



## Russell Williams

September 9, 1948 - September 25, 2021

Russell Ellis Williams, 73, Motoqua, Utah passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Bella Terra Nursing and Rehabilitation, in St. George. He was born on Sept, 9, 1948, in Burien, Washington to Bevan L. and Doris [Mitchell] Williams, both of whom preceded him in death.

He attended Highline High School in Burien, Washington, but left school early to join the military service. He was an Army Combat Veteran and served in Vietnam from 1966 through 1968. On October 26, 1997, he married Halley Kay (Young) Hersch, in Rexburg, Idaho. They were happily married until Halley preceded him in death on April 26, 2014.

Russ is survived by five children: Joshua (Julia Twaddle), Las Vegas, Nevada; Amy (Rahul Ahmed), Goshen, Indiana; Martha (Christian) Wenger, Elkhart, Indiana; Molly (Williams) Keller, Hurricane; and Evan (Karla Thornton), Parowan; five step-children, Kacie Hersh, Salt Lake City; Brooke Hersh, Cedar Hills; and Amidey (Gary) Anglesey, American Fork; Lianna Howells, St. George; and Shane (Jen) Howells, Central; 20 grandchildren; four siblings: Bevan Terry Williams, Silver City, New Mexico; Rick Williams, Seattle, Washington; Candie Sacayanan, Midway; and Jodie (Andrew Vilicich) McClure, California; along with many nieces and nephews.

Russ was a unique person. He was warm and gregarious, with a sense of

humor, but he could also be stubborn. He was an independent spirit, an outdoorsman, a survivalist. He liked to play pinochle, and tell stories about his life.

He was quite a talker and enjoyed time with family and friends but also appreciated peace and solitude. Over the years, he worked in construction, as a cook, and did odd jobs. He wasn't a 9-5 type of guy and was happiest living a simple life surrounded by nature. He will be remembered and missed by all.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 5:00 PM MT at the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS in Gunlock, Utah. Burial will be earlier in the day.

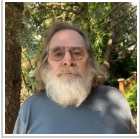
# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 5:00 PM (MT)

Gunlock Chapel  
733 N. Main St.  
Gunlock, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ Russ was my best friend after we moved to Burien. He was a great mechanic and a very cool person. I love him and will miss him Sam Hyde

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**Sam Hyde** - April 22, 2022 at 08:34 PM

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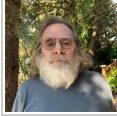
“ My name is Jodie McClure. Russell is my brother. When filled with sorrow, and at a loss for words, I write. I love you Russell.

*Your soul was completely evident in your eyes. anyone lucky enough to have gazed into them knew your heart was filled with love. and love is what you gave til the day you died and were placed in your grave. The hole in my heart is real. When we meet again, my heart will heal. You may have left your body and left this earth, but everyone is grateful for your birth. Fly high my brother. and say hi to dad and mother.*



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**JODIE MCCLURE** - October 04, 2021 at 02:41 PM



*I think I remember you when I used to visit your home on 8th sw I remember Terry and Candy. I met Russ in 65 or 66. He was very level headed I remember your parents well and thought you all were lovely people*

**Sam Hyde** - April 22, 2022 at 11:35 PM

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*Thank you.*

**Jodie mcclure** - August 27, 2022 at 08:31 PM

JO

*Hello sam. Jodie here. Do you remember introducing ruth to russ? She would like your contact info. Thanks.*

**Jodie** - July 12, 2023 at 08:35 PM

SB

“ *My name is Shawn Baldwin and I will always remember Russ. Russ taught me the word "Taboot" lol. He taught me how to make potatoes into french fries as well. :) He also taught me that "it's never to late to change the path you're on". Rest in peace uncle Russ. Keep rocking in the afterlife. Lots of love to you and the ones still here. We're not far behind you brother. :)*

**Shawn Baldwin** - October 02, 2021 at 09:04 AM

JM

*love this shawn.*

**JODIE MCCLURE** - October 04, 2021 at 03:59 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - October 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM