Kevin Brooke Taylor

August 13, 1950 ~ November 4, 2014

Kevin Brooke Taylor, age 64, passed away on November 4, 2014 from ALS at his home in Draper, Utah. He was born in Salt Lake City, UT on August 13, 1950 to Elden Virl Taylor and Betty Louise Parry. He grew up in Rose Park and had a wonderful childhood. He served an LDS mission in the Texas South Spanish mission where he met his sweetheart, Gerri F. Klein (BB). They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on January 12, 1973 and spent 41 wonderful years together. They were blessed with four beloved children and one grandson. Kevin spent his career in information technology at US West and the University of Utah. He had the pleasure of spending 4 Ω years as an inner city missionary with Gerri', serving the Spanish and Brazilian members whom he dearly loved. He had a deep commitment to the gospel and faithfully served his entire life.

Kevin accepted and loved all people, regardless of their differences. He was kind and fair in his dealings with everyone. He was a true friend to the underdog and marginalized. He was a peacemaker and had an ability to bring people together. He had a natural curiosity for science. He was an amateur astronomer, loved physics, and was a mad scientist. He loved all of God's creations and taught his children to respect all living things, even ants. He loved the national parks and was often mistaken for a park ranger because he enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge. He was a fearless adventurer and loved flying his ultralight and skydiving. He was a skilled musician, played his tenor guitar beautifully, and composed and recorded many original songs. He loved spending time playing the guitar with his son Joel. He loved going to Hawaii with Gerri' and enjoyed many hours snorkeling with the sea turtles and whale watching. He accepted life's challenges, including ALS, with patience, dignity, and humor. He lived a very blessed and happy life and was adored by BB and his children.

Kevin was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Betty. He is survived by his wife, Gerri'; his children Thomas (April), Kristin, Lindsay, and Joel; and his precious grandson Ian Riley. He is survived by his father, Elden; his siblings, Steven (Donna), Kathy Brown (Dennis), Shannon Steoger (Michael), Linda Nielson (Douglas), David, Julie Smith (Sterling); and his mother-in-law, Mildred Singer Klein.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 8, 2014, 11:00 am at the Draper 17th Ward, 1600 E. 12700 S. Viewings will be Friday, November 7, 2014, 6-8 pm, Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT,and Saturday 9:30-10:30 am prior to the services at the ward. Interment, Larkin Sunset Gardens. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. at mda.org.