

Brian Hart Moss

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Brian Hart Moss, peacefully slipped to the other side of the veil while his entire family surrounded him: wife, children and grandchildren alike. His daughter, her husband and her daughter, who were on a trip to Iowa, were able to join the family by Facetime for hours and witnessed Brian's last breath. It was a very special moment. Brian passed in his home in Salt Lake City, Utah and had been under IHC Hospice care for a few weeks. Brian had been dealing with Parkinson's Disease for 15 years. His last 4 years were spent in a wheelchair. His loving wife cared for him daily until his passing. He passed two months short of his 80th birthday and 3 weeks short of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Brian was born in Salt Lake City to Senator Frank (Ted) E. Moss and Phyllis Hart Moss, and was the third of four children. He was born during World War II while his father was serving in the military in London, England. So as to not worry Ted, Phyllis did not inform his father of the anticipation until he was born. It was a joyful surprise for Ted and he named "Brian" after a young boy he admired in London.

Brian's early years were spent at 1430 East, 1300 South. He attended Uintah Elementary School in Salt Lake City. Brian entered the work force at a young age as a paper boy for the Salt Lake Tribune. This was the start of his lifelong habit of rising early, that benefited him every day. For many years in his adult life he would direct us to drive through his "old neighborhood" to review those wonderful old memories of newspapers and friends.

Brian attended Roosevelt Junior High School in Salt Lake City from 1957 to 1959. January 1959 Ted was elected to the United States Senate representing Utah. After moving to the Chevy Chase area in Washington, D.C. Brian attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, graduating in 1963.

Brian made many close and lifelong friends in Washington, D.C. He attended the Chevy Chase Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed playing ward basketball. They won local and regional tournaments, traveled to Salt Lake City for the Church sponsored championships, and met the President of the Church. At the same time, he took advantage of his father's connections and worked as a Page in the United States Senate. Brian had the chance to serve and interact with many Senate and world leaders, such as John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Brian went on to serve in the Utah Army National Guard for 6 years, completing his Basic Army Administration training at Fort Ord in California in 1964. During this time Brian also gained his private pilot's license. Flying, became his passion in life, with or without a plane of his own.

Brian served a faithful mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mexican Mission from 1965 to 1967. He learned to speak Spanish and was excellent at it, continuing to use it his entire life.

Brian attended the University of Utah, graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a minor in Spanish. For the rest of his life, Brian's Pike ring was a part of his daily attire. He joined the Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) fraternity and again made many lifelong friends. Upon graduating from the University in the spring of 1970, Brian went on to campaign for his father's third term as Senator. Brian gained a real passion for government affairs and the politics of the day. He had a very level head that could see both sides of a debate and offer reasonable considerations for both.

During the summer of 1970, Brian met his future wife, Carol Brennan, who had just finished her college degree in Washington, D.C. It was an unlikely meeting at a private fundraising dinner for Senator Moss, but since has been considered a "meant to be". Brian introduced his future wife to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They were married in Carol's hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in June 1972, and later sealed in the Washington, D.C. for all time and eternity in June 1975. The couple's first three children were born there: Heather Ann Moss (Johnsen), Brennan Hart Moss and Kristine Lynn Moss (Bastian). Their fourth child, Bradley Hart Moss, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. Brian was a warm and friendly, outgoing man that was smart and able to accomplish many assignments in the business world. When first married, the couple lived in Bethesda and Potomac, Maryland as Brian spearheaded the drug and alcohol abuse prevention program of Allied Youth Inc., with offices in the Washington, D.C. area.

In 1974, Brian was appointed as special assistant to the Director of Foreign Disaster Emergency Relief Program for USAID in the State Department. He participated in bringing emergency help to millions of disaster victims in foreign nations. His expertise and resourcefulness brought great credit to the United States Government for its humanitarian efforts. Brian travelled the world from the flood waters of Calcutta, India to earthquake recovery help in Guatemala, with many stops in between.

In the fall of 1979, Governor Scott Matheson invited Brian to return to Utah with his family to direct the Utah Office of the Four Corners Regional Commission, a program created to provide economic development and assistance to rural communities. Brian was excited to return to Utah to raise his family near cousins and to be close to Utah's beautiful outdoors (especially Lake Powell).

Throughout his career, Brian was involved in various businesses but found his love working in the biotech sector working for NPI as the manager of international operations. In 1996 Brian began a 10-year leadership position as Director of the Utah Life Science Association that brought together many of the life science industry members that included medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology.

In 2006, Brian retired from the business world to accept a Mission call from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve as Mission President with his wife as his companion, in the Mexico Tampico Mission from 2006-2009. It was a marvelous work among amazing people. At the end of Brian's mission, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and has bravely dealt with it at every stage.

Brian loved his family and Church above all else. He was able to serve as bishop, bishop's counselor, Stake high council member and Sunday School Presidency member and Mission President. He was gifted in service and working with people and he instilled love and confidence in others.

Brian will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a legacy of love, service, adventure and appreciation for all he has received. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his four children, Heather (Jason) Johnsen, Brennan (Natalie Kimball) Moss, Kristine (Lance) Bastian, and Bradley (Sarah Mackey) Moss, and 19 amazing grandchildren; also his brothers F. Edward (Marilyn Moffit) Moss and Gordon J. (Linda Podoleski) Moss. Brian was preceded in death by his father and mother and his sister, Marilyn Moss Armstrong.

The family would like to extend their deep appreciation for the Hospice Group of IHC that attended to Brian in his last month. Their care and respect for Brian and his family was exceptional.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Federal Heights Ward, 1300 East Fairfax Road in Salt Lake City, Utah. A viewing will be held Thursday evening, May 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Federal Heights Ward and in the morning on Friday from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. prior to the services there. Interment will follow at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. The funeral will be zoomed online from the Larkin Mortuary website under the obituary found at www.larkinmortuary.com and will remain online for a period of time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Humanitarian Aid Fund: https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/contribute/church/humanitarian services?cid=MemoriaHumanitarian