

Karen Goble (Ifediba), 74, a resident of Springville, UT, died peacefully on February 9th in the arms of her daughters after a brief illness.

Karen was born on August 16, 1949 in Provo, UT, the oldest child of Thelma Anderson and Keith Roy Goble. In her early years she lived in many small communities in central and southern Utah where her father worked as a carpenter. The Goble family settled permanently in Mapleton, UT, and ultimately welcomed three more children, sons Randy, Wayne, and Brent. Karen was very protective of her brothers, and according to family lore, local neighborhood bullies were afraid of her, nicknaming her "Hard as Nails".

Karen graduated in 1967 from Springville High School where she was an honors student, senior class scholar and an active member of the Pep and Physers clubs. Karen graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Brigham Young University and taught middle and junior high school math for several years in Vernal and Payson, UT. Karen was a gifted teacher who touched the lives of many students by being firm, fair, and consistent. She later returned to school to pursue a master's degree in accounting. She began working as a certified public accountant for Arthur Andersen and Company in Manhattan, NY, in the late 1970s. There she met her future husband, Titus Ifediba, whom she married on February 1, 1980 in the Salt Lake Temple. Karen and Titus had 2 daughters, Marytheresa and Yvette. The family eventually relocated to Utah, where Karen managed the family construction company, K. R. Goble Construction, alongside her father and three brothers. She never retired and was still actively working at the company with her two surviving brothers, Wayne and Brent, at the time of her passing.

Karen was widowed young and was a towering example of strength, fortitude, and resilience to her daughters, who she raised as a devoted single mother. She was a good person and a woman of action who worked hard to help her loved ones succeed in life. She was dutiful and tireless, and when not at work could be observed irrigating her large property, caring for lawns, flowers, and fruit trees, planting gardens, and serving in her community. She loved a good steak, classic TV Westerns, violent action movies, rock and roll, window shopping and a good book. Karen was fearless, with an unshakeable self-confidence that made her intimidating to most, but a godsend to underdogs, who felt safe in her presence.

Karen's happiest times were spent with her children and grandchildren. Her death has come as a terrible shock and is sorely felt by her family who loved her deeply. She is irreplaceable. Karen had a strong belief in God, and her well-lived life is a testament to that belief.

Karen is survived by her children Marytheresa Ifediba of Springville and Yvette (Michael) Soelberg of Spanish Fork, grandchildren Luca, Gemma, Lorenzo and Domenico Soelberg of Spanish Fork, brothers Wayne (Susan) Goble of Spanish Fork and Brent (Sherry) Goble of Lyman, WY. She was preceded in death by her husband, Titus Ifediba, parents Keith and Thelma Goble, and brother Randy Goble.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Karen Goble (Ifediba)

August 16, 1949 – February 9, 2024

Pallbearers



Wayne Goble (Brother)
 Brent Goble (Brother)
 Michael Soelberg (Son-in-law)
 Luca Soelberg (Grandson)
 Phil Goble (Nephew)
 Matt Goble (Nephew)

Honorary Pallbearers



Lorenzo Soelberg (Grandson)
 Domenico Soelberg (Grandson)

Interment



Evergreen Cemetery
 1997 South 400 East, Springville, Utah

Dedicatory Prayer Wayne Goble (Brother)

Funeral Services



Friday, February 16, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.
 Kolob 2nd Ward Chapel
 840 South 400 East, Springville, Utah

Conducting..... Bishop Matt Williams
 Family Prayer Michael Soelberg (Son-in-law)
 Organist..... Dean Duncan
 Chorister Terry Fulwider



Opening Hymn#100

“Nearer, My God to Thee”

Invocation Wayne Goble (Brother)
 Life Sketch Gemma Soelberg (Granddaughter)
 Speaker Luca Soelberg (Grandson)
 Speaker Yvette Ifediba Soelberg (Daughter)
 Musical Number..... Luca, Gemma, Lorenzo &
 Domenico Soelberg (Grandchildren)

“I Am a Child of God”

Accompanied by Dean Duncan

Speaker Marytheresa Ifediba (Daughter)
 Closing Hymn.....#152

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Benediction..... Brent Goble (Brother)