

## 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*)  
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# Celebrating The Life of



## Elaine James Homer

November 16, 1939 ~ October 24, 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021 ~ 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

Landon Carroll  
Duncan Homer  
Dalton Homer  
Benjamin Homer

## Honorary Pallbearer

Elder Declan 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 (*Elaine's sister*)

Musical Number..... String Ensemble

Speaker..... Kaitlyn Blackham

Speaker..... Dalton Homer

Speaker..... Madeleine Homer

Speaker..... Ashton Eccles

Musical Number..... Elaine's Grandchildren

*"I Often Go Walking" and "My Heavenly Father Loves Me"*

Speaker..... Janelle Blackham

Speaker..... Brad Homer

Speaker..... Sheila Carroll

Speaker..... Keith Homer

Musical Number..... Ashton 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