

Richard Wayne Birrell

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I had the privilege of being a home teacher for Richard and Dorothy for many years. Their warmth, humor, and spirituality was always present. I count Richard as one of my dearest friends and miss him already. His reunion with Dorothy must be glorious. She probably greeted him with, “It’s about time!” They are walking together right now. To his family, thank you for sharing your dad with us. We are all better for having known Richard Birrell in this life and look forward to our eternal association in the next.

- Michael Abbott

As one who serves in the Jordan River Temple, I will really miss seeing Brother Birrell. He was an angel of a man who loved being in the House of the Lord, serving others so humbly and quietly with a beautiful smile and serene spirit about him. He radiated pure goodness. I want to be more like him.

- Mark Hansen

I will remember Richard for many things. I remember when he gave talks in sacrament meetings, he never used a note and gave such detailed, incredibly well prepared talks that were always inspiring and enlightening. I will remember Richard for giving lessons in high priest quorum mags where he gave lessons just like he gave talks in sacrament meeting. As an ordinance worker in the Jordan River TEMPLE on Tuesday and Wednesdays, it has been so delightful to see Richard there every week. He truly sst an amazing example of dedication to TEMPLE service and doing the work for the dead for so many here in our neighborhood and beyond. He will be greatly missed. I hope all of his family feels the love and admiration of so many of us for such a wonderful man as Richard.

- Roger Kirkham

So sorry for the loss of Brother Birrell. Have so enjoyed meeting him and seeing him come to the Jordan River Temple on Tuesdays and Wednesday’s. He was such an inspiration and blessing to all of us who knew and served him. He will be missed.

- Jay Harris

I will miss seeing him in the temple. I work there on Tuesdays and he was a regular visitor who ALWAYS had a smile on his face. I'm sure he "landed on his feet" on the other side. You can be proud of him.

- Jeff Porter

Brother Birrell was just a joy to see in the temple every week. Never without a smile on his face, he was a tireless worker and a wonderful example to all of us. He is dearly missed by anyone who knew him, which includes a lot of temple workers.

- Harro Van Leeuwen