



## *Ruth Ann Clinger Mentes*

Ann Clinger Mentes passed away peacefully in her sleep Wednesday December 7th, 2022. She was born August 24, 1938 to Dr. Wallace M. Clinger and Ruth Cloward Clinger in Salt Lake City, Utah. As the eldest of six children in the Clinger home, she set an example of reading books, diligently practicing musical instruments, developing good study habits and socializing with friends.

She attended East High School from 1954 to 1956 and the University of Utah from 1956 to 1960. She was affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega sorority where she cultivated lifelong friends. She served as Panhellenic president at the U of U from 1959 to 1960 and graduated with a BS in Education. Her grandparents, Dr. Ralph E. and Betty Cloward, encouraged further postgraduate education; in 1961 she completed a Masters in Special Education at Columbia University, New York City. Upon graduation, she taught school at the USAF base in Itazuki, Japan for several years. In 1964, she accepted another assignment with the USAF to teach in Bremerhaven, Germany. Ann returned stateside in 1965 to teach elementary school in the San Bruno and Cupertino school districts in the Bay Area. She met her husband, Robert Martin Mentes in 1968, married in 1969 and settled in Los Altos, CA for the next 30 years. Their two sons, Michael and Russell, were their pride and joy.

Ann returned to her Salt Lake City roots in 1998. She enjoyed her retirement years with dear friends, activities with the Utah Symphony Guild, attended University of Utah OSHA classes and traveled throughout the United States, Russia, England, China, Australia and India. Ann was a passionate traveler and an ardent student of world history and affairs. She was never seen without a book, newspaper or notebooks throughout her life.

Ann is survived by her 2 sons, Michael Gorham (Tracy) of Salt Lake City, Utah and Rusty Mentes (Amy) of Sutherlin, Oregon, Rebekah C. Ericksen, Tempe, AZ, Richard Clinger (Jeri) Sacramento, CA, Cordell Clinger (Shauna) Salt Lake City, Utah and 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Susan Clinger Metzger (David) and Ralph M. Clinger (Tami), Yucca Valley, CA.

## *In Loving Memory*



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1938 - 2022

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**BORN**  
August 24, 1938  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**DIED**  
December 7, 2022  
Taylorsville, Utah

**DAUGHTER OF**  
Dr. Wallace Marion Clinger &  
Ruth Cloward Clinger

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - 11:00 AM  
Larkin Mortuary Chapel  
260 E. South Temple - Salt Lake City, Utah

## PALLBEARERS

Scott Metzger	Thom Metzger
Sam Clinger	Christian Clinger
Russell Mentes	Michael Gorham
Jason Peterson	Daniel Wallingford
Dan Gull	Greg Hollingshead

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cordell Clinger	David Metzger
Andrew Holz	Chris Hall
Jon Clinger	Aaron Clinger

## SERVICES

Conducting: Russell Mentes

Family Prayer ..... Russell Mentes  
Prelude & Postlude Music ..... Richard Clinger  
Chorister..... Jeri Clinger  
Opening Hymn ..... #293

*Each Life That Touches Ours for Good*

Invocation..... Tami Clinger  
Life Sketch ..... Christian Clinger  
Cello Solo ..... Cordell Clinger

## Autumn

Memories of Aunt Ann..... Jenny Hollingshead  
Piano Solo ..... Richard Clinger

## Tears

Memories of Mother ..... Russell Mentes  
Michael Gorham

Closing Hymn ..... #86

## How Great Thou Art

Benediction ..... Thom Metzger



## INTERMENT

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park  
3401 S. Highland Drive - Salt Lake City, Utah

Grave Dedication ..... Richard Clinger