

Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Yates Watson

February 2, 1943 ~ January 10, 2025

We lost the core of our family, the person who loved and lived for us, and now she is no longer amongst the living. She centered us and on us. She loved nothing more than time with family. She didn't need a big adventure but sought the simple and admired solace.

Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Yates Watson, known for her warmth, gentleness, kind heart, and loving spirit, left us on January 10th, 2025. She was born on February 2nd, 1943, to Oswald and Marian Yates in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Her humbleness was her hallmark. She had a beautiful voice and sang in many choirs. She was a devoted wife, and her husband David bestowed a love of the Utah mountains. Together, they camped, fished, canoed, and dreamed of one day having a cabin. She was devoted to her church and proud of her Morman pioneer heritage, some being the first to settle in the Tooele Valley. She was a maker of homemade crafts, quilts, preserved food, and a gardener. She was beautiful, with a soul to match, and sought to create beauty.

Among Kathy's most significant accomplishments was raising her two children, whom she held as her pride and joy. She served as a secretary at North Sanpete High School for a considerable part of her life. She worked for the Mormon church as an Administrative Assistant until she retired in Washington state. She moved back to Utah and lived with her son until her passing.

Her children lovingly remember Kathy, Felicia Ako and Daniel Watson, their spouses Roen Ako and Kimberly Watson, and grandchildren Cory Vorwaller, Chelsea Doucet, Reign Watson, Michael Story, Kaycee Story, Ryley Ako, and Finn Ako. Her beloved sisters, Arlene Mitchell, Callie Kroll, and Barbara Christensen, and dear brother, Barry Yates. She was a loving aunt to many. She is joined in rest by her husband of fifty-six years, David Mark Watson.

Her legacy is one of unyielding kindness, love, and generosity. Kathy's loss is deeply felt by her family and all those who knew and loved her. Her memory will continue to live on and inspire strength, resilience, and generosity in those whose lives she touched.

Private family services will be held.