



Robert Albert "RJ" Hender, Jr

October 9, 1960 - May 20, 2016

Robert Albert Hender Jr. AKA "RJ"

Robert passed away, unexpectedly from complications of Liver failure with his family at his bedside at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah on May 20, 2016. He is survived by 11 children, and wife Virginia Irene Christ.

Born in Seattle Washington on Sunday, October 9, 1960 to Robert Albert Hender Sr. and Bonnie Forrest. He was the oldest of 5 children; Alan, John, Matthew, and Rebecca. Robert spent many of his younger years caring for his younger siblings. Robert gained great relationships with his younger siblings; Rachael, Mark, Lindy, and Sarah.

Robert met and married, Susan Michelle Edmonds on April 27, 1978. Together they had 6 children; Christy (Kelly) Allred, Ryan (Katy) Hender, Angela (Kevin) Gordon, Jared Hender, Tyler Hender, and Malorie (Brandon) Nickle. They later divorced.

Robert later met the love of his life; Virginia Irene Christ on January 21, 1995, they married. Together they had 5 children; Cassandra, Chase, Adam, Haley and Amber Hender. They lived together for the past 12 years in Ephraim, Utah. Robert truly felt at home here and loved to teach everyone all of the history that he knew. Robert was proud of his Pioneer heritage.

After graduating with a degree in Communications, he worked as a TV Weather man at KPAX in Montana, and a Radio Talk Show Host at multiple Radio Stations in Montana, Alaska, and Utah.

Robert loved Radio, he had the total package with radio. Between his voice, research and passion he made sure to always keep people informed. Robert was not afraid to speak his mind and inform people of the issues in this world, no matter the cost. Robert was grateful for the Country he lived in and the Freedoms it gave him.

Dad was a very strong man with strong values, he did his very best to instill these values into everyone he met. His philosophy was "Work Hard, Play Hard", and he was the best example of that. He enjoyed playing and watching basketball with his boys, he was an avid Utah Jazz fan he never missed watching a game, with or without his kids at his side. Dad, spent time playing pool, going to the swimming pool and watching crime shows, playing cards, monopoly, and basketball with each of his children.

Also known as "Grandpa Robert" to his grandchildren; Evan, Quinn, Micah, Mason, and Cyrus Allred. Jackson, Dylan and Parker Hender. Kevin, Katelin and Elsie Gordon. Alexander, and Wyatt Nickle. The last few years as his health became worse, it was harder for him to play with his grandchildren- he did not let that inhibit his relationships with them by spoiling them cookies and other treats when they came to visit!

Through the trials in his life Robert always did his best to see things from another view and to always see the best in people and every situation. Dad, really was an inspiration to each of us in very different ways. Dad was proud of each of us, even if he didn't always say or show it.

Dad has left us a beautiful legacy filled with the most important thing in life; family. Dad was the glue that kept his siblings and children together.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Two sons; Robert A. Hender 3rd, and Myles Hender, two granddaughters; Hannah Gordon and Raquel Nickle.

We would like to thank the team at Utah Valley Medical Center that made his last days on earth as comfortable as they could. For the patience and love they showed to, dad as well as each of his children.

Funeral service will be 1:00 pm, Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the LDS church at 4460 West Cortney Drive, (2920 South), West Valley City, UT with a viewing at the church Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and Wednesday prior to services from 11:45 to 12:45 pm. Interment at the Bingham City Cemetery, 7800 South Old Bingham Highway, West Jordan, UT.

In Lieu of flowers please consider donating at the Wells Fargo account set up in his name (Acct. # 1920952296). Robert did not have life insurance and this has placed a heavy burden on his family.

Cemetery Details

Bingham City Cemetery

7800 West Old Bingham Highway
South Jordan, UT

Previous Events

Funeral Services

MAY 25. 1:00 PM (MT)

LDS Cortney Chapel
4460 West Cortney Drive (2920 South)
West Valley City, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ It's been 6 years since my dad has passed away, this last Thursday I cried the same way from the day he passed, it hasn't hit me like this in a long time. Ever since his death all I ever wanted to have was hearing his voice one more time before he had to go. I miss the way he would tease us every morning, or every time we played clue, he would say "that's enough" I wish i could hug him, see him, heck even listen to his voice one more time. this last year I've met a girl who has had the same kind of experience as me, and we've bonded over the similar happenings, and she's said "I bet my momma and your dad are best friends up there right now and they have made a path for us to meet together" and I know that's true, so dad if you're seeing this just know, I'm happy, and I'll miss you, love you lots and lots daddy-la

Amber - April 17 at 10:14 AM

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“ It's been almost three years since my father passed, and each day I find myself using his vocabulary, his mannerisms, and even love to snack on his favorite foods. I keep rolling my eyes every time I say "Hey babe" or "Indeedio" the way he used to. And it especially makes me smile when I share with others the wise little tidbits of life advice that he shared with me every day. I think fondly on the time I had with Daddy-La, and look forward to giving my munchkins some of that priceless wisdom.

I love and miss you so much Dad, hope Heaven is awesome!

Cassi Hender - April 11, 2019 at 12:27 AM

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“ I'm sorry for all the times I ever was rebellious and didn't listen to your advice. Your meaningful words have embedded themselves in my heart forever, and there is not a day that I don't miss my Daddy-La.



Haley Hender - February 13, 2017 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Vesta Harvey lit a candle in memory of Robert Albert "RJ" Hender, Jr*



Vesta Harvey - September 18, 2016 at 08:23 AM

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“ *Almost every morning, Dad would walk into the kitchen, see his kids eating breakfast, and ask, 'Who wants a spanking?'*

Haley - June 23, 2016 at 10:22 AM

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“ *When driving with dad he would hold my hand in his. In that moment I would feel his love for me. I love you dad!!!*

Angela Gordon - May 24, 2016 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Some of my favorite memories I have with my dad was going to the store. As we would walk down the aisles with dad walking beside me, he would wait until I was next to something then kick me just hard enough with the side of his foot as I ran into a display, knocking it on the floor.*

Angela Gordon - May 24, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Premier Funeral Services - May 24, 2016 at 08:10 AM