

Richard Aaron Breckenridge

August 14, 1956 ~ July 30, 2024

He was such a great man. He was such a kind and patient soccer coach and was the same as a bishop. So grateful he was part of my life.

- Rachel Allen

Mr. Breckenridge was truly one of the gentlest and kindest men I've ever known. Growing up with him cheering all of us on is something I'll never forget. To one of my very best friends as a child, Brie, your family is in my prayers and your dad will forever be in my heart as I look back and remember our childhood. Sending you all the love from Arizona.

- Cody Thompson

DeEdra, my heart aches for you in this time of sorrow. Praying for the perfect peace that surpasses all understanding in Jesus Christ our Lord to wash over you and your family. Much love from the Kengla family

- Sandi (Doan) Kengla

Our heartfelt love and prayers are with the family if this great, honorable man.

- Marv & Karen McLemore

My heart hurts for your precious family. I loved being able to play for Coach Breckenridge, I played coed soccer on his team and at times he would give me rides to practice and always believed in me. Not just in soccer, but in me as a person. He was always kind to me and I never felt unloved by him. I will be keeping you all in my prayers and heart as you navigate this heavy grief that such a big loss brings. May you find comfort in the beautiful memories you've shared, may you feel the peace only Christ can bring.

- Aubrey (Borrego) Roberts

Richard was the kindest individual I ever met. He always spoke positively, complimented others, was patient, and much more. I had the chance to work with him in my early career, where his words of advice gave me comfort and confidence. My husband and I have planted 3 trees in Israel in his memory through the Jewish National Fund. If Richard's family would like the certificate, I'd be glad to send it in the mail. I can be contacted at sivansc@gmail.com.

- Zamir Family

"My deepest condolences to Richard's family. I had the privilege of collaborating with Richard on various projects over the years, and I came to deeply admire his professionalism, enthusiasm, and unwavering integrity. Richard had a unique ability to encourage professionals to bridge the gap between scientific research and practical applications, and he was instrumental in helping me connect my work with real-world challenges. I benefitted from joining him on visits to various power plants and to co-lead workshops on water treatment and desalination, experiences that were both enriching and inspiring. Richard was more than a colleague; he was a true mentor who guided and supported countless professionals, both young and seasoned. I am certain that there is a special place in heaven for Richard, and I can only hope that I have made him proud."

- Yoram Cohen

I know I am not the only person who feels this way about him and you all. We are truly lucky to have you as our aunt and uncle. As much as I wanted him to live, I wanted him to not be in pain and knew he was in God's hands. Thank you both for being wonderful disciples of Jesus Christ. We love you so much.

- Darrien Ellison

I feel so honored to get to be a part of this service for Richard. I could never say how much he and you have both blessed and influenced me for the better. The eternal relationship I have with both of you is one of the greatest blessings of life. I have been thinking about you and Richard all day today. I am sure that today is a particularly tender day. I love you both so much and I'm grateful for the truth that we will celebrate with Richard for eternity. Today was one of the sweetest and most memorable days of my life. I've always know how much I love you and Richard, but my love for both of you deepened so much as I learned more about your lives and your goodness. You both have reached so many people. No matter what you do you bless and strengthen those that are around you. I thank God for the immeasurable blessing of you and Richard in my life!

- Steven Shumway

Very sad to learn of Richard Breckenridge's passing. He was my Bishop and Stake Presidency member. (Once a Bishop, always a Bishop). I can picture him in the chapel, prior to sacrament meeting every week, often visiting with friends in the pews. His young daughter Brie would enter and find him. She would patiently wait for his attention. He would then crouch dow and tenderly tie the ribbon on her cute little dress. Give her a kiss and hug and off she would go. Every week. I loved that beautiful tradition. I love that family.

- Joyce Cox

I had the privilege and joy of coaching with him in AYSO soccer and the first Blue Ridge HS girl's team. He was one of the best. I hope all who had him as a coach realize that they learned so much more than soccer. He was fierce in his determination and fought hard to bring out the best in his players, but never put the win above the player. He helped launch the BR Girls Soccer program that is still going strong.

- Margaret Senne Gabe

He was the bishop of my youth and a great mentor. I've been remembering key counsel he gave me! I just shared some of that counsel in a recent church council too. I'm grateful for people like him who've helped shape me during pivotal moments of my life!

- Michelle Hall

Such a wonderful man! He will be greatly missed. Rebecca Skousen He sure was a great man and still is...Shared Penrod Coach was such a loving and caring person and coach!!! He truly cared!!! Such an impact on so many lives. Bill Graves He was an outstanding man in all ways! He will be missed very much! David Merrill You will always be in our hearts Coach B. Serena Evans White He really was the best. Loved having him as my soccer coach in AYSO. Rachel Allen Our loss, heavens gain. God speed my special friend. May the blessings of heaven be on your family. Don Ray Johnson

- Those who knew him

An absolutely fantastic human being. So kind to me as an exchange kid joining the soccer team. Taught me a lot of life lessons. And I had the pleasure of meeting up again when the team came over to Scotland to play some games. Great Man!

- Kevin Andersen

I wanted to share with you something I wrote for your dad a few years ago; see attached. I know I am not the only one who feels this way about Uncle Dick. He touched so many lives. We are all truly blessed to have him in our lives. He touched us through his Christ-like example and service. He is an amazing friend, coach, mentor, bishop, member of the stake presidency, and uncle. I don't have to tell you how lucky you are to have him as your father. You already know that. I am lucky that he is my uncle. He always made me feel special and inspired me to be better. He lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ which showed on his countenance. His example of faithfully enduring to the end on the Lord's covenant path inspires me still. He honored your mother and the eternal covenants he made with her and the Lord in His holy house. Thank you all for your example. Not only am I blessed to have your dad in my life, I am blessed by having family members like you. Your faith and example inspire me as your dad does. Thank you for your faithfulness and example of disciples of Jesus Christ. Your example helps me improve and have a desire to be more like the Savior. As we fasted and prayed for Uncle Dick, we felt a peace. A peace that he would not have to suffer and his body could rest. While we wanted him to stay for Aunt De Edra and you all, we wanted the Lord's will and what was best for him. We felt a great peace knowing he was in the Lord's hands. We pray that your families can continue to fill the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring. We are lucky to have family members on the other side of the veil like your dad, uncle Sheldon, and grandma and grandpa Webb. At times like this, you realize just how thin the veil is. We love you all and are glad you are our family. Thank you for sharing your dad with me and others. Thank you for putting up with an obnoxious neighbor like me. After all, "I know you are home. I saw the light on." You never know who will be sneaking into your house while you sleep. Love: Your Cousin, Darrien

- Darrien

He was an outstanding man in all ways! He will be missed very much!

- David Merrill

DeEdra I have told you man times he is my HERO. I have held him in the highest regard. He added a great deal to my life and my family.

- Deann Palmer Webb

I always had the utmost respect for him as a coach and saw firsthand the tremendous positive impact he had on his players.

- Eric Fogle

We mourn the loss of Coach Breckenridge, whose impact on his players went far beyond the game of soccer, teaching them the importance of discipline, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. The Blue Ridge family will always be grateful for the love, dedication and compassion Coach Breckenridge shared with his soccer families and the rest of the school and community.

- Loren Webb

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- Kevin Anderson

My sincere condolences to Richard's wife and children. None of you know me. It seems as if I found all of you a little too late. His dad Robert E Breckenridge and my mother Epsy Mae Hill had identical twin girls. In 1972, that is myself and my identical twin sister, Kerrie. We searched our whole lives for our father. My mother never informed him she was pregnant, so he never knew. My mother is 84 now and I asked her once again who my father was and she told me. So I searched high and low and finally took a DNA TEST. Because I had my father's name at that point, it was easy to identify my father. So, It's been a long 53 years not knowing anything of the man and family I relentlessly seeked. By the time I found out, my father had died 4 years earlier 2021 and eager to find his son Richard, My half brother, I ventured on. I'm am so sorry I did not get to know my half brother. He sounded like such a beautiful human being, dad, co worker, friend, and mentor. Our Lord knows the reason for me not finding my family sooner than I did, so I have to trust His timing. I pray for all who have lost and grieve for Richard, I only wish I had the honor of knowing such a fine man and my half brother. For now I will grieve for you and for me. God be

with you all.

- Terrie Sanchez- Breckenridge Albuquerque NM