



# Richard Kent Wessman

JUL 30, 1949 - SEP 19, 2018



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**R**ichard Kent Wessman beloved by all died peacefully surrounded by loving family, September 19, 2018. He had no fears of passing on and felt it the greatest step in the eternities. The atonement of Jesus Christ in his mind was the greatest gift given to mankind. He had a firm testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rick was born July 30, 1949, in Salt Lake City, UT to Beverly Glade Wessman and John Wessman. The 3rd child to the oldest he came from a loving family. He received his Eagle Scout award as a young man, graduated from Highland High School in Salt Lake City and served a mission in the Southern States. Married to his first wife Karen Meredith for 24 years, they had five children Rachael, Kari, Matthew, Bryan and Carli and later divorced. His training and career were spent as an auto mechanic. However he tried his hand at many things in his lifetime. He left retirement to take a dream job with Jackson Hole Mountain Resort working on vehicle maintenance.

He had many adventures in life including skiing, soccer, golf, rock climbing, volleyball, coaching Little League, fishing in the moonlight, looking for gemstones, gardening, playing guitar, singing and dancing proficiently. He sang in many LDS choirs and developed art and photography as talents. He liked to study the scriptures, history, science and Ancient America.

Later in life he met his second wife Rebecca Motsch at an LDS singles dance. He often said that God brought them together. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple September 26, 2006. He served in many capacities in the LDS church. In particular he was known for his lessons taught on Sunday as they were inspirational and helped others to make changes in their lives for the better. Most recently he served in the Afton Wyoming Second ward Bishopric as second counselor with Lance Oviatt as Bishop and Nohl Sandall as first counselor.

Rick and Rebecca Wessman settled in Star Valley, Wyoming remodeling a 1925 Arts and Crafts home in Afton. It was their desire to create a loving home for children and grandchildren to visit. Rick was happy to attend the Star Valley Temple just miles from there home.



## Obituary

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He is survived by his sister Ann Tanner, Provo, UT, Roger Wessman, Salt Lake City, UT, Dave Wessman, St, George, UT, Craig Wessman, Mark Wessman, Salt Lake City, and Marie Goddard, Salt Lake City. Rick was preceded in death by his sister Patti Wessman and parents Beverly and John Wessman.

Rick was a kind, generous and thoughtful man with bright intelligence. He has gone on to our Heavenly Father's mansions to prepare a way for those that follow. We love him and feel it a choice experience to have walked with him in this life.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 22nd, 11:00 am at the Avonmore Ward Chapel, 5848 W. 11000 No. Timpanogos Highway, Highland, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to services from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Interment will be at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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**Bruce And Gail Thibodeau** posted:

To Becky and the family of Rick, We are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. I'm so glad we got to meet him, Becky, and spend some time together on that beautiful evening in Jackson Hole. I know it will leave such a hole in your heart to be without him, but I know that your bond will last forever. We love you. Bruce and Gail Thibodeau

September 30 at 11:47 AM



**Premier Funeral Services** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



September 21 at 6:58 AM



Premier Funeral Services shared 2 photos to the Memories Album album.

September 21 at 6:58 AM

**Richard K. Wessman**  
 Born: July 30, 1949 in Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Died: September 19, 2018 in Highland, Utah

**Service**  
 Saturday, September 22, 2018 - 11:00am  
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
 5848 West 11000 North, Timpanogos Highway  
 Highland, Utah

**Son of:**  
 John & Beverly Wessman

**Husband of:**  
 Rebecca Wessman, Married December 03, 2004  
 Sealed September 26, 2006 in the Salt Lake City Temple

**Children:**  
 Rachael Griffiths  
 Kari Barney  
 Matthew Wessman  
 Bryan Wessman  
 Carl Lambson

**Palbearers:**  
 Bryan & Max Wessman  
 Matthew Wessman  
 Cameron Barney  
 Phillip Lambson

**Honorary Pallbearers:**  
 Roger Wessman  
 David Wessman  
 Craig Wessman  
 Mark Wessman  
 Haven Krause

**Presiding:** Bishop Kyle Smith  
**Conducting:** Bishop Kyle Smith  
**Family Prayer:** Craig Wessman

**Opening Hymn:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #136

**Opening Prayer:** Marie Wessman  
**Reading of the Obituary:** Chris Wessman  
**Speaker:** Bryan Wessman



**Musical Number:** "If You Could Hie to Kolob" #152  
**Speaker:** Carl Lambson  
**Speaker:** Matthew Wessman

**Musical Number:** "How Great Thou Art"  
**Closing Remarks:** Bishop Lance Oviatt  
**Closing Hymn:** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #152  
**Closing Prayer:** Mark Wessman

**Interment**  
 Salt Lake City Cemetery  
 200 N St E, Salt Lake City, UT  
 Dedication of Grave: Roger Wessman

Forged in the crucible of life two souls walked parallel paths  
 In the depth of trial  
 Tempered by adversity two souls burnished bright  
 Hearts aflame we danced into each others arms and life  
 The Holy Spirit witnessed this Love in the eternities  
 We came together man and wife as a catalyst of Love & Light  
 By: Rebecca Wessman

In loving memory of

**Richard K. Wessman**

**Appreciation**  
 Our family wishes to express our gratitude for your many kindnesses in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral services this day.

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

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



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