



Richard K. Hanks

September 15, 1928 - September 28, 2015

Hurricane, UT – Our father, Richard K. Hanks passed away on September 28, 2015, in

Washington, UT.

Dad was born in Eureka, CA on September 15, 1928, to E. Kay Hanks and Gwendolyn Lloyd Hanks. After several years in California the family moved to Spokane, WA where he would spend his childhood. Dad loved sports and was on the high school basketball team. He had a fade-away jump shot that was so smooth it would make you cry. He also pole vaulted and ran on the track team. Dad loved spending his summers in Wayne County, UT where his father grew up. He loved saddling up his horse and riding the trails over Boulder Mountain. He always held Wayne County close to his heart and would frequently sing the song "I'm Going Back to Dear Old Grover". Every autumn when the leaves would start changing, dad would get that look in his eye and long to be in Wayne County. Dad always fancied himself a Wayne County cowboy.

Dad served a three year mission for the LDS Church in Zurich, Switzerland and had his first taste of living abroad. After his mission He served in the Korean War as a journalist. He then followed in the footsteps of his older brother Wayne and worked for the U.S. State Department as a diplomatic courier. There were not many countries in the world that Dad hadn't visited and boy did he have some stories to tell! Dad gained a love for Europe and started his college education in Germany. He then returned to the states to

finish his education at Brigham Young University.

Dad was a huge BYU fan. He followed all things BYU. The day before dad passed away he was watching the BYU football game, hoping for a victory. It was probably the loss to Michigan that pushed him over the edge. Although dad was fiercely loyal to BYU he had a good sense of humor about it. He's probably laughing as he reads this. Surely, if BYU games aren't broadcast in heaven, he will opt out.

Dad had a great love for the gospel of Jesus Christ and loved learning. He earned a Master's degree in LDS church history and loved teaching others about the early church. He started teaching seminary in Southern Utah, and then went on to teach Journalism at Provo High and institute at Ricks College. He then later taught Church History and Book of Mormon classes at BYU. While teaching at BYU in 1971, he met Suzan Bundock and they were married ten months later. After marrying, Dad and Mom packed their bags and moved to Hawaii where Dad took a position as the director of the institute program at the University of Hawaii. He loved the institute kids in Hawaii and has many fond memories from their time together. While in Hawaii, Dad and Mom had their two eldest sons, Christopher and Ephraim.

Shortly after Ephraim was born they moved back to the states and Dad had a desire to go back to school and get a marriage and family counseling degree. After finishing that program at BYU, he joined a counseling practice and three more children were added to the family: Summer, Matthew, and Marc. The family put down roots in Pleasant Grove, UT and then Lehi. Dad continued to serve in the LDS church in various callings: bishop, bishopric member, and gospel doctrine teacher to name a few. He touched the lives of many individuals through his service in the church. Many sought his counsel and advice and he was able to help heal hearts and lives. After surviving many Utah County winters the Hanks family moved to Hurricane, UT. Hurricane quickly became home and is where Dad spent the remainder of his life riding horses and helping others. Happy Trails Dad!

Richard was preceded in death by: his parents E. Kay Hanks and Gwendolyn

Lloyd Hanks; and his older brother Wayne Hanks.

Richard is survived by: his wife Suzan Hanks; son Chris Hanks and his wife Heidi Hanks and their four children: Sam, Sophie, Sawyer, and Scarlet; son Ephraim Hanks and his wife Megan Hanks and their four children: Noah, Andy, Lucas, and Kate; daughter Summer Endsley and her husband Tyler Endsley and their three children: William, Gwen, and Maggie; son Matt Hanks; son Marc Hanks; sister Nancy Hanks Hoppe and her husband Werner Hoppe; sister-in-law Jo Hanks.

A small family graveside service was held Friday, October 2, 2015 at the Toquerville, UT Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bless all of you good children of Dick and Sue Hanks. Dick was a very fortunate man to have so many people who wanted to love and serve him. I wish you all well and send my love. I hope all of you children know how very much your mom did for your dad and how she has shown so much love to him and you.

Aunt Nancy Pulsipher

Nancy Pulsipher - October 20, 2015 at 12:09 AM

KM

“ I met Richard when I was dating the wrong person. The person I was dating thought we needed counseling. He chose Richard because they were both from Wayne County. I believe the plan was to choose a counselor who would side with the male point of view. I remember how very nice and caring Richard was, and how he really seemed to want to help the two of us to communicate more effectively.

The best part, however, was that Richard saw what a jerk the other person was and basically told him so. Richard told this person that I was wonderful, he should be grateful to have me in his life, he needed to reevaluate his priorities, quit taking me for granted, etc., etc.

I am not sure why I needed that confirmation to end the relationship -- and even though he did not say that -- it was the best advice I ever received!

I am very sorry to hear Richard has passed away. I hope you all have many happy memories of him. May God bless you all.

Karen McDonald - October 13, 2015 at 12:40 PM

AR

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to the Hanks family. We love Chris and Heidi!*
The Rounds

AJ Rounds - October 06, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard K. Hanks .*



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BJ

“ *Bro Hanks was a kind good man. He always treated people like he enjoyed listening to them. He never judged. He was wise and helpful. Prayers for the family at this time Sincerely , Dale and Becky Johnson*

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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - October 02, 2015 at 12:11 PM

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Gerald and Ruth Lund send their condolences. Neighbors across the street.

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