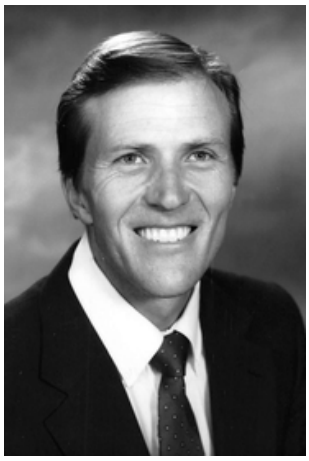


Rick Carlson

December 10, 1949 ~ July 1, 2020

What a remarkable man! I knew about some of his talents but there's so much more! I'm so sorry for your loss. May we all live up to the great example that Rick was to all of us. Sending you a Texas-sized hug XOXO

- Cassie Viets

What a remarkable man. Rick, Linda, and their children were a second family to our children. Always kind, always compassionate, raising our kids alongside their own. We cherish those times and the memories of those years.

- Terry and Doug Howell

Dearest Linda and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of Rick. I wish I had known him better. My sincere condolences to each of you. Micky Odenwalder

- Micky Cook Odenwalder

Rick was a man of kindness, courage, love and faith. He lived close to the Lord and I could see the Light of Christ in his eyes. Thank you for being a part of our life.

- Kellie and Brandon Simmoms

We raised our children in the same neighborhood, and were in the same ward for many years. I was always amazed at Rick's ability to continue with a positive attitude despite his various and many painful ailments. What an example to us all!

- Roger &Toni Davis

I've watched this couple since college. I've watched these kids since just after college. I've watched Rick's love for Linda and their children for a very long time. I've admired Rick's strength of character, always. I'm so sorry for such a loss. May the Lord be with you at this time and always.

- Karen Brower

We were so saddened to hear of Rick's passing. Glad we got to visit in the hospital after his stroke. We are so sorry for all your family has been through, and for your loss of this wise and faithful husband, father, grandfather and son. I can't find words fitting to honor such a great man. I know as our bishop how much he loved us, and our family loves him. I personally am so grateful for his love and concern for our son David. I truly believe that Ricks wise council and guiding hand as David's bishop has helped make David the man he is today. I don't believe I have known a man with more trust in the Lord than Rick. During his fight with many health issues. He always put it in the Lords hands. Linda, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. The Jay Archibald family.

- Jay ARCHIBALD

Carlson Family - just wanted to extend my deepest sympathies to each of you for passing of Rick. I would be amiss if I did not share with you my profound gratitude for the impact 'Coach Carlson' has had on my life both as a student and as one of his former players. He taught me how to never give up, how handle both victory and defeat with honor. I am eternally grateful for my coach and friend to which I want to celebrate his life and his legacy. #6

- John D. Taylor

WHAT A GREAT MAN, GREAT SMILE , AND ALSO THERE WITH A HELPING HAND. IT WAS MY HONOR TO KNOW YOU!!! GARY M HUNTSMAN

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I know how much Rick loved New Zealand and the wonderful Maori people. And they loved him. If the Maori were here they would say: Tihei mauriora! E te totara e takoto nei. Haere atu koe i runga ite ara karere e kore e hoki mai. Haere atu ra, haere atu ra moe atu ki roto i te Ariki. Ahakoa te heketanga o nga roimata mete hunga o nga Manama e te hoa, te matua, te korua. Haere atu ra, haere atu ra haere atu ra. You the great totara who has fallen; you now travel on the path that no messenger can return from. Go, go on your journey beyond the veil and there sleep with the Lord. Although tears are falling and hearts are mourning, farewell to you my friend, farewell to you father; farewell to you grandfather.

- Jack McDonald

Excellent man, great ambassador for the priesthood.....will be missed, but I am certain he was called home for another assignment.

- Richard Elliott

Oh, how we loved Rick! Ever since we moved in, he was such a help. One of the best of the Lord's servants. Just this past spring, he came outside of his home and gave Rachel basketball pointers (He had driven the lady diggers to a few basketball games as a bus driver, and was able to stay and watch them play). She has incorporated his

'hook shot' advise. He was a great Bishop and friend. He will be missed!

- Mike & Katie McKea

Flora and I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the family on the loss of a truly great, honorable and righteous man. He was a wonderful example of Christlike love and service to others. Many as us feel a hole in our heart with his passing. He was loved and admired by all who had the honor of knowing him.

- Phil and Flora Sudweeks

I was blessed to know Rick during my teenage years, while living in the same Latter-day Saint Ward. Rick was a great leader and mentor. I remember the wonderful times camping with Rick as a Boy Scout, where he spent his time teaching me, his son, Josh and and the other 20 or so boys my age values and skills that have and will forever bless my my life. I remember the many hours he spent in the gym with me and other boys in Jr. Jazz and Church Basketball. I recall my shot release being pretty terrible at that time. Rick had me lay on the court and practice my follow through. He was so very patient with me! Most of all, I am grateful to Rick for being a dedicated and loyal servant to the Lord. I look back on those years with fondness for Rick's Christ-like example of service to all around him. He was a man I looked up to. I witnessed and felt the love he had for the Savior. I admire Rick for the gentle and kind man he was and is. He was so devoted to his dear wife and family. He was one of the most instrumental Priesthood leaders I had as a young man. He showed me how to minister to the other young men my age and other members of our ward. This proved to be a great blessing to me, as I went on to serve a mission, marry in the temple and now raise a family. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family. I love you. May the Lord bless you with comfort and peace. -Mike Tsantis

- Mike Tsantis

Dear Linda (and your sweet family), I so appreciated Bishop Carlson as my Bishop and you as his sweet wife and Relief Society President who were there for me during my trial as a single mom with little children. Those little girls are now almost 18 and 20. Bishop made sure that I had what I needed to make ends meet. He was wise and did his best to do what the Lord who have him do to best watch over his sheep. I learned alot from him and will be forever grateful. Sending my heartfelt prayers to you in your time of loss. May you rely on the Lord and hold sweet memories close and dear.

- Trish Glover

Deepest sympathy for the Family ❤■■■ Love and Prayers.

- Hollii Despain

Year 1970 This young man got off the bus in our home town the city of Tauranga in New Zealand. My dad being a taxi driver knew he was a Missionary from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterdays told him to get in and dropped him home. From their on Rick spent his time proselyting amongst the people both Maori and pakeha , members of the Church. He loved sports indoor basketball, volley ball, enjoyed our Maori culture song and dance. Always happy to assist in events and activities that involved bother young and old. Had so much fun with him. All missionaries were invited to our home anytime they were hungry. A relationship was formed where Rick became like another son added to our family. He was so loved by everyone . Thank you Haki Mcdonald who also is another missionary that we grew to Love during his time serving the Lord and our people for sending Rick off in beautiful

Maori tradition. The Totara tree is classed as Chiefly, resilient, tall, strong , durable of noble rights . These qualities got him through the toughest of times while battling his illness with Cancer. A beautiful tribute So deserved. We will miss him dearly. Imagine the reunion he will have reuniting with all those people who love him.May Heavenly Father share the blessings of serenity., comfort and lLove to all of his families. God Bless. The Tarawa Whanau.

- Ripeka Tarawa

So sad to hear of your loss. We remember your family with fondness. Rick certainly knew what is was to persist. He was amazing through all his trials. What a good example of hope, endurance and love. We send our prayers to you at this time.

- Tom and Kathy Capece