



# Richard Leland Erickson

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**A**fter a short but painful bout with cancer Richard Leland Erickson passed away peacefully, and surrounded by loved ones, in his Orem, Utah home. He was born April 20, 1951, died June 27, 2012, and spent his dash well. He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Carter, and his wife, Lori Richards. He is survived by his father, Abram Leland Erickson, four siblings: Dean (Jan), Linda (Rick), Keith (Heidi), & Dennis (Lori), seven children: Joshua (Charlotte), Caleb (Melissa), Samuel (Kelsey), Leifka (Travis), Jeremy, Jesse (Emily), & Esther, and seven grandchildren. He was gentle and loving, a disciple and scholar, a devoted husband and doting father, and a man whose influence will span generations to come. He was loved (and will be missed) by all who knew him – both family and friends (and all he met were friends). He was born in Price, Utah, raised in Bountiful, Utah, served as a Latter-day Saint missionary in Seattle Washington, and graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in archeology (with an emphasis in paleontology). It was at BYU that he met his wife, Lori. They met in an Israeli folk dancing class (where they danced barefoot), and she initially got his attention by hiding his shoes. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 30, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Geneva Heights 2nd Ward, 590 North 900 West, Orem, UT. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. on Friday evening at the church and one hour prior to the services. Interment at the Provo City Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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BC

**Bruce & Ladawn Carter** posted:

Dear Erickson family, It is always difficult for us to know what to say that will provide any comfort to you. Just know that we are thinking about you and we are praying for you. Take time to write down your favorite memories of Richard so your children, grandchildren and all of his descendants will have a chance to know him. Love, Bruce & LaDawn

June 29 at 11:28 AM

DF

**David Terry Family** posted:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Richard was such a sweet, friendly person who always treated us like we were the only ones in the room. We wish you peace in your lives and know that he is with your mom now and is very happy. We send our love.

June 29 at 9:46 AM

KG

**Kevin And Debra Garnder** posted:

Dear Josh, Caleb, Leifka, Jeremy, Jessie and Esther, Words can't describe the sadness we feel for you with the passing of your father. He was Our friend, he was our brother. I will never forget meeting you kids for the first time, such a cute bunch of wild boys, and one timid little girl. (Esther came months latter.) I feel so privileged to have watched you grow up. Though your lives have been a big struggle, filled with much sadness, all of you have been bacons of light to a world of darkness. Our family will treasure the past 2 years of FHE with Richard, Jeremy and Esther. He taught us so much. I will miss his big smile, his singing, his great knowledge of the Gospel, His love for your mother and his Savior, most of all his HUGS. He told me he didn't want to go, he wanted to stay, the first swear word I ever heard your dad say was, "This Damn cancer". I had to agree. But, just like a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ he said, not my will Father, but yours. It is so hard to say goodbye to your father, grandfather, brother, uncle, Friend, but just as the years separate us, they have a way of bring us back together again. May you find peace in the loving arms of the Savior, and comfort in his great love that he has for you. With much love, Kevin and Debra Gardner

June 28 at 6:09 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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