

Obituary for
Linda Joyce Ward Watkins
July 16, 1950 – December 3, 2021

Linda Joyce Ward Watkins of Provo, Utah passed away December 3, 2021, on the same day her father died 21 years before. She is survived by her husband Carl Dennis Watkins, her seven children, Deserie Jensen of Provo, Utah, Carla Denise Forrest (Eric) of New Jersey, David Watkins (Leah) of Santaquin, Utah, Tauna Stowell (Greg) of Chubbuck, Idaho, Cristy Heinrichs (Landon) of Saratoga Springs, Utah, Michael Watkins (Kaci) of Eagle Mountain, Utah, Shawn Watkins (Loren) of Eagle Mountain, Utah, sister Kathryn Evans (Brent) of Orem, Utah, brother Kent Ward (Andrea) of Herriman, Utah, 22 grandchildren with another expected in February 2022, one great-granddaughter, and her dog “Cookie.” She was preceded in death by her father Clarence J Ward (Boots) in 2000 and her mother Peggy Ann Smith Ward in 2009, Brian Jensen (son-in-law) in 2019, and granddaughter Millie Jane Watkins on November 10, 2021.

Linda was born in Price, Utah on July 16, 1950 as the first child. She was raised in Orem, Utah graduating from Orem High School in 1968. She was employed at Signetics in Orem, Utah from 1968

until July 1972, where she met Carl Watkins. She and Carl were married June 16, 1971 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She gave birth to Deserie Lynn (#1) in May 1972 in Provo, Utah.

Pursuing Carl's radio broadcast career, they moved 20 times to homes in Santa Maria and Colton, California, Arvada, Colorado, Mesa and West Phoenix, Arizona, Fresno, California, Gresham, Oregon, Granger, West Jordan, and Provo, Utah, Chula Vista, California, Rexburg and Blackfoot, Idaho. She gave birth to Carla Denise (#2) in 1974 in Provo, Utah, David Ryan (#3) in 1975 in Portland, Oregon, Tauna Marie (#4) in 1978 in Provo, Utah, Cristy Suzanne (#5) in 1980 in Provo, Utah, Michael Adam (#6) in 1982 in Chula Vista, California, and Shawn Carl (#7) in 1986 in Provo, Utah. From 1988 until 2018 they lived in Blackfoot, Idaho (30 years) until their seven children were raised and living elsewhere. In August 2018 they returned to Provo, Utah to be close to five of their children.

In 1992 Linda was employed at Homestead Restaurant in Blackfoot as a restaurant worker and a baker, a job she dearly loved. However, due to age-related pain in her back and knees, she ended her employment in 2012.

Linda has been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in ward Primary and Relief Society organizations. She has been a devoted wife and mother to her family over the 50 years of her marriage to Carl, which they celebrated on June 16, 2021.

Since 2012 Linda has been undergoing surgery and chemotherapy for colon cancer. She died very quickly from a condition which may have been indirectly associated to cancer. Linda is greatly loved by all of her family members who are very saddened by her passing.

A celebration of her life (funeral) will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Parkway 2nd Ward Chapel, 2801 West 620 North, Provo, Utah. Friends may visit with the family at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 East Center Street, Provo, on Tuesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00, and at the church on Wednesday morning from 9:30 until 10:45 prior to services. She will be laid to rest in the Provo City Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bergmortuary.com.



Carl Watkins