



Russell George Hilburn

August 8, 1945 - October 24, 2023

Russell George Hilburn, 78, passed away on October 24, 2023, in Washington, Utah. He was born August 8, 1945, in Shreveport, Louisiana to Carrie and William Hilburn. He married Sharon Johnston. They were married in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 20, 1973. They had 5 children.

Russell joined the United States Army, Engineer Battalion, in 1965 and served in the Vietnam War. He maintained friendships with some of his military buddies throughout his life. After he left the Army, he attended Louisiana State University where he studied drafting. He became a drafter and had the most perfect penmanship.

He met Sharon on a blind date, and they were later married. They moved to Salt Lake City where they raised their family. Russell was forever a student. He loved to read and take notes on interesting things he learned. He loved learning about the wonders of this world and his faith. Later in life, he even wrote a book.

Russell loved his family, and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his brother Bill (Christie) Hilburn, his children: Paul (Ana) Hilburn, Kim (Jim) Jackson, Mandy (Matt) Woodruff, Mitch (Randall) Hilburn, and Matt (Elizabeth) Hilburn, and 9 grandchildren that he loved so much.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon.

Russell and Sharon will be laid to rest together at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ My twin and I were so individual from each but he was so kind. I was in the Navy and later moved to Seattle. I worked in corrections. Then I worked in adult probation in San Diego county in Vista, Ca. I was always active in church. I Ron one marathon and regularly biked 200 miles Seattle to Portland in two days.we had a sparse homelier with mostly throwing paper routes, church and school.we didn't focus on much else. Was very sad to hear about his death.

William Hilburn - November 15, 2023 at 06:30 PM

RP

“ Russell and I were high school friends in Louisiana. My name is also Russell so he was Big R and I was little R. We stayed in touch in later years and Russell stayed an honest, sincere, hard working man. He was proud of his country and his family. I'll miss you, old friend!

Russell Pease - November 06, 2023 at 08:18 AM

WH

Thank you.

William Hilburn - November 15, 2023 at 06:19 PM

JR

“ Uncle Russel, I will miss you, you were always my favorite to talk with, and my favorite Uncle, go be with Aunt Sharon now, I Love you...
Love Jason and Kim Rietbrock

Jason Rietbrock - November 04, 2023 at 02:32 PM

WH

Cool

William Hilburn - November 15, 2023 at 06:21 PM

BP

“ Met RUSS in Ft. Stewart in 66, went to Nam 67, was a SPECIAL FRIEND & GUY. RIP in my friend!! Bill Payton

BILL PAYTON - November 04, 2023 at 09:47 AM

WH

Thanks

William Hilburn - November 15, 2023 at 06:20 PM

HL

“ I didn't know Russell, I'm a friend of his brother Bill. But he sounds like a fine person and my condolences to all.

Harv Levy - November 03, 2023 at 03:49 PM