she always told me on the phone, in letters, in cards, that I was HER Angel. How could I ever live up to her? I want to say that Marilyn WAS and will always be my Guardian Angel, on earth and now in Heaven.*

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**Deanna Martin** - October 01, 2021 at 03:09 PM

RS

“ Beautiful Funeral Service-everyone did such a beautiful job. Thank you Kailey for sending me the link. ❤️

*I'm sure she was pleased. I'm so grateful I was able to watch the live stream-what a blessing and miracle to be able to watch it from the New South Wales Outback.*

*Love to all of you ❤️*

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**Robin Shirley Lawyer Solman** - March 08, 2021 at 02:51 PM

RS

“Marilyn has had a profound impact on my life and so many others.

*She was one of my mother's dearest friends, confidants and supports, and her Patti has been one of my greatest. I have a great love for Marilyn and her beautiful family. They are in my prayers.*

*Marilyn was a beautiful, intelligent, refined, spiritual, kind, talented, selfless, serviceable woman.*

*It would be very difficult to find someone not only more aware of the needs of those around her, but, one that was so skilled in knowing the right way to assist those needs, and do it so diligently.*

*She truly lost herself in the service of others and did so, so quietly and gracefully.*

*She was a talented artist and her home was picture perfect. I think she may have been the closest thing to Mary Poppins I have known.*

*When I was caring for my aged parents, she always seemed to know just when we needed her most. And she was one of the angels (along with other friends and family) who pulled me and my wedding successfully together as mother was declining and as she passed away, unexpectedly, around 7pm - the night before my wedding.*

*It is because of her (and others) that I have decent wedding photos and held it together.*

*In her, artful way, of always understanding just what needed to be done, she insisted on making and paying for a hair appointment the morning of my wedding. When, I tried to resist, she simply, cleverly and kindly said, "I'm not doing this for you, Robin, I'm doing it for your mother".*

*There is so very much more I could say, and so many more, I'm sure will! My heart is so full of gratitude and love for her-truly, an*

*Angel on earth.  
The heavens must be rejoicing at her return.*  
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**Robin Shirley Lawyer Solman** - March 08, 2021 at 07:24 AM

CM

“ *Marilyn was an incredibly generous friend and neighbor. She would often talk with me on my walk home from school, let me help her water her plants and ride my bike down her driveway, and she invited me to the movies and playdates with her grandchildren. She always had thoughtful gifts and so much talent, grace, and love. I am forever blessed by her kind example.*

**Cynthia Murray** - March 07, 2021 at 09:33 PM

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“ *I don't know what we would've done over the years without Marilyn as our neighbor. One of the things that we have loved the most about our home on blue Haven Drive was having Marilyn as that ever friendly and generous presence that we could always count on. She took care of everyone. She made living on our street a true pleasure. We will miss her so much. We are so grateful for her willingness to share her time and insights of wisdom and letting us borrow her chairs and tables for our family gatherings. She would also be so generous with her food and sharing the great extras from her family functions. Everyone should be so fortunate to have a neighbor like her. Thank you Marilyn for all that you have done for us.*



*With much Love  
The Timpson's*

**Eric Timpson** - March 07, 2021 at 03:49 PM

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“ *Marilyn was a wonderful example. She was always thinking of others. She was loving, gracious and kind. I am thankful to have known her and worked with her in our Relief Society callings.*

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**Shauna Oakeson** - March 07, 2021 at 02:27 PM

SK

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Sid Killian** - March 04, 2021 at 04:21 PM