



# Richard Allam

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**R**ichard (Dick) Allam was born to God loving parents, Michael Allam and Amelia Anton, on Friday, May 13, 1932. Dick graduated from Judge Memorial Catholic High School in 1950. He had an interesting and successful High School career, which included being student body president, the male lead in the annual senior play, the winner of the annual oratorical contest, and the recipient of many awards as a talented dedicated athlete. He was a 3-sport starter in football, basketball and baseball. Dick was selected as a 1st team All-State player in football in his Junior and Senior years and was an outstanding contributor to Judges' consecutive state Class B football championship in 1948 and 1949. Dick was also named as an All-American Football player, an award given from the Wig Wam Club. This honor was unanimously endorsed by the sportswriters of the Salt Lake Tribune and telegram news. He was ultimately granted a full-ride baseball scholarship to Santa Clara University in California. Dick and his father were asked to attend a meeting at a local Salt Lake Hotel with a representative from the Saint Louis Browns Major League Baseball organization (now the Cardinals), where he was offered a professional contract to play for them; however, Dick and his father wanted to honor his college offer first. Dick served his country in the Army, including 13 months in Korea. He was awarded a bronze star and was discharged later. Upon returning home he rediscovered



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the lovely Phyllis Tabish, the daughter of family friends, and quickly realized what love at first sight meant. Dick has always said this meeting was one of the greatest

blessings of his life. Dick and Phyllis married June 18th, 1955, and soon they were the parents of six fantastic children. Dick retired from the SLC Public Utilities (Water Dept.)

as a supervisor in 1995. During retirement, Dick and Phyllis visited many faraway places and spent many precious, fun filled summer vacations with their children and grandchildren camping along mountain streams in many of the western states, capturing lifelong memories. Dick and Phyllis lived and loved their Catholic faith, attending daily mass together for several years. Dick is preceded in death by his parents and sisters. Darlene (Hal), Patsy Jean, (Bill) grandson Joshua Allam, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, children Tina Barakat (Sarkis, deceased) Richard (Gladys) Michael, Edward (Jinane) Michelle (Paul), Anthony (Carolyn, deceased), brother Robert, sister Lorraine (Lynn deceased) 19 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The Funeral Service will be held at St.Jude Maronite Catholic Church on Friday, December 29th.at 11:00 a.m. Special Gratitude for Dignity Home Health and Hospice service, with special thanks to Lea, Dad's hospice nurse. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Maronite Catholic Church building and maintenance fund. To leave condolences/comments for the family,

visit Premier Funeral Services website: [www.premierfuneral.com/obituaries](http://www.premierfuneral.com/obituaries).



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TN

**Tony Noah** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.

My deepest condolences to the Allam family for their loss. Dick was a great man that lived a life close to God and represented his faith well. I know that he will be in a better place. He was a wonderful father to his family but was kind, generous and welcoming to friends and acquaintances as well. He was a great mentor and friend and will be missed deeply. May he rest in peace.



January 2 at 11:18 PM

SF

**Stanley Finn** posted:

To the Allam family. I was saddened to hear of Dick's passing and my condolences to his loved ones. I was fortunate to coach Dick's sons Eddie and Anthony at Judge Memorial and his grandsons Jeremy and Joshua as well. Dick and his lovely bride Phyllis always made me feel welcome and loved. The world is a less brighter spot today but I'm sure Dick is telling the angels stories and lighting up the heavens with his smile. Yours always, Stanley Finn

December 30 at 9:08 AM

PS

**Penny Snarr** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Uncle Dick was an amazing man. He was always so kind, caring, loving and funny! He will be missed. Although he was close to all 3 of my son's, Nathan had a very special bond with him. Nathan would just pop over to say hi to him! Of Course Uncle Dick welcomed him in with a big smile. May he rest in peace! God Bless you all, Penny



December 29 at 8:20 AM

FN

**Fred Nass** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of such a kind and loving man. Your loss is a loss not only to your family but to everyone who was lucky enough to know you and be in your presence.

December 29 at 7:34 AM



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GT

**G.T** posted:

Jan and I are sorry to hear of Dick's passing and ask his family to accept our condolences. I'll always remember Dick's kindness to me during the church functions, he always made time to talk with me and made me feel like I was the only person in the room. We are grateful Dick and Phyllis attended our wedding. Rest in peace Dick. Jan and Gene Tabish.

December 29 at 5:05 AM

PM

**Patrick And Amy Meyers** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of our beloved Uncle Dick. He was such a patient man and always had a kind word. Our hearts go out to Aunt Phyllis and the entire Allam family. Godspeed Uncle Dick as you are being welcomed into Heaven by loving family who has passed before you. You will be missed here on Earth, but forever in hearts and our memories. With love from Patrick and Amy Meyers

December 28 at 11:18 AM

PW

**Pam And Rick Watkins** posted:

Oh my, dear Dick! From my younger days I remember admiring Dick and his beautiful wife Phyllis. He had a heart of gold, and strength of lion. Always an amazing smile and great hugs, and genuine caring and concern for others. Rick and I send our deepest, most heartfelt sympathy to Phyllis and the entire amazing family. Our prayers are with Dick. May God grant him eternal rest, and also to Phyllis and the family that God grant you strength, peace and comfort. Our love is with you all.

December 28 at 7:03 AM

SJ

**Susan Jorgensen** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.

Offering sincerest condolences to Phyllis and family. Richard was a joy to be around; he and Phyllis both; remarkable and always uplifting. The entire wholesome family are admirable.

December 28 at 6:08 AM





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TF

**Ted Forsman** posted:

Allam Family, Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Mr. Allam. I went to grade school (St. Ann's) and high school (Judge Memorial) with Richard, Ed, Michelle, and Tony. What a great family!!! I have lots of great memories with the Allam children. Ed was in my class at St. Ann's and Judge Memorial, and I'm lucky to be able to call Ed a friend. The quality of Mr. Allam's children is a true testament of a life well lived. I recall Mr. Allam's deep Catholic faith. As is said in the Greek Orthodox Church, May His Memory Be Eternal. Ted Forsman

December 28 at 4:42 AM



**Peter Simon** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

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December 27 at 11:46 PM



KT

**Kathy Toponce** posted:

Uncle Dick always had a twinkle in his eyes, and exuded goodness to everyone. So sweet and kind. He will be missed ❤️

December 27 at 7:26 AM

TW

**Tom Wright** posted:

I was so sad when I received the news from my mom Lorraine, of the passing of her older brother and my uncle Dick. He always seemed larger than life to me. I recall myself as a young boy being in our family car making our way to my Grandpa and Grandma Allams house for Easter or Thanksgiving and me being in the back seat secretly doing hand strengthening exercises so that I could impress my Uncle Dick with a good strong handshake when we got there. Even as a child, I recall feeling important and acknowledged after giving him my best handshake and getting a big hug from him. He was always genuine and sincere in his communication and he made me feel glad that we had this great, close family of Uncles and Aunts and cousins. Another memory I have when we would all be together, is his great laugh that would ring out loud above all of the other conversation and noise, and I would think to myself oh, that's my Uncle Dick laughing, he's having fun and I was always glad that he was having fun. He just seemed to me to be the guy that was deserving of good things. He's a great example of a person that stayed true to his values and didn't compromise on his beliefs. I will truly miss my Uncle Dick.

December 26 at 6:22 PM



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

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