



## Raylene Clara Floyd

January 23, 1936 - January 23, 2025

Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and sister, Raylene Clara Floyd, 89, of Cheney, Washington, returned to meet her Savior Jesus Christ on January 23, 2025.

Born exactly 89 years earlier on January 23, 1936, in Missoula, Montana, Raylene was the daughter of Gail Rodney Zimmerman and Anne Elizabeth (Capp) Zimmerman.

She moved to Cheney in 1976, having previously lived in Montana, Colorado, and Alaska, as well as in Ellensburg, Wenatchee, and Walla Walla in Washington State.

She is survived by her eight children--Tamlee (Scot McGary) of Basin City, WA, Bradford (Tandy) of Eureka, CA, Randall (Pamela) of Pleasant View, UT, Denna (Quinn Coburn) of Richfield, OH, Wesley (Barbara) of Mayfield, UT, Louis (Cindy) of Tipp City, OH, Benjamin (Lara) of Kennewick, WA, and Jeremy (Laura) of Vancouver, WA—as well as 31 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren, 2 step-daughters, and her brother Richard (90) of Spokane, WA. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Bryce Floyd, and two great-grandsons, Elijah Floyd and Reddoch Floyd.

To quote Maya Angelou, “To describe [our] mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power.”

Growing up with parents who lived through the Great Depression and then going through a divorce at age 40 that left her to raise her 6 youngest children on a shoestring budget, her watchwords were ‘Waste not, want not’ and ‘Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.’ She worked hard and she taught her children the same work ethic—whether they wanted to learn it or not.

By necessity, she engaged in creative repurposing around the home before it was cool, and sewed much of the clothing her younger children wore.

After her children grew up, her dynamism did not falter. She built a gazebo in her backyard, installed wood floors and stairs in her home, and continued to split her own wood until her last few months. She loved tending her prolific vegetable and flower gardens and her many fruit trees through all the seasons. She also loved doing genealogy research, and she amassed a trove of information about her ancestors. A running family joke was that her weekly family emails about her whirlwind of daily activities often also made the reader feel fatigued!

But her greatest legacy is her faith in Jesus Christ and His Gospel. A faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since converting at age 21, she served in many capacities in her local congregation and in the Spokane area. She also served a mission at the Washington DC temple from 2015-2017. And whenever there was someone in need, she would immediately go to help. Her Christlike service touched countless lives, and in her remaining months, she was blessed with calls, emails, and visits from countless dear friends.

Till we meet again, Mom. And please go easy on the angels--they may not be

able to keep up with you.

Visitation will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cheney (2536 N. 6th Street) on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9:30-10:30 AM, followed by a Memorial service at 11 AM.

(Zoom Link: [https://zoom.us/j/99620924942?fbclid=IwY2xjawlEh19leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHa7tKoi-breF7w5Fmtl5w2nq6Ufx5AdHNSPtI\\_lhgYaKYQ43bNnUoi2IFw\\_aem\\_MqmbVitLTGwvqaK7Sdd\\_9Q#success](https://zoom.us/j/99620924942?fbclid=IwY2xjawlEh19leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHa7tKoi-breF7w5Fmtl5w2nq6Ufx5AdHNSPtI_lhgYaKYQ43bNnUoi2IFw_aem_MqmbVitLTGwvqaK7Sdd_9Q#success))

Interment will be next to her parents in Whitehall Cemetery in Whitehall, Montana on February 2nd, at 3 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a spontaneous act of kindness.

# Cemetery Details

## Whitehall Cemetery

Whitehall, MT 59759

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Cheney, WA

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Cheney, WA

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Raylene Floyd was a bright light as she served with faith and diligence in the Washington, DC Temple. She was dearly loved by all of us. Her return to her eternal home is undoubtedly received with joy. Thank you for sharing her with us. Kent and Kathryn Colton

Kathryn Colton - February 06, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TS

“ I'm going to really miss you Raylene~your fantastic emails that made your day sound so exciting. I'll miss your wisdom, knowledge and friendship. The phone calls we've enjoyed. We could talk about anything. You taught me about gardening, cooking, faith and families stories of the past. What an amazing legacy you have left behind. G-d bless your loved ones during this time. Please say hello to my mom for me. Tag you're it ❤️

Tammy Salo - January 27, 2025 at 07:35 PM

KR

What a wonderful woman and great colleague at the Cheney Institute of Religion. She touched thousands of college students with her grace and homemade bread and soup!

Kent Rappleye - February 01, 2025 at 01:32 PM

RO

I will forever be grateful for Raylene's example in my life. I will never forget our family history emails and learning more about each other. She taught me so much about faith, dedication, and perseverance. I will never forget running into her in the Washington DC temple right before my miraculous trip to Biasca which would not have been possible had she not prepared the way. And it would have not been possible without God miraculously guiding that choice encounter. The Lord is so full of love and involved in the intricacies of our lives and families. How blessed we are!!

Robyn - February 01, 2025 at 03:40 PM