



Russell Leo Hansen

December 18, 1944 - December 4, 2024

Russell Leo Hansen, 79, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2024 surrounded by family, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and creativity. Russ was born on December 18, 1944, in Price, Utah, to Genevieve Christiansen Hansen and Leo Arvil Hansen. Though his father was serving overseas in WWII when Russ was born, they formed a close bond when Leo returned. Russ grew up in Sacramento, California, and later Pleasant Grove, Utah, where he developed a love of exploration and a strong work ethic. After graduating from Pleasant Grove High School in 1962, Russ pursued architecture and drafting at Utah Trade Tech and Brigham Young University. Russ had a deep love for his country and served honorably as a member of the Utah Army National Guard for six years. On August 23, 1968, Russ married the love of his life, Sherry Walker, in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, and service, raising five children. Russ's

devotion to his family was unmatched; he found immense joy in supporting, teaching, and loving his children and 14 grandchildren.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Russ served willingly and faithfully in many capacities. He found great joy serving with his wife in several temples, but most especially in the St. George temple. In 2019, Russ and Sherry were called to serve a mission in the Hawaii Honolulu Mission at the Polynesian Cultural Center. After a break at home during Covid, they returned to the Hawaii Laie mission and continued service at the PCC.

Here, Russ left a lasting impact through his handiwork and heartfelt connections with students and colleagues.

Russ was a man of many talents and passions. Whether crafting intricate woodwork, painting, or fixing anything that needed repair, his creativity knew no bounds. In his later years, he developed a deep love for e-bikes, often using them to spend time with loved ones.

His greatest heartache was the loss of his beloved daughter Stephanie, and his family finds comfort knowing they are now reunited.

Russ is survived by his wife, Sherry Walker Hansen; his children Rachelle Milligan, David Hansen, Camille Ridge, Matthew Hansen; their spouses; and his 14 grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him but leaves a legacy of faith, kindness, and love that will

continue to inspire.

A celebration of Russ's life was held in St. George, Utah on December 7, 2024 followed by a

graveside service with military honors at Tonaquint Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770