

Virginia Orton Southam

May 12, 1935 ~ September 9, 2021

Virginia was born May 12, 1935 to Almon Hills Orton and Arvilla Day Orton, in Parowan Utah. Her mother passed when Virginia was 11 years old. Her father then married Margaret Little who Virginia loved as her second mother. She graduated Parowan High School in 1953. She attended College of Southern Utah in Cedar City and was Vice President of her sorority Pi Rho Omega. She had to choose an elective, her choices were golf or fencing, she said “I’ll never golf!” which ironically became a lifetime passion. In January of 1959, she met her sweetheart Donald V. Southam on a blind date at the Terrace Ballroom. They fell in love and were married August 15, 1959.

Virginia had many passions in life which she shared with Don and their four wonderful daughters. Virginia loved to volunteer and serve. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and held many callings. She was a member of the PTA at Newman Elementary. She spent many years as a youth bowling coach at Rancho Lanes. She had never been in a bowling alley until she met Don. She bowled at least once a week until the last few years. She exceled at her hobbies, bowling a perfect 300 game on April 29, 1993 at Fairmont Lanes. She hit a hole in one at Round Valley Golf Course on August 20, 2003. A few of her other passions included camping, hunting, and fishing.

Virginia is survived by her husband Don of 62 years, her four daughters, Vicki (Dan) Corbett, Leslie Dittman, Kristi (Mark) Dixon, and Julie (Brian) Maddox. Her eleven grandchildren, Kory Hymas, Jessica Corbett; Ross Dittman; Caleb, Cody, Carter and Carly Dixon; Jenna, Tarra, Brylee and Taylee Maddox. Seven great grandchildren with one due any day. Her brother Royden Orton and sister Shauna Russell.

She is preceded in death by her father, mother, stepmother, sisters Hilma Jensen and Jolynn Orton, and her brother Almon Orton.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Larkin Mortuary, and Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Larkin Mortuary. Graveside services will follow the Wednesday viewing at 11:30am at Salt Lake Cemetery.