

Rita Louise Dismer Collins

March 10, 1947 ~ October 22, 2022

Rita Louise Dismer Collins returned to her Heavenly Father, surrounded by loved ones, on October 22, 2022 after a long, difficult, and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on March 10, 1947 to Raymond and Olga Dismer in Davenport, Iowa, spending most of her childhood in New Jersey. After graduating from high school, her love for dance took her from the east coast to Utah where she received her bachelor of arts from the University of Utah. After college, she went on to teach dance at Brigham Young University.

Rita was a devout and passionate member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and it was at church where she met the love of her life, Doug. One night at Havasupai Falls in the Grand Canyon under a blanket of stars, they shared their first kiss. It was at this moment that Rita and Doug began to create a future so amazing they could not have imagined it.

Later that year, on December 15, 1972, they were sealed for all time and eternity in the Manti, Utah temple, going on to have six children. Doug and Rita certainly had their challenges, but with those challenges came many adventures, making their love stronger each and every day.

When Rita had her first child she decided to dedicate her life to being a good mother. She was an overachiever in this right, becoming the most wonderful mother a child could ever want. Rita supported her children through their many different passions and challenges, always there for whatever they needed. She absolutely adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.

Rita’s love for dance didn’t waver after she started a family. She built a dance studio in her garage where she taught neighborhood children, and she also choreographed a ward roadshow to “Thriller”. Her love for the arts also didn’t end with dance; Rita loved to paint with watercolors and sketch and has several fine works to show for it.

She also loved to read; wherever she was, you could usually find a book nearby. Over the years she read so many books that her book collection now resembles a small library. She loved to watch true crime mysteries, The Andy Griffith Show, and endured countless hours of the western channel--Doug’s favorite.

Rita was loved by so many and was always so open to welcoming others into her life. Never judging and always supportive, Rita had a special way of always making everyone feel warm and welcome, loved and special. She made the most amazing pies for her family, beautiful Christmas cookies for friends and neighbors, and she perfected spaghetti sauce for when she hosted Sunday family dinners. Being surrounded by family and friends is when she was happiest.

Rita Louise Dismer Collins was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Olga Dismer; her daughter, Elizabeth; and her grandson, Jandson.

She is survived by her loving husband, Douglas; her children Leslie, Sara (Albert), Benjamin, Douglas (Marz), Michael (Tanisha); her grandchildren Olivia, Gavin, Joseph, Katie, Connor, Amira, Melanie, Amber, Logan, Ella, Michael, AJ, Rhodes, Luna; and her great-grandchild Beckham, who will all miss her immensely.

Funeral Services will be held at the Bluffdale 1st Ward , 15429 S Iron Horse Boulevard, Bluffdale Utah on Saturday October 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. A viewing will be held the night prior, Friday October 28, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the church, as well as at 12:30 p.m. the day of the services.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom can click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/mlI0GBUV-MGb9e_ejuRXB_kVKpQlfNyevcqDHQuO9yl3eQP85jF9BprQxDjLvBv3.3Lh