

Arva S. Dumas

May 14, 1938 ~ July 11, 2024

Arva passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday, July 11, 2024. She was born May 14, 1938, to Gerald Elijah Sampson and Maxine Alice Fitch. She married her high school sweetheart Douglas Dumas in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on February 14, 1957.

Arva was a faithful and dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. After six months of marriage, she and Doug were called as Stake Dance Directors where they went to all the wards to teach the dances in preparation for the yearly Dance Festivals. Arva held many callings including Relief Society President. She served as an Ordinance Worker in the Jordan River Temple for several years.

She spent many years working with her family raising chickens and mink. She worked for many companies enjoying her last years before retirement with the Community Services Council.

Her greatest joy was her family. She had a great love for and often said her grandchildren and great grandchildren kept her going. She was a proud member of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers. She was also a talented seamstress. She taught herself to sew after making tutus for her daughters. After taking an upholstery class, she and Doug had a side business where they worked together for over 30 years.

She is survived by her daughters Debra (Tom) DeFa, Paula (Okusi) Ataata, and Teresa (Keith) Phillips, grandchildren, and great grandchildren Sakalia and Melanie Ataata (Saleka, Leilah, and Harper), Christopher Ataata, Sarah and Siaosi Pupunu (Wesley), and Michael and Faith Ataata; sisters Joan (Lance) Dowd and Janine (Greg) Walkenhorst. Preceded in death by her husband Doug, son Michael, parents, brother Paul Sampson and sister Rebecca Turner.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Westview Heights Ward, 8273 N Simpson Springs Road, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005. A viewing will be held Thursday, July 18 from 6:00-8:00pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy UT 84092, and Friday morning from 10:00-10:45 prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

To watch the services live via Zoom please click the blue "Watch Services" tab at the top of the obituary page.