

**Sharon Parry Rasmussen**  
**1935 ~ 2011**



With grace and dignity, Sharon Parry Rasmussen returned to her Heavenly Father and the waiting arms of her loving husband, Richard, her parents, and many loved ones. She passed away on August 28, 2011, surrounded by her devoted children and grandchildren. Sharon was born in Cedar City, Utah, on April 2, 1935, to Helen Daynes and Chauncey Parry.

As a little girl, she spent many happy summers in Kanab, Utah where her father owned and operated Parry's Lodge that became well known in the movie industry. Sharon had the opportunity to know many famous movie stars of the day and even appeared in some of the films that were made in and around Kanab. When she was just eight years old, her family was in an automobile accident which took the life of her father. Her mother later married Glen M. Ruby who became a wonderful step-father to Sharon and her sisters. Her family moved to Laguna Beach, California where Sharon's passion for water was born. During that time, she spent part of everyday in either the ocean or a swimming pool. When the family moved back to Salt Lake City, Sharon graduated from Granite High School where she made many dear friends. While at Granite, she joined the ski team and became a fierce competitor as well as a beautiful skier which she enjoyed for many years.

Sharon attended the University of Utah where she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. This is also where she met the love of her life and future husband Richard Rasmussen. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 8, 1954. After Dick completed his tour of duty with the United States Air Force, they returned to the Salt Lake Valley and raised their family. They are the parents of four beautiful and loving children: Paul

(Lynette) Rasmussen; Michelle (Doug) Taylor; Lisa (Cort) Firth; and Jodie (Brad) Cahoon. Sharon and Dick also leave a growing legacy of 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who will all miss her more than words can express. She proudly sat in the cheering section of little league, high school, and collegiate baseball, football, and basketball games as well as at soccer, cheerleading, and so many dance recitals. The success of her family is the result of the beautiful, loving, and nurturing home, she and Dick provided for their children. Sharon particularly enjoyed the mountains, especially when her family would gather at their beautiful cabin on the Weber River to participate in fun times. She was always a class act and went the extra mile to make occasions a little more elegant and special. As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she served her Heavenly Father in many callings and had an abiding testimony of the Savior and shared it whenever she could through kind actions and charitable deeds.

Dick suffered a stroke in 1985 and Sharon became his loving care giver until he passed away in 2001. Her health began to falter not long after Dick was gone, and she began to fight the painful effects of Rheumatoid Arthritis, Dementia, and eventually Alzheimer's disease. Through it all, she maintained her beautiful attitude and her happy countenance. Sharon was always a positive influence in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed every minute she spent with her family and was loved by all. She enriched the lives of those around her.

Sharon is survived by her four children and their spouses; her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren. She is also survived by her older sister, Marilyn (Blaine) Rasmussen; her younger sister, Louise (Jack) Thomas; her brother-in-law, Arnie (Pat) Ferrin; and her sister-in-law, Maryann (Elmer) Newman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her parents, Chauncey and Helen Parry; step-father, Glen Ruby; Dick's parents, Leon and Ruth Rasmussen; sister in law, RoLayne Ferrin; nephews, Bard Ferrin and Seth Ferrin. She leaves behind many loving friends including her "Granite High Group" and "The Bridge Club" who will all miss her very much.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. at the LDS Ward Chapel at 6350 South Rodeo Lane (1500 East). Viewings will be held Tuesday evening, September 6, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday morning, before the service, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the chapel on Rodeo Lane.

The family would like to thank the numerous doctors, nurses and caregivers, especially those at the Sunrise Assisted Living of Sandy, Utah who provided loving care for Sharon during the latter part of her life. Interment will be in the Mountain View Memorial Gardens at 3100 East 7800 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.