



## Angela Petersen

September 11, 1951 - August 12, 2020

Angela Petersen, 68, passed away on August 12, 2020 in Mesa, Arizona.

Burial will be at Mesa Cemetery. Arrangements are by Meldrum Mortuary. Memorial service to be announced.

Angela Petersen was born in San Diego, California to Philip and Kathleen Petersen on September 11, 1951. She went to school at Grossmont High School in La Mesa, California. She graduated from Brigham Young University and received her Masters of Education from Arizona State University. She worked as a high school English teacher for Mesa Public schools for 22 years. She was a dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had a passion for music, ballroom dance, theater, and intercultural relations.

Angela is preceded in death by her son, Matthew Miller; her brother, Brent Petersen; and her parents Phil and Kathleen Petersen.

Angela is survived by her children Amber Miller and Rachelle and Heath Connett; siblings Jeff Petersen and Lani Reynolds; grandchildren Drew Jones, Drake Jones, Dravyn Jones, Blake Gilder, Brookelle Connett, Caden Connett, Zach Connett, and Michael Miller; and former spouse, Grant Miller.

We invite you to leave favorite stories or memories on this memorial site.

The family of Angela wishes to extend sincere thanks to her ACT team whose case manager was Nicole Ruiz, the Bella Vista ALF staff directed by Kelly Pearson, and her hospice caregiver Stephanie Sumlin from Noble Hospice.

You are invited to attend the virtual memorial service for Angela Petersen who passed away peacefully August 12, 2020 due to natural causes. She was interred August 18, 2020 in the Mesa City Cemetery. The virtual service will be held September 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM Arizona time.

Please click the link below to join the memorial service at the appointed day and time:

<https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/j/97708583248?pwd=TlI6b2ZNTS9HQmRPMES3b0ZrSIRzdz09>

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# Cemetery

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## **City of Mesa Cemetery**

1212 N. Center St.

Mesa, AZ, 85201

# Comments

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“ Memorial Service address given by Angela's brother Jeff, The Miracle and Power of Love- The Atonement of Jesus Christ:

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**Jeff Petersen** - September 06, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ My mom and Angie's mom were close sisters and as a result, I have many wonderful memories of times with Angie and the Petersen family. I remember visiting them in San Diego, their visits to Mesa, climbing Superstition Mountain, and many family reunions. When My wife and I moved back to Phoenix, we had Angie and her family over for dinner again sharing memories that we had.

I am grateful for a kind loving Heavenly Father who understands us and our struggles. I believe she has returned home to His welcoming arms.

Melvin Phelps,  
Cousin

**Melvin Phelps** - September 05, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Thank you, Melvin.

**Amber** - September 06, 2020 at 01:42 AM

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“ I have been a family friend since 1989, and have remained in the same ward almost continuously since then. I remember several gatherings of friends in and outside Amber and Rachelle's home. I have always enjoyed singing in the ward choir with Angela over the years. Most recently, I enjoyed serving as ward chorister and choir director with Angela as organist/pianist. She was very talented, and loved to share. I enjoyed listening.

I'll never forget a youth fireside she presented about the importance of the music we listen to and the messages within the popular songs often heard even at church dances. It was very well researched, and very entertaining and impactful to me.

She choreographed and danced in the November 1996 Salt River Stake Dance Festival. I was blessed to participate. I returned from my mission early October, and went to the chapel on a Wed. night to see who I knew. Angela was the first to greet me. She was excited to see me, mistaking me for my brother (as everyone does) and thought I was there for dance practice. She pulled me in, and paired me with my sister Tyanna! My sister Becky was paired with Matt, one of her best friends. I'm grateful she invited me in. She did a wonderful job, and made it quite fun for each of us who participated. I still remember some of her verbal cues to help me remember the timing of dance moves. I have a video of the event, and will see if I can't capture and upload it.

Angela, Amber, Rachelle, Matt and all your families... thank you for your friendship, your talents, your smiles, and lives. I know the Lord is with us, and I'm grateful Angela is free of the burdens of life!

Love, Jarret Petersen

Jarret Petersen - September 05, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Thank you, Jarret. Your family was a sweet blessing to our family.

Amber - September 06, 2020 at 01:42 AM



“ Angela was beautiful inside and out. She had a beautiful smile and eyes that sparkled. She was one my many cousins I looked up to. Her musical talent and teaching skills blessed the lives of so many. I pray her family will be comforted at this time. I send my condolences and love.

Ann Burns - September 05, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ Thank you, Ann.

Amber - September 06, 2020 at 01:40 AM



“ I always loved hearing her play the organ or piano. She had such an amazing talent and didn't hesitate to share that blessing with others.

**Athene Porter** - September 05, 2020 at 01:19 AM



“ Thank you, Athene.

**Amber** - September 06, 2020 at 01:40 AM

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“ Angela was my visiting teacher when our family first moved to Mesa. She was working at Mountain View in the English department at the time, and I felt an immediate connection. I loved her bright mind and kind nature to me and felt so grateful for her friendship. I also loved listening to her play the piano and was inspired by her love of music. She was our choir pianist for years. She played in sacrament often and was the ward chorister for a long time. Her deep appreciation for music touched my heart. I imagine that her joy upon returning to her heavenly home has far exceeded the sorrows of mortality. Angela was a blessing in our family's life.

**Tricia Baird** - September 03, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Thank you for sharing, Tricia.

**Amber** - September 06, 2020 at 01:39 AM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Angela Petersen.



August 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ These kinds of experiences when a love one moves on are never easy and your faith, family, memories and testimonies are really the things that will bring you the greatest and lasting comfort. Also, know that you have family and friends who love you and think of you in the temporary loss of your Mother, Sister and Grandmother. I know you will miss her terribly and also know the resiliency of your family and that coupled with Heavenly Father's Plan of Happiness will sustain you. The spirit world has rejoiced this day to welcome this special lady to help prepare for the second coming of the Savior again to the earth. It is a privilege for me to note her exemplary life and the great service she rendered here in mortality including that of a daughter, sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and servant of the Lord.

My love to each of her family...Uncle Grant Gunnell

**Grant** - August 31, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Thank you Uncle Grant

**Lani** - September 01, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Uncle Grant, thank you for your inspiring message and thoughtful note I received in the mail.

**Jeff Petersen** - September 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ As children I remember one Saturday afternoon Angela inviting me to play with an amazing creation she had made of copper wire wrapped around nails pounded into a board. It could do anything that our imaginations could conceive of. We had fun together for a few hours. We both referenced it for many years.

As a college English Major, in her senior year Angela was kind enough to review my Freshman English 101 papers. I remember distinctly one evening after reading and marking one up her turning to me and saying while shaking her head, "Jeff, you write just like you talk." I've laughed about that the rest of my life. She was excellent in english composition and writing, gifted in creating exceptional curriculum as a gifted teacher.

I would like to join my sister Lani in expressing my appreciation to everyone who reached out and did what they could to help her as she carried her cross. Your efforts likely came with consequences. Thank you for carrying her burden and enduring those consequences that may have followed.

I will post my memorial service address following the memorial service as my tribute to my sister, her life, and her struggles. I was so proud of her for earning her Masters Degree as a single mom. My brother Brent disclosed to me later in life that Angela had the highest IQ of us four children. She was very intelligent, gifted, and talented in so many ways. We look forward to our reunion with resurrected, perfected bodies, minds and spirits that will still need some work.



**Jeff Petersen** - August 29, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Thank you, Jeff.

**Amber** - September 06, 2020 at 01:38 AM

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“ Alma 40:12 And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of those who are righteous are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow.

Alma 40:23 The soul shall be restored to the body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame.

**Gordon Gunnell** - August 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Thank you Gordon.

**Lani** - September 01, 2020 at 11:22 AM



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**Amber** - September 06, 2020 at 01:43 AM

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**Lani Reynolds** - August 29, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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Lani Reynolds - August 29, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ I like to remember when Angela and I sang a duet in our ward roadshow, "Oliver". It was so fun. And we belted it out really good. She was happy and so was I. Years later Angela came to visit me and my family in CA. We took her to our ward picnic.

A lady there on a blanket holding her 9th baby only 3 weeks old said" Hi, you want to hold her". Sure was our reply. So typical of my sister was her "fussing" over that baby: Looking closely, touching, holding, "She's too cold, she needs a blanket, etc.." I smiled and after about 5 minutes thought, it's time for the baby to go back to her mother.

The last memory I will share occurred about 1 year ago. I went to AZ to visit Angela and see to any wants or needs she might have that I may possibly help with. Again she wanted to go shopping even though our previous 4 trips had been unsuccessful . She was in need of some new clothes. When we arrived, the parking lot was nearly empty. Hours later and having entered every store in the mall that looked like it had women's clothing and making no purchases, we were totally spent and headed to the parking lot. I wanted to stop for a rest on some bench first but there were none in sight. We exited the department store we had entered and looked out on a sea of cars. The bearings I had in place to find the car no longer registered. I again looked around for a place to sit and there was none. I was trying to hold her up but wonder if maybe that was an attempt to hold myself up. I just remember feeling despair and I said a little prayer-I don't remember if it was aloud or in my head-"Heavenly Father, I can not go any further nor can Angela. I need help and I need it now." In about 3 seconds a black SUV pulled up, the window rolled down and the woman said, "Have you lost your car?" I replied, holding back the tears, "Yes". She responded: "Hop in and give me your keys" We silently obeyed and this lady found our rental car in less than a minute." I asked her how I could repay her and she said to "pay it forward". The Lord and the heavens hear our prayers. They are mindful of us. All of us.

To those of you who, through the years, have tried to help my sister in one way or another, as a ministering sister , as a bishop, as a relative, friend, neighbor or caseworker, I say from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you". I do know how frustrating it is to want to help, to want to understand, to give support and encouragement and then have it not be accepted. I think Angela is now able to look back and see those times and can now appreciate your love, care, and concern. Every day is a gift I hope we can treasure and feel gratitude. Our gifts are many and the most miraculous and love-filled is the Father sending His son to earth to show us how to live and the Son, through his sacrifice, giving us a way to change and become like Him and return to our heavenly home.

Lani Petersen Reynolds, Angela's sister.

Lani Reynolds - August 29, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Thank you, Lani.

Amber - September 06, 2020 at 01:37 AM

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“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of Angela Petersen



Meldrum Mortuary - August 14, 2020 at 02:11 PM