## Home

A house is just some walls, a roof, and a door But when filled with love it becomes much more Home is a place where you want to return A place where love and comfort never adjourn

You had your tribulations and your trials
But in our home you had only smiles
You showed your sons what a home should be
You never thought of yourself; but always of us three

The years passed and your family grew You made a home for everyone you knew You became a second mother, great and grand But a new home awaited you, just as God planned

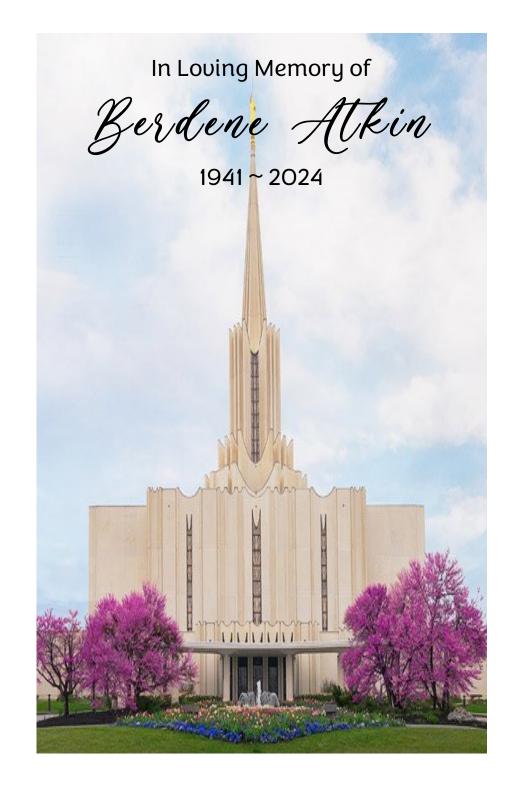
We wanted you to stay, not yet ready to say goodbye Your family held your hand, kissed your cheek, tried not to cry

We knew you loved us: of that there was no concern But our time with you was ending, you wanted to return

Through our tears we could see you were not sad You were going home to see you mom and dad Your little girls are finally going to be able to touch The hem of the skirt of their mother, who they love so much

Today tears will fall, and our hearts will yearn
But tomorrow we will smile because we know you were
able to return

You will never be alone, left to roam
For in our hearts, you will always have a home



## Berdene Atkin

Born August 23, 1941 ~ Logan, Utah

Died January 20, 2024 ~ Salt Lake City, Utah

Daughter of Howard W. Jeppsen and Mattie Berrell Jeppsen

Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 11:00 A.M.

Graveside Services

Larkin Sunset Gardens 1950 East Dimple Dell Road Sandy, Utah

FAMILY PRAYER

Jordan Atkin

DEDICATION OF GRAVE Brady Atkin

Pallbearers

Gage Atkin Gavin Atkin Tyson Lawrence Blake Atkin Tyson Atkin Jordan Atkin Brady Atkin Rashad Aljayoushi Jake Atkin Braydan Diddle

## **OBITUARY**

Berdene Jeppsen Atkin, beloved Daughter, Mom, Grandma, and "GiGi," passed away peacefully on January 20, 2024, at St. Marks Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Berdene was born August 23, 1941 in Logan Utah to Howard W. and Mattie Burrell Jeppsen. She married Thomas R. Atkin and later divorced. She was survived by her sons and daughters Steven (Jessica), Shane (Michelle), and Garret (Kristy), eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Berdene was also survived by and so thankful for her cousin, Alona Jones, and her many, many friends.

Berdene graduated from Murray High School and LDS Business College. She held numerous jobs in her life, often several at the same time in order to support her three sons, but she was most passionate about the successful market research firm she started and ran for many years. Berdene's sons and their families filled her life with laughter and wonderful memories. She loved each member of her family very much and left indelible impressions, memories, and life lessons with each of them.

Berdene loved to read, especially David Baldacci and Michael Connelly but was always open to new authors. She also developed a love of playing Canasta with her friends in her retirement community. She loved to go to lunch or dinner with her many friends, several of whom she has been friends with for 40–50 years. Once Berdene entered your life, you never wanted her to leave.

Berdene's real passion and where she loved to spend her time was with her family. She was there for every significant event in everyone's life. She never missed a game, graduation, wedding, birth, or whatever event she was asked to be at. She loved to host "spook alleys" with her grandchildren and organized summer and Christmas parties with her growing family.

She was the sweetest, most loving, most fun, most thoughtful, and most organized person we knew. She wanted the best for us, thought the best of us, and brought out the best in us.

Berdene was preceded in death by her parents, twin daughters (Heidi and Denise), two great-grandchildren, and many cherished friends. Berdene's last words were focused on how happy she was to see her parents and daughters again. She was ready to go home. Her family would like to thank the staff at St. Mark's Hospital and the staff and her friends at Highland Cove Retirement Community for their care and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made in her name to the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or the American Red Cross.