

Obituary

Gayle Patricia (Jepson) Tippets, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday, November 16th, 2024 at the age of 82. Born on October 5th, 1942 in Wellington, New Zealand to Catherine Elizabeth Kemp and Eric Wallace Jepson, she was the cherished sister to Graham, Denise, Beverley, Norman, and Ian.

Gayle's journey of faith and learning began as a young girl growing up in Auckland. Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints introduced her to the gospel and she was baptized. She attended the Church College of New Zealand for high school and eventually Church College of Hawaii where she made wonderful lifelong friends and met her future husband, Glenn L Tippets Jr.

They were married in the Oakland Temple and together raised four children.

Gayle's early married life was filled with adventure. After having Julie in Sacramento, CA, they moved to Tonga where she taught at Liahona High School. There she gave birth to her son, Kevan Matthew in Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu. Later, they moved back to Sacramento where they were blessed with two more sons, Brian and Gary. Gayle became a widow after Glenn's untimely passing. Following this difficult loss, she and her children moved to Orem, Utah. Not many years later, her beloved son Kevan, died in a tragic car accident. Though her trials and challenges were heavy in life, she gave her children the best experiences possible. She made many sacrifices ensuring they were loved and her top priority.

As the children aged, Gayle decided to act on her lifelong passion for teaching. She obtained her Master's of Special Education from BYU and continued on to excel as a school teacher. When she retired, she was called to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to her homeland of New Zealand. This was a precious gift as she was able to strengthen and create relationships with her family after so many years away. Once back home in Utah, she continued to serve as a missionary in Salt Lake City where she dedicated over a decade of her life helping others learn about their family history.

Gayle loved attending cultural events with her friends and family. She somehow always ended up with extra tickets to symphonies, concerts, plays, and devotionals. Yet, above all, she treasured every moment spent with her beloved grandchildren and children supporting them in their activities. No matter where she went, Nana was sure to turn strangers into friends. She was outgoing and kind, and wanted to spread her Christ-centered attributes to all who would listen. Her family meant the world to her and it was her mission to ensure they knew this. This light within her will be sorely missed.

Gayle is survived by her children: Julie (Richard) Jones, Brian (Stephanie) Tippets, Gary (Jennifer) Tippets, her 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, her brother, Ian Jepson, and half-sister, Anna Jepson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Glenn; her son, Kevan; her parents; and her older siblings.

Gayle's deep faith and devotion to her Savior, Jesus Christ, defined her life. She strived to live as an obedient daughter of her Heavenly Father, setting an example of love, service, and resilience. Her family and all who knew her will miss her dearly, however, they take comfort in the knowledge that she is joyfully reunited with her treasured loved ones.

IN LOVING Memory



GAYLE JEPSON TIPPETS

OCTOBER 5, 1942 ~ NOVEMBER 16, 2024

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GAYLE JEPSON TIPPETS

Born October 5, 1942 - Wellington, New Zealand

Died November 16, 2024 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Daughter of Eric Wallace Jepson

&

Catherine Mary Kemp

Wife of Glenn L Tippetts Jr.

(Died September 1, 1975)

FUNERAL SERVICES

November 26, 2024 - 10:30 AM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

135 A Street E

Salt Lake City, Utah

PALLBEARERS

Gary Tippetts

Brian Tippetts

Richard Jones

Spencer Jones

Brennon Tippetts

Tevan Tippetts

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dason Woodhouse

Ian Jepson

Ryan Clawson

ORDER OF SERVICES

Conducting.....Bishop Brian Jensen

Family Prayer.....Gary Tippetts

Prelude & Postlude Jessica Ardern

Pianist..... Natalie Tippetts

Chorister..... By Invitation

Opening Hymn.....#134

~ I Believe in Christ ~

Invocation Richard Jones

Eulogy..... Julie Jones

Speaker..... Katie Fischler

Speaker..... Kalisi Panisi

Musical Number

~ Because I Have Been Given Much ~

Sharing of MemoriesChildren, In-laws, Grandchildren

Closing Hymn.....#152

~ God Be with You Till We Meet Again ~

Benediction..... Stephanie Tippetts

INTERMENT

At a later Date

Orem City Cemetery

Dedication of Grave.....Gary Tippetts