Richard \"Rich\" Bruce Gumaelius

July 10, 1944 ~ June 14, 2017

Richard Bruce Gumaelius (72) passed away in his home in Salt Lake City on June 14, 2017. He was born on July 10, 1944 to Robert Lionel Bruce Gumaelius and Elizabeth Mary Easton in Queens, New York. He leaves behind his wife, Cheryl Anne Wetmore Gumaelius, his nine children, and eighteen grandchildren.

Rich had a capacity for and love of hard work, which manifest itself in every aspect of his life. He achieved much in the way of education; A.A. in Manufacturing Technology, 1964 , Farmingdale State, New York; B.S. 1968 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Technical Arts; MEd, 1970 Cal Poly, Secondary Education; Graduate Studies at Penn State and BYU in Vocational Curriculum Development, 55 Hours. He applied his skills in Active Duty from 1964-1966, USNR, E5, where he ran the shipboard machine shop on the USS Oglethorpe. In February of 1980 he became Project Manager for the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop until his retirement in December 2010.

Rich led a full life and loved what he did. He was familiar and experienced with ALL phases of construction, from drawing to application, residential and commercial. He was a Journeyman Carpenter and a skilled craftsman. Rich was also a passionate student and teacher of the Restored Gospel. He began doing genealogy research in 1973, and accomplished a substantial amount of work as the only member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in his extended family. He later served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ as a Family and Church History Missionary from February 2012-June 2015.

In addition to serving as a missionary, Richard served faithfully in many callings. He served as a counselor in the Bishopric, High Councilman, Scout Master, Primary Teacher, and (his favorite) a Gospel Doctrine Teacher.

A private graveside service will be held at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, June 16, at 12:00 Noon.

A memorial service will be held at 7pmFriday June 16thin the Chapel of the Salt Lake Stake Center,142 West 200 North.

A memorial service will also be held in Salem, Indiana onSaturday, July 8th at 7pmin the Salem Branch Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1500 North Shelby Street.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Humanitarian Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would be appreciated.