



### ONE LAST CALL

*To Mom:*

If I had one more phone call what would I have said?  
Thank you for the life you gave me, all the care you shed.  
For all the sweet words you spoke, for helping me to see,  
The times I needed hope, the change that I could be.

Your words of encouragement will never be forgotten,  
Your shoulder when tears were spilled, for the hugs that should  
have happened more often.

Thank you for the faith you had that I could be anything,  
I never realized until being a mom, exactly what that would mean.

You were always thinking of family, we all knew you were proud.  
I didn't mind that you called me your baby, even if you said it loud.  
You were the first one to love me, and I know that never changed.  
I will cherish you forever, my love for you the same.

*-Trena Mertlich (Daughter)*



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Kathleen "Kathy" Rees  
1949 - 2025*



### On behalf of the family...

To those of you who have come to share in this hour of remembrance; to those who have extended expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance during bereavement; to those who assisted on the program and cared for the flowers and any others who may have helped in any way, Thank you. May we say that your kind expressions of sympathy and caring are more deeply appreciated than any words can ever express.

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A Celebration In Honor Of The Life Of  
**Kathleen "Kathy" Rees**

Our beautiful Mother, Grandmother,  
 Great- Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin,  
 Friend, & Neighbor

**Born**

February 22, 1949  
 Salina, Utah

**Died**

October 16, 2025  
 Bicknell, Utah

**PARENTS:** Kenneth and Loyia Rees, both deceased

**MARRIED:** Allen Brent Morrell and they later divorced; Ronald "Ronnie" Blackburn on May 28, 1977. He passed away on March 28, 1999; Maxwell King and they later divorced.

**CHILDREN:** Kristi (Jeffery) Pikyavit, Darrin (Leslie) Morrell, Rick (Michele) Morrell, Ken (Angie) Blackburn and Trena (Christopher) Mertlich

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Skyler (Alexandria) Pikyavit, Braydon Pikyavit, Darick (Juliet) Morrell, Kaden Morrell, Blake (Gage) Reale, Dakota Pikyavit, Briley (Tatum) Morrell, Kyson Morrell, Morgan Blackburn, Makenna Mertlich, Ariel Quinones, Jonas Mertlich, Carson Blackburn, Addison Mertlich, Presley Blackburn, Liam Mertlich, Elias Mertlich, Nathaniel Mertlich, Owen Mertlich, and Ezra Mertlich

**GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:** Jackson Morrell, Piper Morrell, and Elise Pikyavit

**SIBLINGS:** Gaylen (Nancy) Rees, Deann Frazier, Lynell Rees, McKay Rees, and Connie Rees

**PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:** parents and second husband, Ronald

**SERVICES**

Saturday, October 25, 2025  
 1:00 P.M.  
 Thurber LDS Ward Chapel  
 190 North 200 East  
 Bicknell, Utah

**CONDUCTING**

Bishop Kevin Kezos  
 Thurber LDS Ward

**COMPASSIONATE SERVICES**

Thurber LDS Ward Relief Society Sisters



**SERVICES**

Family Prayer ..... Rick Morrell (Son)  
 Prelude Music..... Adrian Ruger  
 Conducting ..... Bishop Kevin Kezos  
 Congregational Hymn..... "I Will Walk With Jesus"  
 Chorister: Nancy Rees (Sister-in-Law)  
 Accompanist: Adrian Ruger  
 Invocation ..... Christopher Mertlich (Son-in-Law)  
 Life History..... Deann Frazier (Sister)  
 Tribute ..... Children  
 Kristi Pikyavit, Darrin Morrell, Rick Morrell,  
 Ken Blackburn and Trena Mertlich  
 Musical Number..... Siblings  
 Gaylen Rees, Deann Frazier, Lynell Rees, McKay Rees, Connie  
 Rees, and Nancy Rees  
 "Abide With Me"  
 Accompanist: Adrian Ruger  
 Memories..... Ryan Rees (Nephew)  
 Remarks ..... Bishop Kevin Kezos  
 Violin Solo..... Braydon Pikyavit (Grandson)  
 "How Great Thou Art"  
 Accompanist: Adrian Ruger  
 Benediction..... Jeffery Pikyavit (Son-in-Law)  
 Postlude Music ..... Adrian Ruger

**INTERMENT**

Bicknell Cemetery  
 Bicknell, Utah

Grave Dedication..... Gaylen Rees (Brother)

**PALLBEARERS**

Skyler Pikyavit	Braydon Pikyavit	Dakota Pikyavit
Briley Morrell	Kyson Morrell	Jonas Mertlich
Carson Blackburn		Liam Mertlich

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Keenan Armstrong	Kaden Morrell	Gage Reale
Elias Mertlich	Nathaniel Mertlich	Owen Mertlich
	Ezra Mertlich	

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