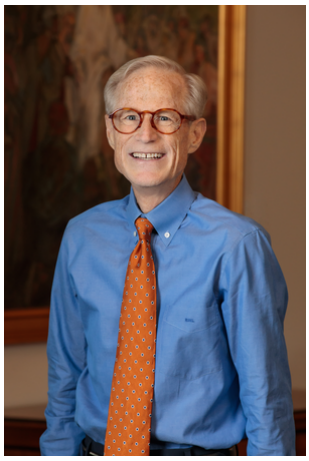

Roger Williams Little

August 20, 1957 ~ January 17, 2026

Our condolences to your family! We will uphold your family in our prayers.

- Marty and Tammy Branch

Roger Little has been one of my closest lifetime friends. We were both born the same summer to families living in the Yalecrest Ward (our mothers served in the Primary presidency while expecting us, together with Jeff Woodbury's mother), and we grew up together with a close group of boys, who have remained close all through the intervening decades. That group included Roger, Rod Dunn, Warren Clark, Steve Christensen, Lane Boice (who passed away a quarter century ago), Jeff Woodbury, Mike Vail, and Kelly DeVries, among others. In fact, seven of us had dinner together only a few weeks ago. Roger and I had many adventures together growing up in the old Yalecrest Ward neighborhood, attending weekday Primary classes, participating in Cub Scouts and later Boy Scouts, attending Bonneville Elementary, Clayton Junior High, East High School, and the University of Utah at the same time, going on many campouts, serving in our first priesthood assignments, memorizing scriptures in our old deacons quorum, creating grief for a long stream of intrepid Sunday School teachers, shooting sparrows with wrist rockets, flying remote control airplanes, experimenting with fireworks and other dangerous hobbies, buying and working on our first cars together (including his memorable and beloved Corvair), going on our very first double date together in high school (it was the Seminary "computer dance"), serving full time missions at the same time, and then comparing notes down through the years as we each pursued careers and built families. When Roger had his first bout of cancer as a young boy, we all wondered whether that was the end for him, but he is a true fighter, a warrior, and went on to win battle after battle. With all of his medical trials, he has been the happiest and most optimistic man I know. At our recent dinner, he was as happy and positive as ever, engaging each of the "Yalecrest Ward Boys" in earnest conversation, asking about their lives, and expressing joy in our most recent reunion. God bless the memory of this great friend and exemplar in my life! Our hearts and prayers go out to Laurie and family at this time of graduation of a truly great soul from mortality to immortality. Love from Dan & Julie Gibbons

- Dan Gibbons

Roger was...persuasive, long-suffering, with gentleness, meekness, and love unfeigned; with kindness and pure knowledge, yet without hypocrisy and certainly without guile.

- RKL

What a lovely man and a strong example for others.

- Sheila Pellow. Coworker

I am deeply saddened to hear of this! Every one who knew Roger, loved him. It's like he donated his life making people feel good about themselves! He will be greatly missed. I met Roger about 36 years ago, as a co-worker and later, a professional business associate, but we were friends from day one!! I'll miss our meeting for lunches, after he left doing work with / for Great Western. R.I.P. Roger! We love you!!

- David Arnovitz

I had the pleasure of working with Roger for almost twenty years at Ingenix / Optum / United Health. I worked in I.T. and whenever a request came in from Roger I jumped at the chance to assist. It was always a pleasure. I'm so sorry for your loss.

- Rick Suchil

Sister Little, Im so sorry and sad about your husband. Please know I care very much and my heart hurts.

- Lori Kunz

Laurie, We are so sad to hear about Roger's death. We consider you some of the best people we know and will be forever grateful for the love and support you showed us when we moved here. Love and support that we still feel. Please let us know what we can do to help you during this difficult time.

- Clayton & Amy Morgan

Never a man with more optimism, positivity, and overall cheer. As a young married couple, we were fortunate to be served by and interact with Bishop Little and his amazing wife. To this day, when we think of our future, we think of them as examples of how to pattern our lives. We count the Littles as some of the most influential people in our lives. We are so grateful to have known Roger Little!

- Nick & Whitney Cox

Dearest Laurie, My little note in the mail was in response to my request to Jan Evans to see how I could hear or read your comments on "Fiddler" because you are so thoughtful and such a strong writer. She told me at that time that she would be presenting for you. You were in my thoughts and I sent my note which must have arrived after your beloved husband's passing. I, too, as one of every couple, know the emotions of separation. One will pass first. The survivor will learn to carry on without one's best friend and life loving partner. My prayers and needed blessings are with you now and as you "carry on" as we learn to do with faith and hope and a lot of effort. Grief will take its own way— love, Catherine Humphrey Kolmel

- catherine humphrey kolmel

Roger, you were one of the best of us. You’re my hero! Dealing with some of my challenges became easy as I watched your patient and humble strength in your own cross to bear. May the Lord bless your sweet wife and family! We were all blessed by your life and example.❤■

- Bill Christensen

Sorry to hear of Roger’s passing. We had the opportunity to visit with Roger at the 50th East High reunion and catch up on the past while growing up in the neighborhood. The Moffat brothers had good times as friends with the Littles.

- Jay and Jeaneen Moffat

It is with the sincerest good wishes we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of your dear husband and father. Roger was my home teacher and was extremely helpful to us when we lost our son, We think with fondness on our interactions with the Little Family. Our sentiments go out to all of you on the loss of Roger, Nick & Sabine Gold

- Nick and Sabine Gold

No one could rock a bowtie quite like Bishop Little. His impeccable dress, sunny demeanor, and spiritual radiance were unparalleled. He and Sister Little brought the pure love of Christ to the 9th Ward, and it will never be forgotten. We love and miss Bishop Little already.

- Tony and Margaret Hsiao

Uncle Roger was a bright spot in my life from a young age. He is someone I will always look up to. Sending all my love to you, family. Wishing I could be there to give hugs in person.

- LacieAnne Loveless

Roger was as close to being perfect as you can get. A true disciple of Christ. A dear friend. He and Laurie were leaders of our Ward. I will miss him

- Boone Colegrove

Laurie and family, we love you! You are in our prayers. Roger was a man in whom there was no guile. His courage and positivity in the face of serious challenges helped build our faith and added to our admiration and respect for him and for you who tirelessly fought with and supported him. We know that is not easy. We pray the peace and love of the Savior will bless your lives and bring you comfort as we mourn with you. We know that through the atonement of Jesus and the plan of the Father you will be with Roger again someday.

- Susan and Kevin Pinegar

Thanks to Roger, Laurie and family for being such good neighbors and friends to the Scheffner family. We always looked up to you as a very good example to us. Roger had a wonderful funeral.

- Naoma Scheffner

Roger was a very kind and gentle soul. His life will always be an example to follow for those of us who knew him.

- matt clark

Laurie, I just learned today (June 25, 2026) of Roger's death. I send my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I didn't know he served his mission in Denver, Colorado. We've lived in Colorado for 26 years now. I remember your wedding day, as I was at the luncheon. May you find peace and comfort in many memories during this sad year. Brett Matheson

- Brett Matheson

I just heard today (9/18/26) of Roger's passing. He and I were missionary companions in Lakewood Colorado. He was the most cheerful person I ever met, and he was a great friend. Roger was always bursting into song quotes from My Fair Lady. I knew them by heart before I came home from my mission. I will always treasure the time I had with Roger in Colorado and I look forward to seeing him again.

- Paul O'Donnell