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Robin Loy Riggs unexpectedly passed away while recuperating from back surgery on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. He was born May 10, 1953 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Elvin Loy “Al” Riggs and Cleo Judd Riggs. He was the third of five children. His parents and two siblings, Randall Riggs and Valerie (Ashot) Abramyan, preceded him in death. He was beloved by all.

Robin was raised in Salt Lake City where he attended East High School. After graduating, he was at home watching football one Sunday when Bishop Talbert knocked on the door and invited him to serve a mission. Robin accepted the invitation and started reading the Book of Mormon that evening. He served an honorable mission to France and Belgium for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On his mission, he gained his testimony of the Book of Mormon and of the restored gospel which brought him his greatest joy.

He graduated magna cum laude with a BA in English from the University of Utah and earned a MPA and law degree from Brigham Young University. He served as Associate General Counsel in the Utah State Legislature and was later appointed as General Counsel to Governor Leavitt where he gained many life-long friends. After leaving Governor Leavitt’s office, he worked as a lobbyist with his good friend Rob Jolly and was universally liked, a rare achievement in the profession. Later he worked as President of Qwest for Utah and Executive Vice President of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. More recently, he partnered in a variety of business ventures using the skills and relationships he had cultivated over the years. Many from the political and business sector knew him as a respectful and admirable man.

While he had many career successes, his crowning achievement was his family. He brought kindness and encouragement to all who knew him, giving support and guidance to his nieces and nephews through his bachelor years. At age 51, Robin met and married his eternal companion, Patricia Paulsen, and embraced her children, Parry (Angela), Peter, Ellie, and Hans, as his own. God blessed Robin and Patricia’s union with precious jewels—twins Annie Pearl and Ruby Hope in 2007. Last year Robin celebrated the birth of his first grandchild, Ezra Harrison.



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Robin was well known for his humility, positivity, work ethic, wonderful sense of humor, and musicality. He learned the piano as a child, sang with the East High Madrigals, the UofU A Capella Choir, the Sterling Singers community choir, faithfully participated in many church choirs, and now sings in the Heavenly Choir.

He is survived by his sisters Kimberlie (Cameron) Hess and Shellie Riggs, his sister-in-law LeAnne Riggs, his wife Patricia and their six children, many nieces and nephews whom he adores, and many extended family members.

A viewing will be held at the LDS chapel at 2130 E. Gyrfalcon Dr. (10000 So.), Sandy on Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 6-8:00 pm and on Monday, November 2, 2015 from 10:30-11:30, with funeral services to follow at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a memorial fund for funeral expenses. Donations can be made to the Robin L. Riggs Donation Fund through Zions Bank or at www.plumfund.com/memorial-fund/robin-l-riggs-memorial-fund

Patricia expresses her deep appreciation for the competent and compassionate care Robin received from the medical professionals who cared for him during recent weeks.

We Love you Robin



Events

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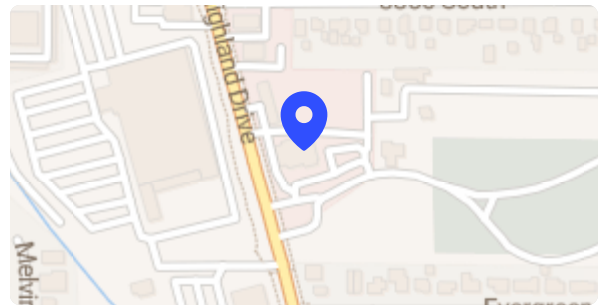
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Cemetery Details



Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

3401 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City UT





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TD

Tom Dolan posted:

Trish & Family,Linda and I extend our sincere condolences at the passing of Robin. Robin has been a friend and associate throughout my years with Sandy City. He was a most humble man and a wonderful example of how kindness and dignity do have a place in business and government. He was known and admired for his good works and touched the hearts of a countless number of people.What I will always remember is the day that Robin told me about a wonderful woman he was going to marry and the joy that this had brought him. Trish, he had the highest love for you and your children and your marriage was a fulfillment of his fondest hope.Your testimony at the funeral bore witness of your strength and conviction that there will be yet a future and joyous reunion with Robin. We join with hundreds of your friends and associates in praying for the Lord's kindest blessings of peace and comfort to be with you and your family.Mayor Tom & Linda DolanSandy City

November 5 at 6:03 AM

DA

Don Allen posted:

My sympathies on Robin's sudden passing. I knew him well a number of years ago, and have not kept up-to-date. I know what a splendid person he was, and must have been a great husband and father.Don Allen

November 3 at 3:39 PM

SH

Shauna Hill posted:

Robin was such a great friend during our years at the U of U. We had many classes together and worked in LDSSA together. He was so intelligent yet so humble. In addition to being highly accomplished, he was loyal, dependable and sincere. He always bore such a beautiful testimony. I pray you find comfort in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Shauna Richards Hill

November 3 at 4:08 AM

JJ

Jayne (Roberts) Johnson posted:

Robin was a great man and a wonderful person! I am shocked that he is gone! Living in St George Utah, it is amazing that we found his obituary in a paper that we do not even regularly subscribe to. God's tender mercies to me.We sang together in the East High school Madrigals group and have followed Robin's career path throughout his life.Robin will be sorely missed, but he will be a great asset to those who need him on the other side!God's speed, Robin!May you all find comfort and peace at this time.Eric and Jayne (Roberts) Johnson 801-808-7898

November 1 at 6:44 AM



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KR

Karen Rider sent a virtual gift in honor of Robin.

I am so saddened by the news that Robin passed away. He left all of us much too soon. He was truly one of the best men I've known and was kind to everyone. I will always cherish his friendship back in our single days at the Monument Park ward. My thoughts are with Patricia and their family during this difficult time, and hope that comfort comes from knowing they're an eternal family. -- Karen Felt Rider



October 31 at 7:42 PM

GC

Gary Cornia posted:

Robin was a member of the first class I taught at Brigham Young University. He was a great student and I have enjoyed watching his impact on the State of Utah. He was a person that accomplished a great deal and did so in a way that made everyone pleased with the outcome. Like all that knew Robin I am shocked and sorry about his unexpected death. He will leave a big hole in many many hearts. I know that his family will miss him but the only way to avoid such sorrow is to take love out of living and Robin could never function where there was not love. I am out of Utah right now and will not be able to return in time for the service and I am very sorry I will not be able to express to his family how much I honor this man and how grateful I was to be able to in some very small way be part of his life experience. He made me and everyone around him better! Gary Cornia Professor and former Dean of the Marriott School of Management Brigham Young University

October 30 at 3:24 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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