# Richard Earl Wright

*June 27, 1949 ~ July 9, 2018*

In the early morning hours of July 9th, 2018, Richard (Rick) Earl Wright peacefully slipped from the loving arms of his family into the eternal loving embrace of God.

While our grief feels overwhelming, we take comfort that his trial is over and he is at peace, reunited with his beloved son Richard, his adored mother, and his big brother Wally.

Richard Earl Wright was born June 27, 1949 in Washington, D.C. to Colonel Wallace Ashley Wright and Lurene Nepple Wright. His childhood and early adult years were spent traveling the globe, but he chose to make Salt Lake City his home. He attended Westminster College where he met his future wife, Dauri Coyle. After graduation from Westminster in 1971, he served in the U.S Air Force as a navigator. Rick and Dauri were married in 1974 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Their daughter Elizabeth Ashley was born in 1982 and their son, Richard Earl Jr. in 1984.

Rick enjoyed skiing, tennis, golf, fishing, and camping but his passion was soccer. As a devoted dad he coached and began refereeing. Following his son Richard's death, he spent every moment he could on the soccer pitch, quitting only when the debilitating disease of ALS would no longer allow him to continue. From the day of his diagnosis, he lived with a quiet strength and dignity that was, and will continue to be, a great inspiration.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Mona Agamez and all the wonderful people at the Salt Lake VA Hospital; Dr. Bromberg and Dr. Gibson, as well as the great staff at the U of U ALS Clinic; Doug and McKenna for their patient and loving care; Bill and Adam at the Monument Park Family Search Center; Ralph for his Meditation/ Stress Management class at Millcreek Senior Center; Larry for his Tuesday visits; The Unity and Saturday Step Al Anon family; the loving community of First United Methodist Church, and all of his incredible loving and supportive friends and neighbors.

Rick is survived by his wife Dauri, daughter Elizabeth and extended family. A visitation will be held on Friday, July 20, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral will be Saturday July 21, 2018 at 10:00 A.M at First United Methodist Church, 203 South 200 East in Salt Lake City. Interment at Larkin Sunsent Lawn Cemetery on 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.