Esperanza Otanez Torres

December 28, 1930 ~ December 7, 2019

Esperanza Hope Torres died on December 7, 2019 at the age of 88. She was born December 28, 1930 to Ramon Otanez and Josefa Vasquez.

She married Moises Jose (Papa Joe) Torres on December 27, 1947 in Elko, Nevada. Joe passed away on January 5, 1985 in Fontana, California. She then married Antonio (Tony) Torres on January 23, 1993, who passed away October 5, 2011.

Hope had a love for everyone she came in contact with. From taking care of children as a daycare center to feeding friends and family as they came to visit, Hope would always reach out to those around her and make them feel love and welcome. Her home was always a place for others to seek refuge and comfort.

She was especially devoted to children, serving as a school room mother and a PTA board member during the 10 years that her children attended North Tamarind School in Fontana, CA. She was a teacher in the Head Start program as well. She also helped the school nurses with vision and hearing tests, volunteered as a den mother for the Cub Scouts, and for the March of Dimes drive.

She was very active with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints serving in primary, relief society, young women and teaching seminary. She served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Illinois, Chicago Mission.

Hope is survived by her brother Raymond Otanez, her children, Luis Torres (Jean), Marc Torres (Rose), James Torres (Angela), Tina Banks (Ken), and Carolyn Woodward (Jon). She is preceded in death by her husbands, her son Richard (Dianne) Torres and great grandson C. J. Seeley. Hope will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend a funeral service on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Foothill 7th ward, 2215 E. Roosevelt Ave., with a viewing prior from 9:30-10:30 am. A viewing will also be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 from 6-8 pm at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E. 1300 S., Salt Lake City.