



Lavina McKnight

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St. George, UT- Lavina McKnight peacefully departed her Earthly bounds, to join her beloved husband in Gods warm embrace on April 9, 2025. Lavina, or Vi to those who knew her, was a devout mother of eight children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. An avid bridge player, Vi was always up for a match.

Born in Phoenix AZ in 1932, Vi attended the University of California, Berkley, where she would meet her soul mate, Selden McKnight. Upon Selden's graduation from UCB, the young couple would eventually reside in "The Ranch House" in Orangevale CA, raising their eight children, many dogs and countless cats.

In 1978, Selden and Vi transplanted to Heath Ohio with their two youngest in tow. Selden would serve and the Director of Metrology for the United States Air Force and Vi made a home of the almost finished "mansion" in Forest Hills. Upon Selden's retirement from the government, the foot loose and nearly kid free couple relocated to Tucson AZ. After a brief bout of desert living, they would once again relocate, settling down in Dayton Ohio until Selden's passing in 1992.

Vi relocated to Raleigh NC to be closer to family, becoming deeply involved in church community services. She founded and supervised the Center for Volunteer Caregiving for 20 years. This organization focuses on identifying available services and directing people in need to appropriate resources. This organization became a true passion for Vi and gave her a sense of purpose.

The organization continues today and is a major resource for the community. Her final move would be to St. George UT, where she would live out her final days.

Lavina is survived by her eight children, Calyn, Danna, Kimber, Tenley, Teryl, Weslie and Kyle.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.