



Sidney 'Sid' Rogers Gilligan Jr

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Sidney 'Sid' Rogers Gilligan Jr., 100, passed away on January 10, 2026 in Murray, Utah.

Sid was born on February 12, 1925 in the Bronx Borough of New York City and was the only child of Sidney Rogers Gilligan and Anna Maud Carlton. The family moved to Warren, Massachusetts during his high school years in 1941. There he met Rhoda Mary Warfield from neighboring West Brookfield. They married after WWII in 1947.

Sid graduated from High School, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943 and was ordered to active duty shortly afterward. He was then placed in the V-12 college training program where he attended a summer session at Duke University and transferred to Purdue University, earning a BS degree in electrical engineering. He received his commission in 1946. After being honorably discharged, they moved to Hartford, Connecticut where their sons Mark, Matt and Tom were born.

In Hartford he worked for the Hartford Electric Light Company (now Northeast Utilities) in distribution engineering and later worked for General Electric Company as a sales engineer in Schenectady and Phoenix, which included international travel. He completed his career at San Diego Gas and Electric Company as a conservation engineer.

Sid and Rhoda were divorced in April 1981. Rhoda passed away in 2012 in Abilene, Texas.

Sid met and married Margaret Jeannine Campbell Lewis in Los Angeles in November 1981. They lived in San Diego, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California, served an LDS mission in the Philippines, moved to Bedford, Wyoming for nine years and then to Murray, Utah. Jeannine passed away in June 2014 in Murray, Utah.



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Sid is survived by sons Matthew (Matt) Gilligan (Heidi) and Thomas (Tom) Gilligan, Matt and Heidi's son Colin Gilligan (Jessie) and their two children, Matt and Heidi's daughter Erin (Brett) and their four children.

Sid is also survived by step sons and daughters Shandra Oliver, Sheila Somerville, Aleta Kim Lawton, Tim Lewis, Ann Plant (Terry), Terry Lewis (Connie) and Lisa Roblyer (Adam). He is also survived by twenty step grandchildren, and numerous step great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Sid was preceded in death by his parents, his son Mark and step-son David Hyrum Lewis whom he diligently cared for during David's five-year coma in San Diego, California.

A memorial is planned in the chapel of Premier Funeral Services, 67 East 8000 South, Salt Lake City, UT at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 24, 2026. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of their choice. For those who were unable to attend the services, a recording was made: <https://youtu.be/891R2WunE9Q>





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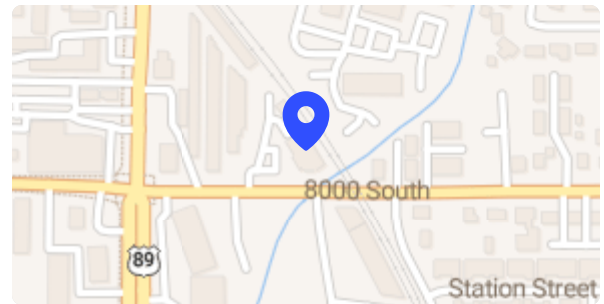
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 24, 2026

 10:00 AM MT

 **Premier Funeral Services**
67 East 8000 South, Midvale UT



Zoom Broadcast

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MT

 **Zoom**
UT

 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84745684731> Meeting ID: 847 4568 4731



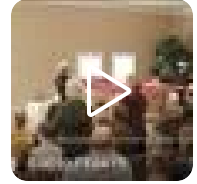
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Premier Funeral Services shared a **Sidney Gilligan Jr Funeral Services**.



February 19 at 12:02 PM



Adam Roblyer posted:

From Adam Roblyer: I think it was the summer of 1984 or 85 when Sid asked me to hike the Pacific Crest Trail starting at the Mexican boarder. It was desert and very hot at first, but then became really beautiful as the weekends went by. I had to drop out for whatever reason but I know that he continued on. Not sure how far he got but I know that he went far as was his demeanor. Once he set his mind to something, he would see it through to the end. One of the first times we all were at the cabin, I think it was 1988, Sid employed (or maybe we volunteered our limited expertise) Terry L., Terry P., Tim, and I to work on the plumbing in the crawl space under the house. We all had a good time doing this, using flux, solder, and a torch on the copper piping. Sid checked on us from time to time hardly saying a word. Once we were done, we checked it for leaks and there were none (I think). We were relieved and the only thing that he said was "Well, at least it works." I am sure he wasn't too impressed with our work. Sid made THE BEST MEAT LOAF! Every time we were invited for dinner, I hoped that we were having meatloaf. We did for the most part because he knew how much we loved it, but anything he cooked was usually pretty good. He was a good cook! We use his meatloaf recipe to this day! Not growing up with a father, I very much respected Sid, and looked up to him, quite literally. He was a great influence to me/us. He helped us through some hard times, blessed us with his insight, and loved us as though we were his. After Sydney was born, at her baby blessing, he held her, and he had such love as you can see in his expression that we caught as Lisa posted. Thank you Mark, Matt and Tom, for sharing your Dad, this important man, with us!

February 1 at 1:13 PM



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Tirzah Kiser posted:

I am so truly grateful to have had Sid in my life. I wish I was able to have spent more time with him but will forever cherish the year me and mother lived with Sid & Grandma in San Diego. We moved down there from up North when I was around 8 years old (1980?). Sid was the first and still is one of the most important men in my life; he was the first impression of what a good man is. I was fatherless and my mother didn't bring men around. Sid was literally the first father figure in my life and what a great one to have had! He is such a part of who I am and how I grew to perceive the world & family relationships. It was so impactful and beautiful to witness him and Grandma together, it really taught me a lot and helped me understand what I want in a relationship. They were so delightful to witness and seeing them find each other in their elder years gave me a perspective that regardless of age God can bring two together; they were the cutest peas in a pod. I also was blessed to witness the grace and love bestowed to David. The dedication, devotion and love that I experienced forever changed me in the best of ways, I am so full of gratitude. I also have the fondest memories of going to the Wyoming cabin when I was 18 for one week. It was the only family reunion I have been able to attend and it meant the world to me, so special. Thank you Sid, thank you for making so much possible and for the influence you have had on my life. Thank you for being a part of our family. Sid touched so many lives; He was gift to us all as well as to this world and will always live inside my heart

January 28 at 2:19 PM



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Aleta Lawton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Sid was my Hero. There were many times in my life when he stepped up for me when there was no one to help. He bridged the gap. He was loving, considerate and kind. The real deal. Unconditional love. Matt, if not for your father I would have fallen and not been able to get up. Your father was my Hero. He loves Jesus with his whole heart and soul. He was a father to me and my faithful friend. We became very close. I treasure him and my precious memories of him. (his meatloaf and gazpacho remain unsurpassed) WISDOM OF SOLOMON 3:1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. In the sight of the unwise they appeared to die and their end was thought grievous and their departing from us destruction but they are in peace. And though they suffer pain before men yet is their hope in immortality. They are punished but in few things yet in many things shall they be rewarded, for God proveth them and findeth them mete for himself. He trieth them as gold in the furnace and receiveth them as a perfect fruit offering. And in the time of their vision they shall shine and run through like the sparks among the stubble. They shall rule the nations and have dominion over the people and their Lord shall reign forever. LIGHT A CANDLE FOR ME Light a candle for me I will be there for you Life is not what it seems depends on your point of view I never really left you Though it seems like I am gone so I'll try to talk to you best as I can in this song Love never dies Only dreaming Flesh will pass Your soul comes home It's all right where it's suppose to be and before you know you'll be here with me I will always love you please don't cry Life is short No goodbye Live your life full Life's a blessing You in school and not through testing. Light a candle for me.

January 24 at 3:58 PM



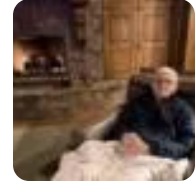
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Kristi Hamilton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Grandpa Sid has been a constant my entire life. I remember watching him patiently tend to grandma's needs above his own and hearing about how he cared for David and other members of the family. He is an example of what a man should be. So constant and unflinching and faithful. He made the cabin a magical place. I remember grandma and grandpa visiting SLC throughout my teenage years. They would always stay in my room. And I could always count on my room being left perfectly clean with a note of love from the both of them left on my desk when they departed. I was also so impressed by his loving care of Mark, even when it was so difficult for him. But of all the memories I think the ones I will cherish the most is when I, for a change, got to serve him. These last several years were so hard on him. He did not love having to leave his beloved condo and friends, he struggled with his mind not being as sharp as it had always been, and he was many times very lonely. I loved that every time I would call for a visit he would readily agree. I will miss seeing him always looking dapper in his perfectly ironed collared shirts with his notepad in the front pocket, and his "side holster" with his flashlight and pocketknife. I will treasure his emails of thanks after a meal at my house. I loved seeing him show interest in my children and asking them questions about their day. I loved our lunches together and listening to opera in the car (he loved opera!). He was always so grateful. But mostly, I will miss him. What a wonderful, wonderful man. We are all better for knowing him ♥

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Shandra Oliver posted:

Dad, I remember the day we went to the marina and we all got on the corporate yacht and we all got sick. Mom and I started throwing up over the side of the boat and you, even though you were as green as a frog, you stayed stoic. You dropped us off at the nearest little dock but you stayed on that yacht with your friend. When I lived with you and mom for that year I worked in Teton Village, you invited me to go along with you and mom to the temple in Idaho Falls. You knew I tended to idolize you so you spent the two hour trip explaining all of the mistakes you'd made a father and that I was wrong to admire you. You explained that you'd been such a dry father to your own children and how badly you felt about that. You thought that in spite of your bad example and failings your boys had turned out to make you proud. You always bragged about your boys and their individual qualities. I loved to listen and learn and would ask you to tell me more. Your attempt to try to dissuade me from my good opinion of you only strengthened it. It didn't matter what time it was or how inconvenient the request was, you were always very fast to respond to someone's need. Mom and I were addicted to yard sales. I remember that when we drove anywhere, if we spotted a garage sale and we'd start to tell you to stop, you would put your foot on the gas so that you could pretend you accidentally passed it. You would continue this pattern as often as you could without being too obvious. I would snicker in the back seat and mom would just look befuddled. Then she started putting on a sad face hoping to guilt him into stopping at some. Eventually it worked and he would stop at one or two. He knew that letting mom out to shop meant hours of waiting. If he didn't have patience before, he sure learned it with mom. I have too many memories to tell but they are all wonderful because you are wonderful. I miss you already. I'll be there soon...make sure you make some meatloaf for me. Shandra.

January 24 at 3:58 PM

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Tina Laurore posted:

I have so many cherished memories:-Him ordering egg benedict for breakfast at a cute cafe we went with him and my parents. -Him mowing the lawn so the grandkids could plan sardines- I was awkward grandkid that sometimes got left out but I always felt seen with Grandpa Sid. - My daughter baby blessing was a couple of months after grandma Jeannine passed away and he brought a dark complexion baby doll from her collection of baby dolls to give to my sweet baby. It is still one of her favorite dolls to hold and love on. - So many cherished memories of his quiet, strong, service example to all of us. But one I hold the dearest is Him written me an email/letter when I was leaving my husband and moving across the country. He wrote of support, love, and strength. I was scared, sad, and defeated but his words brought more strength than anything at the time. I did feel judged or a failure but someone who needed to pivot my life for my daughter and to take responsibility in my hands to improve her life. I love you Grandpa Sid!

January 26 at 8:46 PM



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Connie Saenz posted:

I have so many wonderful memories with you, Grandpa. Helping you and Grandma caulk the cabin in Wyoming when you both drove over from San Diego to work on the cabin, and we were living in the pink house. I hate fish, but boy, would I eat the shark stew you'd make. I remember playing Tetris on your computer before it was ever available to the rest of us. You let me play on your airplane/pilot simulation even though all I could do was poke at all the cockpit instruments. I flipped switches, pushed buttons, and pulled and pushed the throttle like a pro, even though you tried to teach me the basics of takeoff. I remember watching how slowly you ate your meals and how thoughtful you were before speaking. I remember thinking on many occasions, "I want to be like that." Everything you did just looked "smart." I was not wrong. The summer after I graduated from high school, my best friend and I decided to take a massive road trip across 6 states. One of those states was Wyoming, where we stopped for a couple of days at the cabin. Grandma was in a community play in Afton, and one evening, you drove us to watch another performance. When we got there, we both jumped out of the truck and headed inside the theater, but I noticed you stayed back, drawing on a napkin. I walked back to the driver's window and asked you what you were doing. You showed me a bunch of circuits you'd drawn, which you were redrawing as if trying to work out a puzzle. I'll never forget what you said, "A farmer in the Valley has a tractor that's having some electrical trouble. I'm trying to figure out the problem." Right then, I knew that all those times in San Diego when I'd watch you as a young girl, I'd nailed it. You WERE a genius! I will miss you, Grandpa. I hope you're able to fly for real now.

January 26 at 7:25 PM



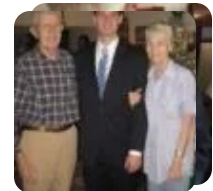
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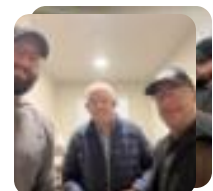
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Lisa Roblyer posted:

To Matt (and ALL his sweet family):"I wanted to tell you how grateful we are for the presence of your sweet Father in our lives. It couldn't have been easy to share him with so many of us. So, thank you with all of my heart.I've no words to adequately express what a tremendous blessing he was to so many people. When I told my nephew he had passed on, he was deeply affected and said "He was my Hero". The same with so many people I know who served with him in the church and Bishopric who said what a good man he was and how well he treated them. To me, he was like Jimmy Stewart from the movies. So brilliant, gentle and kind with an unexpected subtle humor. He was most content when he was doing something for someone else. Shows us what a dynamic man he really was.You should know, he was so excited with every grandchild you had arrive. He would email photos and announce their names to us. It was joy for me to see this in him and for him. He was very proud of you Matt. I will miss his goodness and wit the most. He was a rare treasure to us all.May God keep you and your wonderful family watched over.🙏❤️"

January 26 at 6:46 PM



Brandi Pace shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sailing sailing! But I loved family reunions the best! Thanks for being and accepting us all! Till we meet again!!'



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Lisa Roblyer posted:

Sidney Rogers Gilligan (I am sure they are back to calling you "Rogers" again-haha), Thank you for the annual reunions at the cabin. It brought us all together in the spirit of love and gave us so much HEALING as a family. Thank you for the many, many games and laughter around the table with Parmesan popcorn. Thank you for the making and sharing of the best meatloaf known to mankind. Thank you for always watching out for our mom and making her dreams come true. Thank you for your compassionate service of little David. Thank you for your patience with all our numbers and noise each year when we gathered. Thank you for the star gazing through the big telescope and all its discoveries it brought to our minds. Thank you for the serene outings on the sail boats in San Diego with mom. Thank you for giving our children a grandpa that they loved and adored. Thank you for learning to hug and love us all. Heaven sent you to us and Heaven has you now. We will miss you! ❤️

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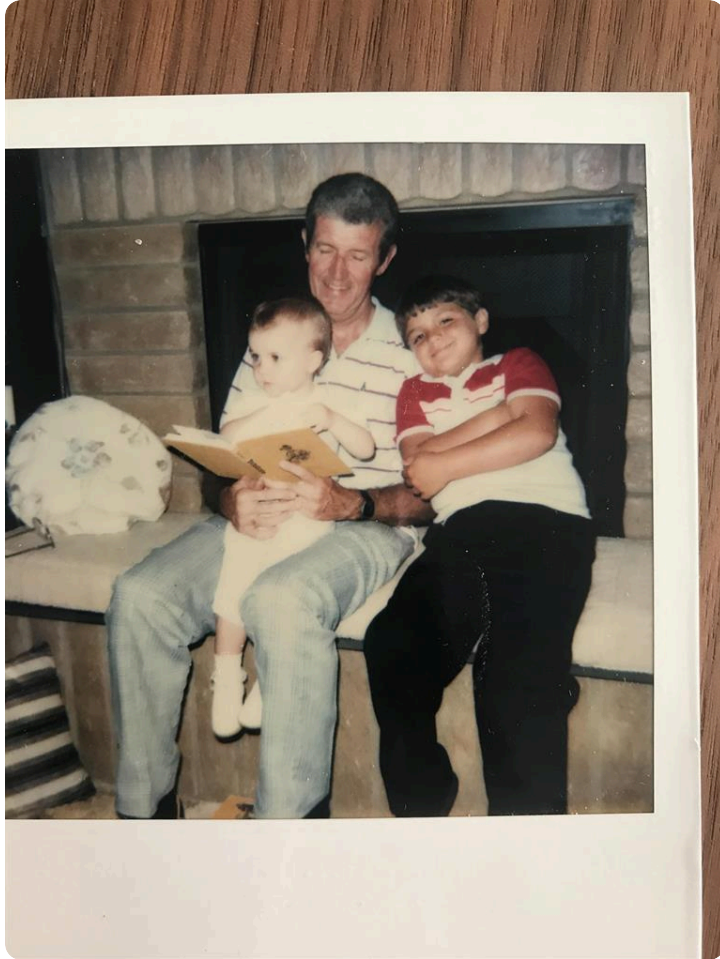
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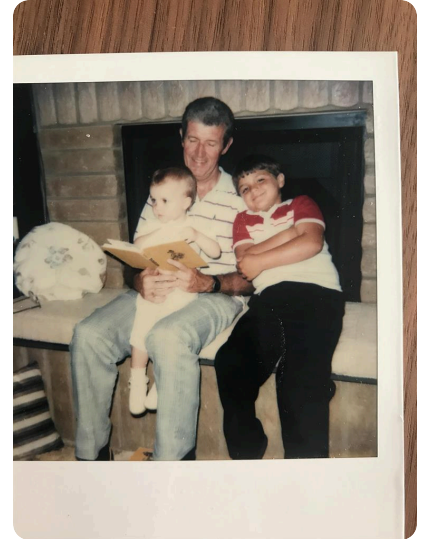
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