



Janet Lorraine Swenson lived life to the fullest. She is a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend of countless people around the world. Janet was born on August 2, 1947, in Seattle, Washington to Floyd and Lorraine (Sorensen) Swenson. She grew up in a loving home in Seattle, gaining experiences that would shape her life both spiritually and temporally. After dealing with illness for many months – with dignity and humor – Janet passed this part of her eternal journey very peacefully on July 20, 2023.

In addition to being known as

loving, kind, thoughtful, and funny, Janet accomplished a prolific number of creative achievements in her 50+ year theatrical career.

During her theatre career, she designed costumes for more than 280 productions; was the makeup artist for more than fifty productions; and the millinery designer for eight. She went on two extensive USO tours to Europe and Asia; acted in more than thirty shows and movie productions; designed scenery; and directed a number of shows.

Professor Emerita Janet L. Swenson taught at Brigham Young University for thirty-nine years (from 1971-2011). Janet taught more than sixteen different courses, presented more than forty-three workshops, and gave innumerable lectures. She served as Associate Chair of Theatre and Media Arts, Chair of Design and Technology, and Resident Costume Designer. She designed over 150 productions for BYU alone, including musicals, operas, Shakespeare, film, and television. The makeup curriculum that she developed at BYU is nationally recognized as one of the premier undergraduate education programs. She also performed in sixteen of BYU's theatrical productions.

Professionally, Janet served fifteen years as Resident Designer (and at least ten times as an actor) at Robert Redford's Sundance Theatre. She also spent nineteen seasons designing costumes for the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Other professional credits include costume design and/or makeup work for the Disney Channel, California's Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts, Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, Donny and Marie Show, Donna Fargo Show, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, University of Utah, Skylight Opera in Milwaukee, Tuacahn Center for the Arts in St. George, Utah, Jackson Hole Playhouse, Hale Theatre, and she designed the costumes for the special presentation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the 2002 Winter Olympics, the "Light of the World."

As amazing as her career accomplishments are, they pale in comparison to the relationships she developed – and the service she provided – to family, friends, and Church. Janet served in many callings in the Church, and especially loved serving as choir director. Janet will be deeply missed. But we can rejoice in our faith that we will see her again, that she is free of her physical limitations, and that she is having wonderful reunions with loved ones at this moment.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her brothers, Paul and Curtis; sisters-in-law Shelly and Valerie; seven nephews and nieces – Jason Swenson (Lisa, Richmond, VA), Heather Moulton (Peter, Castle Dale, UT), Todd Swenson (Springville, UT), Joshua Swenson (Meagan, Lehi, UT), Justin Swenson (Angela, Mesa, AZ), Nicholas Swenson (Provo, UT), and Danielle Swenson (Salt Lake City, UT). Janet is also survived by 20 grandnieces and nephews who adore her, and thousands of students who were transformed through her amazing teaching and mentoring.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Janet Lorraine Swenson

August 2, 1947 – July 20, 2023



Pallbearers



Jason Swenson (Nephew)	Joshua Swenson (Nephew)
Heather Moulton (Niece)	Justin Swenson (Nephew)
Peter Moulton (Nephew)	Nicholas Swenson (Nephew)
Scott Fowler (Friend)	Danielle Swenson (Niece)

Honorary Pallbearers



Paul Swenson (Brother)	Curtis Swenson (Brother)
Todd Swenson (Nephew)	Angela Swenson (Niece)
Lisa Swenson (Niece)	Meagan Swenson (Niece)

Interment



East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery
Provo, Utah

Dedication of Grave..... Joshua Swenson (Nephew)

Funeral Services



Friday, July 28, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.
Battle Creek 8th Ward Chapel
1222 E. Nathaniel Dr., Pleasant Grove, UT

Presiding & Conducting.....	Bishop John Lyman
Family Prayer.....	Justin Swenson
Prelude & Postlude.....	Jerroleen Sorensen
Chorister.....	Heather Nielsen



Opening Hymn..... Hymn #92
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Invocation.....	Nicholas Swenson
Speaker.....	Curtis Swenson
Musical Number.....	Showtune Medley Tribute

Arranged & Performed by Danielle Swenson

Speaker.....	Paul Swenson
Remarks.....	Bishop John Lyman
Closing Hymn.....	Hymn # 136

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Benediction.....	Peter Moulton
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