Grandma

She was peaceful, loving, she was refined Talented at sewing, she wore clothes she designed

She loved hosting parties and was a great cook Her faith in our savior, never once shook

Together we'd talk and play and say zing To make her smile, I'd do anything

She'd listen to the random things I say when I talk We read stories, played games, and stacked block after block

She loved the fall time and the color orange I guess I forgot nothing rhymes with orange

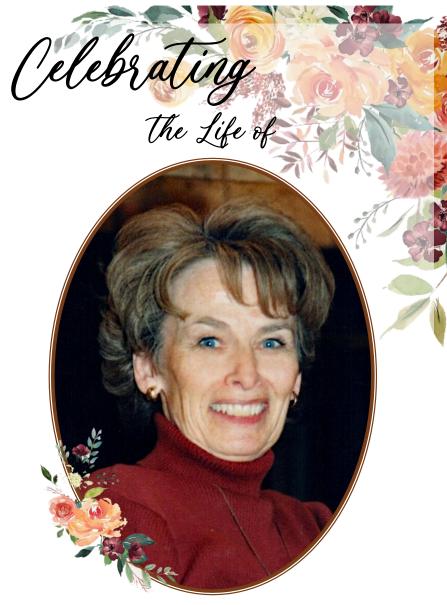
She loved her family, both gone and here today She's gone where we can't, and that is okay

Although it's hard to be apart from a friend I know that this isn't the end.

She said be a peacemaker, which I plan to do Until we meet again, know that we love you

Written by Kamryn Blackham *(granddaughter)* October 2021





Elaine James Homer

November 16, 1939 ~ October 24, 2021

Saturday, October 30, $2021 \sim 11:00$ A.M.

Obituary

Elaine James Homer of Draper, UT, gracefully passed away October 24, 2021 at the age of 81 after a lengthy decline due to vascular dementia, while surrounded by family. Always fond of fall time, she was born on November 16, 1939, in Salt Lake City, UT to Edwin James and Margaret Lange James, but grew up in Rock Springs, Wyoming. With her father as the Mayor and her love of quality, stylish clothing that she frequently made herself (4H winner at state fair), she developed a reputation among her peers for being "cool" and aloof. She claimed she was just too shy to be all "bubbly".

Elaine branched out from her Wyoming roots by attending BYU in Provo, UT, graduating with a BA (Clothing & Textiles), joining her three sisters as college graduates. While there she met an independent and self-assured classmate. She says she fell in love with Russ as they danced, side by side, and decided to join this ambitious Californian on whatever adventure would come their way. Married in the Logan Temple on March 29, 1963, they joined together in a partnership to last a lifetime. It may have seemed to some as if she worked in Dad's shadow but in reality it was a life they created "side by side", Elaine doing her part in a partnership that raised five children in several states from coast to coast.

Living in Oakland, Concord, and Fresno CA, along with Houston TX, Redmond WA, and several years in Danbury CT, and even Frankfurt, Germany may have been outside the comfort zone for this Wyoming girl, but Elaine didn't shy away from the inevitable opportunities to try new things and handle new challenges. Eventually, Russ and Elaine came back West, settling in Sandy UT for life on Royal Lane.

She served with Russ in the New York Rochester Mission as directors of the Hill Cumorah Visitor Center in Palmyra, NY, and went back to the sagebrush of her childhood to serve at the Mormon Handcart Historic Sites in Wyoming Mission. No matter where she found herself Elaine was committed to serving in her church, whatever the calling. Whether leading music for Primary, playing the piano, teaching, serving with the women in Relief Society she blessed others not only with her faith and talents, but her refined way of living life.

A great cook, she loved "entertaining", getting everyone together—always with the best table settings because "presentation is everything". In her final times with us, she loved nothing more than watching everyone chatting and running around at family parties.

Even if she would have hesitated in choosing them intentionally, she didn't say "no" to hard things. Whether it was on church missions, living in another country, speaking to elementary students or tourists as a long-time docent (14 years) at the LDS Church Museum of History and Art, meeting new people all over the US or figuring out where to find a new dentist for her children after every move, she always gave these challenges the best of herself with grace, elegance, and always with a bit of class because, why not?

Elaine is survived by her husband of 58 years, J. Russell Homer, and her five children, Keith Homer (Kristin), Sheila Carroll (Stephen), Craig Homer (Gretchen), Brad Homer (Crystal), Janelle Blackham (Bren) along with 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren----also by her dear sisters Carol Lindsey and Marilee Vlam, preceded in death earlier this year by her eldest sister, Joan Dewey.

Pallbearers

Easton Carroll Dallin Carroll Dawson Homer McCoy Homer

Honorary Pallbearer

Elder Declan Homer

Landon Carroll Duncan Homer Dalton Homer Benjamin Homer

Memorial Service

Keith Homer, Conducting

Family Prayer.....

.....Keith Homer

Prelude & Postlude Music	Sue Johnson & Ilene Kellogg
Chorister	Kristin Homer
Opening Hymn	#113

"Our Savior's Love"

Invocation	Tessa Homer
Speaker	Marilee Vlam <i>(Elaine's sister)</i>
Musical Number	String Ensemble
Speaker	Kaitlyn Blackham
Speaker	Dalton Homer
Speaker	Madeleine Homer
Speaker	
Musical Number	Elaine's Grandchildren
"I Often Go Walking" and "My Heavenly Father Loves Me"	
Speaker	Janelle Blackham
Speaker	Brad Homer
Speaker	
Speaker	Keith Homer
Musical NumberAshton Eccles, Dallin Carroll, Landon Carroll,	
	& Easton Carroll

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Accompanied by Ilene Kellogg

Benediction.......Dawson Homer



Interment

Wasatch Lawn Cemetery 3401 South Highland Drive Salt Lake City, Utah

Dedication of the Grave.....

.Craig Homer