



Richard Erickson

January 15, 1938 - December 29, 2018

Richard Oscar Erickson, age 80, passed away peacefully at home on December 29, 2018. He was born January 15, 1938 in Mammoth, Utah to Oscar and Lilly Rostrom Erickson.

He married Kathleen Mary Allman six months after being set up on a blind date, December 27, 1963. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary just two days prior to his passing.

He was passionate about fishing, hunting and anything in the great outdoors. His wife said that early in their engagement they were headed to go fishing and he stopped talking. When asked why he wasn't talking he stated that "I can't talk when I'm thinking about fishing!" He enjoyed every minute he spent with his fishing pole and all his fishing buddies. He was an avid Utah Jazz fan and the night before he passed he needed to know that the Jazz had won their last game. He also loved watching Real Salt Lake play and traveled throughout the world. His best time was camping with family and friends and sitting around the campfire.

He served in the Air Force and retired from the Utah National Guard. He worked as a firefighter at Dugway Proving grounds where he was a crew chief. He loved to cook and experimented with many recipes over the years. He always had a beautiful garden and spent many hours working in his yard. He was the best Christmas tree decorator around and spent hours meticulously making the lights perfect on every branch. He loved the many dogs he had over the years and we expect that they are happy to have play with him again.

The most important people in his world were his wife Kathy, daughter Corri, son(-in-law) Samir and his three grandsons Ammon Oscar, Wyatt Husein and Morgan Samir. They were his greatest joy and he would do anything for them. He loved attending every soccer game (and there were a lot) over the years. He was the proudest Grandpa around and he loved telling anyone and everyone about his boys.

Richard suffered with declining health over the years but fought every day remain with his loved ones. He was the strongest man we have ever known. He was so happy this Christmas and stated that it was “the best Christmas ever!” We will miss him every day but know that he will be waiting with open arms to take us fishing again.

Richard is survived by his wife Kathleen, daughter Corri (Samir) Uvezovic; grandsons Ammon, Wyatt and Morgan Uvezovic; sister Elaine (James) Lunt; sister-in-law Coralee Erickson; brother-in-law David (Christina); brother-in-law Norman (Pat); Terry (Leslie) Snook; special daughter Mina Gough; numerous nieces and nephews; friends; and his faithful dog Paisley.

He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Lilly Erickson, brother Robert (Bob) Erickson, brother-in-law Wayne and his wife Joyce; and sister-in-law Virginia Branagan.

A special Thank You To Valeo Hospice for the care they gave him and his friend Sergio for the amazing care that he gave.

A Celebration of Life will be held for all family and friends on Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Camp Williams Officer's Club, 17800 Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah. An R.S.V.P would be appreciated to Corri or Kathy.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Camp Williams Officer's Club
17800 S. Camp Williams Road #8100
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Kathleen,
We are so sorry to hear about Richard. We have so many good memories of both of you over the years. Please let us know when his celebration of life will be held, we would love to come! Please know that our sympathy, love, and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Lloyd and Linda Laycock.*

linda laycock - January 01, 2019 at 12:17 PM

KH

Kathy I'm so sorry to hear about Richard he was always so kind to me would love to see you my prayers are with you

kathy hall - January 01, 2019 at 01:26 PM

LG

Kathy, my condolences on Richard's passing...remember the happy times! He will be with you...love and hugs, Linda Garrison

Linda Garrison - January 02, 2019 at 04:56 PM