



Laurene Leslie Fangufangu

October 29, 1941 - December 3, 2020

Our beloved mother, wife, and grandma peacefully passed evening of Dec 3, 2002 in her home.

Laurene leaves behind her husband Taiamoni Fangufangu, two daughters Sela Fangufangu and Elisia Fangufangu, and her grand children Suliasi Sione Tukuafu, Irie Laurene Tukuafu, Taiamoni Will Fakatoumafi, Joe Isileli Fakatoumafi and Lily Jean Auva'a.

Her family legacy began at Shriners's Hospital for Children in 1925. During the time polio was reaching epidemic proportions and grew into one of the most recognized world's greatest philanthropies.

Laurene excelled in education and she was fluent in several different languages Russian, Czech, German, Dutch, French and Tongan. She attended Rick's College and completed her Master's at the University of Utah in Language and Literature.

Her love for language and literature led to employment at the Salt Lake City Public Library where she worked for many years.

She loved reading, classical and cultural music, animals, collecting antiques, nature, and spending time with her daughters and grandchildren. Laurene loved having conversations about anything. She was smart, patient, had a funny and sometimes dry sense of humor.

She was the best mother! She loved whole heartedly. She was bold and resilient. She worked hard and tirelessly. She loved regardless of flaws. She was a faithful mother and wife. She will be missed immensely. I miss you mom. Me and you, from the beginning to the end.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laurene Leslie Fangufangu*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I just saw this notice today, just over 2 years since Renie's passing. I moved from the neighborhood in December 2003. She was my next door neighbor and I saw her a couple of times since I moved when I would visit my old church congregation. She was a brilliant woman and although I did not know her well, I knew she was a librarian at Salt Lake City library and was a fascinating person and always friendly and kind. That was a great neighborhood to live in! My condolences, even at this late date, to her family. Beverly Hoppe, 1747 E. Meadowmoor Rd - my old address.*

Beverly Hoppe - January 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Such an amazing friend and neighbor! I will miss her gentle smile and laugh and amazing sense of humor. I always felt like she was sharing a joke with me and loved that twinkle in her eye!*

Susan - December 10, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ *Rene was a delightful friend! I loved talking to her because she was so intelligent and so well read. She was so humble and why that it wasn't always easy to get to know her, but it was well worth the effort. Her cute, dry sense of humor was wonderful! She had such great love for Moni and her girls. I will miss her; the earth is diminished by her absence.*

Linda Taylor - December 10, 2020 at 11:05 PM