



Richard James Bradford

April 5, 1932 - January 8, 2021

Richard (Dick) James Bradford passed away peacefully in St. George, UT on January 8, 2021. He lived an exceptional life of community service, church service and love of family.

Dick was born April 5, 1932 in Salt Lake City, UT to Florence (McLaws) and James Henry Bradford.

He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He married his high school sweetheart Suzanne (Lindberg) on June 23, 1954. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

Dick served his country in the United States Army (1953-1955) during the Korean war while stationed in Monterey, CA. After being honorably discharged, he completed his undergraduate degree and Master of Business Administration at the University of Utah, graduating with the University's first MBA class in 1957.

Dick managed and owned a variety of small businesses throughout the West before entering public service. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed hiking, camping and hunting. He served for many years as a Boy Scout leader.

His public service career began with successfully advocating for the use of

open space for city parks and recreational facilities and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Alta Canyon Sports complex in Sandy. Dick later was appointed as Director of Economic Development for both Sandy City and the State of Utah where he served under four Governors. He led the State's efforts to promote Utah as part of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Dick was elected to the Utah State House of Representatives and served for 10 years where he focused on improving public education in the State.

Dick and Suzanne were married for 66 years living in Salt Lake City and Sandy. During their many years together, they enjoyed traveling the world, tennis, bicycling, and spending time with family and friends. Visitors marveled at their reliable garden bursting with ripe tomatoes and well-tended fruit trees, while enjoying a meal with their magnificent backyard view of the mountains.

In retirement, Dick and Suzanne moved to St. George where he welcomed visitors, valued time with family, and explored the Southwest. He and Suzanne served as senior missionaries in the LDS Washington, D.C. North Mission, as service missionaries at Deseret Industries, and as hosts at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

Dick is remembered for his energy, hard work, community and church service, passion for the outdoors and love of family.

Dick is survived by his wife Suzanne; sons, Kent (Yackan) and Steven (Robin); daughter, Diane; grandchildren, Sarah (Douglas) Wawrzynski, Keith (Heather) Bradford, Andrea (Scott) Rackham, Christina Bradford, Hunter Marlon; and great-grandchildren Luke, Stanley, Carsen, Hailey, Isabelle, Daniel, Jackson, and Leah.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, sister LaReine Mortenson and daughter Kristina Bradford.

Memorial services will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Contact Serenity Funeral Services for further information.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the LDS humanitarian fund.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM.

Virtual Service

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I worked with Dick Bradford at the state of Utah. He was kind, compassionate, well respected by his team and always available. I appreciated all the opportunities he gave me and others and loved the man. May he rest in peace.

Kerry Bate - January 18, 2021 at 06:32 PM

RJ

“ Suzanne & Family,
We were acquainted with Dick and Suzanne when we lived in the same Stake in Sandy and again when they moved into the same Stake here in St. George. We have admired their goodness and hard work in the community and church. Best wishes,
Dick & Gail Johnson

Richard Johnson - January 13, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JG

Suzanne and family,
Susan and I send our love and condolences to the whole Bradford family. We always felt his genuine friendship when ever we would run into him, either in Church or around town. We will miss him dearly! We pray that you will be comforted by Our loving Heavenly Father and the knowledge of the Plan of Eternal life!
All our love,
John and Susan Gordon

John and Susan Gordon - January 14, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SG

“ We are so sad to hear of Dick's passing. I'm sure it was only a few weeks ago that I saw both Dick and Suzanne at a local store. It was so good to see you since it had been a long time since our wards were changed and I miss all the good people we used to associate with. Our hearts and preayers are with your family. ~Susan Gordon

Susan Gordon - January 13, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ Dear Suzanne and family,

I am so saddened to hear of Dick's passing. As your neighbor in St. George when I am able to visit there, I have always felt comfort knowing the two of you are nearby. Clearly, he left an indelible mark for the better. My thoughts are with you at this time.
Pat Jones

Patricia Jones - January 13, 2021 at 12:06 PM

GF

“ Greg Conlon and Family purchased the With Distinction for the family of Richard James Bradford.



Greg Conlon and Family - January 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM

LM

“ Dear Suzanne and family, So grateful for moving next door three years ago and being able to visit with Dick and know this brilliant and good man! Prayers for comfort for you and peace knowing what we know! Love, Lonnie and the Mathews family

Lonnie Mathews - January 12, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BJ

“ Dear Suzanne, I am so sad to hear of Dick’s passing. He was always so nice and friendly to me, and when I stopped by he made me feel welcome. I send my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Fondly,
Barb Jones

Barb Jones - January 11, 2021 at 10:50 PM