



# Sandra Kay Russell Burgess

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# **Sandra Kay Russell Burgess**

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**S**andra Kay Russell Burgess, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 , in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Sandy was born on July 31, 1943, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to George Junior Russell and Martha Atkinson Russell, the eldest of six children.

Sandy and her husband Merrill met on a blind date. and married on March 30, 1962 in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they raised eight children in Salt Lake City and later in Riverton, Utah.

Sandy was a woman of many talents. In addition to being a wonderful wife and mother, she was a beautician, an art teacher, an aerobics teacher, and a secretary. She was involved in the PTA and was president of the Riverton Parent's Association. Sandy directed musicals. She wrote plays, poems, songs, and stories. She liked to draw, paint and do crafts. She played the piano and loved to sing.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in various church callings on a ward and stake level. She enjoyed working in Primary and Young Women's. She was in charge of the Ward Family History Center. One of her favorite callings was that of Primary teacher of an autistic, deaf girl. She learned sign language in order to fill her calling. She was a secretary to the Church Audit Department and to several General Authorities, where she was known as "Dandy Sandy."

Sandy was known for her loving nature, her cheerful disposition and her great faith.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, and two grandsons, Matthew Cook and Damian Burgess. She is survived by her husband, Merrill Myron Burgess; her eight children, Marilee (Charles) Cook, Mark (Aleesa) Burgess, Scott (Tonya) Burgess, Kent (Jenny) Burgess, Mike (Renae) Burgess, Stacie (Darren) Jensen, Ryan (Heather) Burgess, and Kristi (Doug) Farr; her 30



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grandchildren and their spouses; and her 25 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by all 5 siblings: Vickie White, Diane Ireys, Nancy Sailor, Stan Russell and Robyn Stapley.

A viewing for family and friends will be held on Friday, April 10 at 6:30-8:30 pm in the Brookwood Ward Building located at 11970 S 1940 W, Riverton Utah.

A viewing for family and friends will be held on Saturday April 11 at 9:30-10:30 am at the Brookwood Ward Building located at 11970 S 1940 W, Riverton Utah.

A funeral for family and friends will be held on Saturday April 11 at 11:00 am at the Brookwood Ward Building located at 11970 S 1940 W, Riverton Utah.

Zoom link for Sandy's funeral on April 11 at 11:00 am

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!

When: Apr 11, 2026 11:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Burgess Funeral

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://zoom.us/j/92779847821>



# Events

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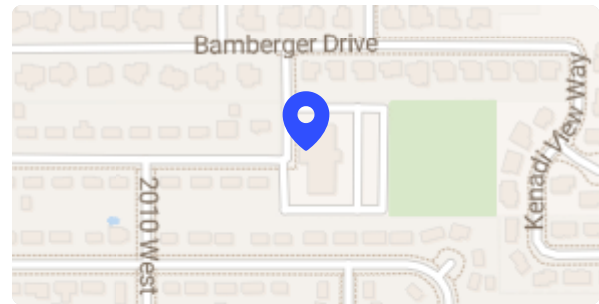
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## Viewing


 **Friday**, April 10, 2026


 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM MT


 **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
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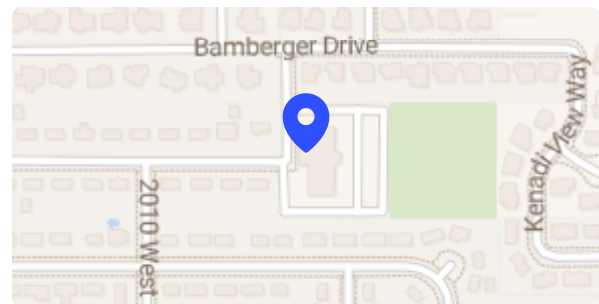


## Viewing

 **Saturday**, April 11, 2026

 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM MT

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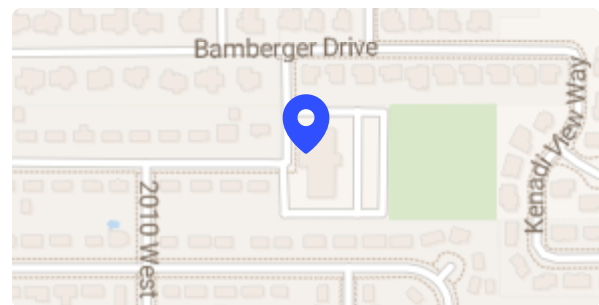


## Funeral services

 **Saturday**, April 11, 2026

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sandra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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