



Robin L Payne

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Robin L. Payne, age 72, passed away peacefully in his home on February 17, 2025 following a decade-long battle with cancer and other long-term illnesses.

Robin was born in Holbrook, Arizona in 1952. He was the fifth of six sons born to Roy and Ruth Payne. His family moved to California when Robin was about 4 years old. Robin excelled in school and graduated from East Nicolaus High School in 1970. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints soon after in the Canada Alberta Saskatchewan Mission. Upon returning home, Robin attended Brigham Young University and obtained his bachelor's degree in English Literature. He continued his education at Brigham Young University and obtained a Master's degree in Library Science.

Shortly after Robin accepted a position as a reference librarian at Arkansas State University, Robin married the love of his life, Cindy Cranmer, in 1987, in the Los Angeles Temple. Arkansas was where Robin and Cindy started and raised their family for the next 29 years. Robin was a loving and committed father and provider to his three children: Jaylynn, Ryan, and Anna. He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints throughout his life and served in many leadership callings, including serving in six bishoprics, Sunday School president, a leader for the young adults along with his wife, and a devoted home teacher and friend to many. Robin had a great love for reading all throughout his life and could often be found reading in his recliner in his spare time. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to music, and serving others in any way he could.

Robin retired early when his beloved wife, Cindy, was diagnosed with early onset dementia. They relocated to Utah in 2015 to be closer to immediate and extended family members. Robin devoted his time and energy to caring for Cindy until her passing in 2020. He was such a devoted caretaker and showed such tender care and attention to his wife. Once, when a daughter commended him for his service in tenderly caring for Cindy, he simply remarked, "She took such good care of all of us for so many years. Now it's my turn to take care of her." He missed her dearly after her passing and tried to keep himself busy. He loved being a grandpa and enjoyed



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spending time with and virtually visiting with his 4 grandchildren as often as possible. He never missed an opportunity to express his love to his grandchildren in clear and quirky ways. He tried to keep busy after Cindy passed as he continued to read and listen to music and served as a wonderful ministering brother to many families in his ward. He even tapped into his creative side and learned some new hobbies in his last few years such as woodworking and folding origami, for which his family is eternally grateful as we now have so many beautiful and tangible pieces he made and gifted to us. It was clear to all that Robin missed his eternal companion, and although we miss him here dearly, we are also relieved and happy that he is now whole and reunited with his dear Cindy.

Robin is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brothers Allen, Evan, and Charlie. He is survived by his children, daughter, Jaylynn, of Orem, UT, son, Ryan (Bryanna) of Bella Vista, AR, and daughter Anna (Vinny) of Saratoga Springs, UT; and brothers Grantly (Gay) of Idaho Falls, ID and Adair (Barbara) of Lehi, UT. He leaves behind 4 cherished grandchildren: Lucian, Tyson, Claire, and Lydia.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Intermountain Health Home Hospice for their skill and loving care given to Robin and his family to help keep him comfortable in his home following a quick decline over the last few days of his life.

A viewing will be held prior to the funeral service beginning at 9:30 a.m. The funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building located at 95 North 600 West in Orem, Utah. Burial will follow at the Orem City Cemetery. For those unable to attend the service in person, a Zoom broadcast has been made available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87185000224>

Meeting ID: 871 8500 0224



Events

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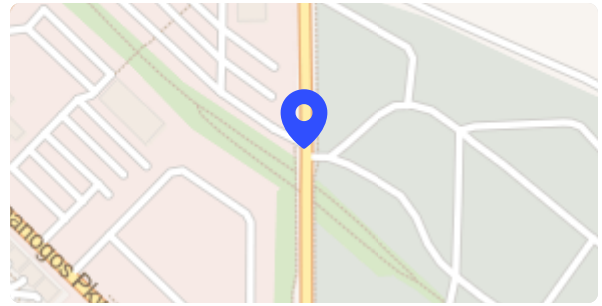
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Cemetery Details



Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East, Orem UT 84058





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JS

John Sifford posted:

I worked with Robin at the Arkansas State University library. He was the kindest and thoughtful gentleman I have ever worked with. He is God's personal librarian now. John Sifford

March 8 at 11:38 AM

JS

John Stasinos posted:

Robin & I attended the same church together. He was my assigned minister for 8 years until his passing. He personified selfless service as a humble soft-spoken disciple of Jesus Christ. He didn't just ask what he could do for us, but stepped forward whenever he saw a need. He was there for me & my family & made a difference in our lives. He was my friend when I sorely needed one & I love him for it. I miss him. John Stasinos

March 5 at 9:04 AM

JM

Joan Mcdougal posted:

Robin and I went to grade school and high school together. A constant theme/thread about Robin was his kindness. So true. He was also intelligent, funny, thoughtful, and positive. My husband, Bill, and I wish our sincere condolences to his family. BTW...Robin and I were 7th and 8th grade ping pong champions of our grade school. Now that was something!!!! Robin will be missed by all. Sincerely, Joanie (Davis) and Bill McDougal.

March 2 at 7:45 AM

MF

Marcia Fritz posted:

Robin sat behind me in the high school band. He was a great clarinet player and, perhaps, the most polite and respectful student in our class. I am saddened by his passing.

February 28 at 10:20 AM

NF

Nadeen (Albert) Flynn posted:

Robin was such a gentle, generous, intelligent soul, and I appreciated his sense of humor. My sincerest condolences to all of Robin's family.

February 27 at 4:26 PM



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RP

Robert Porter posted:

Robin and I were both about 4 years old when his family moved to Lincoln, CA. I really don't have any memories prior to knowing him, and he was always my best friend. We attended different schools, but I always looked forward to seeing him at church, primary and then mutual (young men's). People remember him as being shy, but between he and I, he was the out-going one, and I enjoyed being with him, partly because he would include us in group conversations. One thing that I remember about him as we became teenagers is that, while many of us guys tried mainly to talk and spend time with the prettiest girls, Robin was always equally friendly with all the girls regardless of their appearances. As a result, all of the girls seemed to be drawn to him, including the very pretty ones. In retrospect, I believe that he had the better "plan"; although, for him, it wasn't really a plan, it was just his nature. I have always admired and respected him, and I will miss him greatly.

February 26 at 10:29 AM

BD

Barbara Doyle posted:

Robin was a cherished and valuable member of the A-State family. He was so kind to everyone he encountered whether student or faculty. He worked with my freshmen students to help them become educated researchers while using the library resources. May he rest in peace in the divine house of our dear Lord.

February 24 at 11:40 AM

DH

Dominique Hallett posted:

Robin, I have missed you since you left ASU, but at least I could keep in touch. I am so sad that I won't see you liking my posts on FB and I can't share special news with you. You were an amazing man and I will miss you dearly. I'm glad you are out of pain and at peace now.

February 24 at 5:42 AM

HK

Heather Karstens posted:

I remember Robin as being a sweet, kind young man exactly as the picture here. That is how he looked when I knew him. He was very quiet but thoughtful and friendly and always had a smile for everyone. May you enjoy your reunion with your wife, parents and brothers. I know you will be missed. May God bless and comfort your family. Love from Heather Karstens (Beyer)

February 23 at 4:26 AM



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KM

Kimberly Harreld-Mccann posted:

Robin was in my life all of my childhood! Later in high school I loved dancing with him at school and church dances!!! He was a very special friend!

February 22 at 2:39 PM

RP

R. Curtis Payne shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Definitely a band of brothers that really loved and cared for each other! We will all miss you Uncle Robin ❤️

February 22 at 2:30 PM



KG

Kent Grimes February 27 at 11:32 PM

I first met Robin when we were on the same little league team. We were having batting practice one Monday evening when his dad came early to pick him up. Mr Payne said he had to go home to Family Home Evening. We had never heard of it before and how in the world could it be more important than baseball? Baseball was my first love. We attended high school together. I would see the Mormon kids walking to school early in the morning from this thing called Seminary. Who would want to go to anything that early in the morning was my thought? He was friendly to everyone and served in school student government. I moved away from Rio Oso CA half way thru my senior year at East Nicolas (Class of 1970). In Santa Cruz CA I met this Mormon girl working with my mother. Kathleen & I got married & I joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 4 months later. We were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple 2 years later. I'm Eternally Grateful for Robin being a great example. We never talked about religion (that I can remember), Thanks to Grantly Payne, Alvin, Ginny, & Debbie Rice for being Happy Mormon kids. They REALLY helped with my conversion to OUR great church. I loved watching the Yuba City Temple being built in our old community. I love our Portland OR Temple that is 35 minutes from my Salem home. I know that Jesus is the way. Blessings to the Payne family.



Media

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