



LaDena Jean Younglund

December 4, 1946 - January 13, 2014

LaDena Jean (Poppert) Younglund, 67, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Arizona on January 13, 2014

LaDena was born December 4, 1946 to Everett Archie Poppert and Betty June (Robb) Poppert in Chappell, Nebraska. After graduation from Deuel County High School in 1965 she attended college in Kearney, Nebraska.

LaDena and Chris Ray of Chappell were married on January 22, 1966. A daughter, Zharyl Junean, was born into this union.

LaDena and Zharyl later moved to California where LaDena pursued her career as a legal secretary. On February 15, 1969 she married Gary Russell Younglund in Thousand Oaks, California. Their daughter Sarah Ann was born in 1985.

LaDena went back to school to become a paralegal specializing in family law. In 2004 Gary and LaDena moved to Mesa, Arizona where she continued to work as a paralegal until her retirement. In 2005 Gary, the love of her life, passed away after 36 years of marriage.

She enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, reading, hiking, and jigsaw puzzles. LaDena was also very active in the Apache Wells Community Church

singing in the choir, teaching Bible studies, participating in the Heifer Fair, and the Emmaus Fellowship. Prayer was an important part of her life and became more so in her later years. One of the highlights of these later years was a special trip to Jerusalem to walk where her Lord and Savior had walked.

LaDena is survived by her daughters, Zharyl Younglund of Oshkosh; Sarah and her husband Chris Harder of Mesa; her mother; Betty Kechley of Oshkosh; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by a baby sister Sherryl Ann Poppert; her husband Gary Younglung; father Everett Poppert; and step-father Melvin Kechley.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. LaDena will certainly be missed. I know the sad that your family is going through cannot be measured. But take courage and draw close to God and He will draw close to you. He will be your strength. He assures us in the Bible that He is going to set all batter straight. There is a scripture, I'm sure you remember reading, at John 5:28, 29, there our Lord Jesus says that all those in the grave will come out. Can you imagine that? Dena will be back. We a given hope. Revelation 21:4 says that death will be no more, neither will there be any pain or outcry... You see, you have something to look forward to. Please allow yourself to be comforted by these words.

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