

Obituary

Colleen Rae Saunders Marriott, 74



Colleen Rae Saunders Marriott, 74, died peacefully in her home on January 13, 2010 after a courageous fight with cancer that has lasted for more than three years. Her children and husband, Jim were by her side when she passed away. Jim was always with her during her illness and has been a great example of what a husband and best friend should be. Her children will be forever grateful for the love he has shown to her. There are many who have been influenced by her life. Colleen has always been happy and enjoyed life. She loved to be with people, to do new things and see new places. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Colleen was born at home on June 8, 1935 in Ogden, Utah to John and Stella Saunders. She graduated from Ogden High School in 1953 and married James Madison Marriott (Jim) on July 16, 1954 in the Logan, Utah Temple. They attended Utah State University and then lived in Germany for three years while Jim served in the United States Army. They have been married 55 years and have lived in the Ogden, Utah area and then in Blackfoot for the last 32 years. They have 4 children, 22 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren and she loves each one very much. She was always happy to see her family and would make every effort to be at their events to be their biggest fan. She loved the Christmas season and couldn't wait for Christmas because she enjoyed giving presents to her grandchildren.

Colleen has always had a great love for art. She graduated from Idaho State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and began a career of teaching. She taught Art at Snake River High School for 13 years and loved every minute of it. She was a skilled teacher and could help any student succeed in art. Several of her students have gone on to be professional artists. She received several teaching awards including District 52 Teacher of the Year in 1988 and the University of Idaho Teaching Excellence Award. She has created many works of art including three pictures that were displayed in the Ogden Utah Temple. She would draw and paint everywhere she went. Some of her greatest success has been as she has inspired her children and grandchildren with their art work.

Colleen was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Though she was not always vocal about her testimony, everyone knew that she loved the Savior by the way she quietly served in many callings and by the way she loved and accepted everyone. Jim and Colleen served a full time mission in the Ljubljana Slovenia Mission in 2001- 2002 and served most of the time in the city of Zagreb, Croatia.

Colleen and Jim loved to travel. Colleen would study the places that she would be visiting and then off they would go. They have traveled extensively with their family throughout North America and Europe including Communist East Germany where Jim was ticketed for Colleen not wearing a seat belt.

Our Wife, Mom, Grandma, Teacher and Friend will be greatly missed, but the memories of her exemplary life will always remain with us until we see her again.

She is survived by her husband, James M. Marriott, her four children, Mike (Penny) Marriott, of Blackfoot, ID, Jane (Ladd) Carter, of Springfield, ID, Bob (Michelle) Marriott, of Woods Cross, UT, and Dave (Leigh) Marriott, of Pleasant View, UT, her sister, Vanetta (Wendell) Zaugg, of Clearfield, UT, and her brother, Paul (Diane) Saunders, of Huntsville, UT.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Stella Saunders, her sister Sharon (LaVar) South and great granddaughter Patty Colleen Carter.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Blackfoot Northwest LDS Stake Center, corner of Pioneer and Moreland roads, with Bishop Brett Williams of the Riverside 2nd Ward conducting. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, ID, and again for one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.