



## Vicki Todd Morris

April 16, 1948 - July 25, 2023

Vicki Lynn Todd Morris, 75, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2023 after a sudden illness. She was surrounded by loving friends and family in her final days, which was her ideal scenario. Vicki was born on April 16, 1948 in Salt Lake City, UT and ultimately grew up in Cheyenne, WY. She finished Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in Long Beach, CA and settled in Fort Collins, CO with her husband for over 50 years. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Russell, four children, Kimberly Butler (Kent), Valerie Rasmussen (Craig), Linda Sampson (Lyle), and Samuel Morris, and four grandchildren, Charles Butler, Cole Carbon Sampson, Joshua Rasmussen, and Samantha Rasmussen, her brother David Todd (Mary), several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Vicki met her husband Russell in 1969 at Grand Teton National Park where they were both working as park rangers. After a summer of dating, they went back to their respective colleges in different states. The long distance relationship proved difficult for the young couple so they decided to elope in November of 1969. They made Long Beach, CA their home while finishing college at California State University and welcomed their first daughter Kimberly in 1971. They moved to their forever home in Fort Collins, CO in 1973 where they welcomed three more children, Valerie (1975), Linda (1978), and Samuel (1979). Nothing made Vicki happier than her family and was blessed to stay at home with them during their preschool years and provide a

loving environment for them to grow and develop.

Vicki was an avid sewer and made the kids and grandkids many of their outfits, especially when they were younger. For her daughters and granddaughter, she would make matching Barbie or doll outfits. She also made prom, homecoming dresses, wedding, and bridesmaid dresses for her girls (which they still have to this day). In addition, she crocheted, knitted, and quilted. These unique talents not only saved money for her family but allowed her to express her creativity.

Although the majority of her career was as an exceptional homemaker, she did spend several years as a substitute paraprofessional teacher for elementary and middle school children with special needs. She would work in different classrooms frequently and took the time to understand what each child needed and care for them with love and respect.

Vicki loved genealogy and volunteered at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History Center for over 30 years. She also read several books a week and enjoyed cooking, baking, and traveling. She and Russ were blessed with the opportunity to go to England and Ireland, along with several states. However, her favorite travel was to see family in Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Arizona, and Iowa.

Vicki never backed down from a challenge, especially in recent years. She survived several health scares, most recently overcoming breast cancer in 2020. The residual effects of the cancer treatment caused weakened health, with the last several months very difficult. Through it all she was able to welcome her entire family to Fort Collins for her 75th birthday celebration in May 2023. Even in her last moments in this life, she fought to hang on for as long as possible.

Vicki will be missed by so many, including her close friends, family, and church. The light is gone, however, she will forever shine in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, or to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family Search Center through donation slips at the local chapels.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Vicki and I were 2nd cousins but when we're kids her family would come to Salt Lake and we would hang out with our Ensign cousins and we had lots of good times. I remember spending vacations at Fox Park Wyoming and Vicki and her family would come over for visits. I really enjoyed Vicki and we really got along well together particularly with our cousin Mary Ann because we were about the same age. I know Vicki loved the outdoors and we enjoyed hikes in the mountains around Fox Park around the family cabin. Sorry to hear of her passing. Condolences to Russ and the family.

Drew Brown - July 28, 2023 at 01:57 PM

KT

“ Although she was my cousin, Vicki and I lived in different parts of the country and only saw each other occasionally. The last time I saw her was when my husband and I visited Colorado in 2005. I fondly remember how she made us feel welcome in her home. Sending my thoughts and condolences to all family and friends.  
Kate Todd, New York

Kate Todd - July 27, 2023 at 08:32 PM

VR

“ Valerie Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Vicki Todd Morris



Valerie Rasmussen - July 27, 2023 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ *Kim Butler sent a virtual gift in memory of Vicki Todd Morris*



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**Kim Butler** - July 27, 2023 at 05:38 PM

CG

“ *Vicki will remain in our hearts. We will miss her.*

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**Caryl L Griscavage** - July 27, 2023 at 04:39 PM

CT

“ *Vicki made the world a kinder place. She was a wonderful friend. She's so very proud of her family! God bless you all.*

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**Cherri Thompson** - July 27, 2023 at 04:31 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Vicki Todd Morris*



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**Linda** - July 27, 2023 at 03:56 PM