



## Ralph Knapp

December 17, 1948 - November 7, 2021

Ralph William Knapp, age 72, died peacefully at home in Saratoga Springs UT, surrounded by his family on November 7, 2021 after battling the effects of a stroke suffered in 2016.

Ralph was born on December 17, 1948 in Pocatello, Idaho to Hazel Marguerite and Miles Ray Knapp. He graduated from Pocatello High and then attended Idaho State University. Ralph served an honorable mission for the LDS church in Korea. After his mission he attended BYU in Provo and Utah Technical college. He completed a degree in Construction Management and began a career that led to General Contracting. At age 49, Ralph completed his degree in Education at BYU and began a second career working with students with special needs.

Ralph met Carol Simkins, at BYU and they were married in the Manti Temple on April 19, 1975. They soon began their family which was his greatest joy in this life. He was patient, kind and understanding of others views, and was always willing to look inside himself to find ways of becoming a better person. His patience allowed him to take his young children on the job to insure they learned how to work! Although it was not the kids' favorite thing then; as adults, they all attribute their work ethic to Dad.

Ralph loved reading, camping with the family, fishing (taught by Grandpa Norton) and everything football. He was not afraid to act crazy to get a laugh from his family. He did an amazing ostrich walk and insisted in covering his entire head with shaving cream every Halloween.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Carol, children, Chris (Lisa), Ryan (Krista), Laura Holbrook (Andrew), Tyler (Leslie), Ashley Loftis (Jon), Chelsea Wayland (Raleigh) Cameron (Bethanie), 20 amazing grandchildren, sister, Jolene McCarthy (Bob), brothers Phil (Susan), Carl (Lynnae), sister-in-law, Lorenda.

Ralph has a strong testimony and love of our Savior. As a family we are so grateful for that

example and teaching.

We would like to thank all the medical personnel and Hospice angels we have had over the years.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 13th, at 11:00 am, at the Saratoga Springs 5th Ward, 49 E Centennial Blvd, Saratoga Springs, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Click here to view live-streamed services <https://my.gather.app/remember/ralph-knapp>

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Events

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**NOV** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Saratoga Springs 5th Ward

49 East Centennial Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT, US, 84045

**NOV** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Utah Valley Mortuary** - November 12, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ Ralph was my friend. After I was baptized he was one of my mentors and taught me much about the gospel and he exemplified how to live the gospel of our Savior. My last visit with him was when I took him to a dental appointment. We talked a lot of football of course, but mainly we had a good time. I will miss him.

**Patrick Wick** - November 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM