

Charles "Chuck" Harold Hogan

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Charles Harold Hogan, known to his many friends as Chuck, passed away peacefully surrounded by his daughters on January 10, 2023. He is a beloved father, husband, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many. He really did have a wonderful life.

Chuck was born September 24, 1947 at the Cottonwood Maternity Home to Harold and Rowena Neilson Hogan. He was the long-awaited baby brother to sisters Kathryn Douglass (Arizona), Barbara Hogan (Idaho), and Sharon Coombs (South Jordan). He loved his family and had a happy childhood. He adored his dad, who took him fishing, hunting, and boating. He looked out for his mother into her old age and stayed close with his sisters all his life, always calling them “sweetheart” when they called or visited.

He grew up in Holladay, and loved playing sports with his friends, especially baseball. He attended William Penn Elementary and Evergreen Jr. High, where he played the drums and pursued a short-lived and ill-advised “greaser” phase. He graduated from Olympus High School in 1965.

In 1964 he was set up on a blind date with a cute Granite High girl named Rebecca Gunnell. They dated throughout high school and were married June 12, 1970. With the Gunnell family, he gained an extra set of wonderful parents – Preston and Thelma – and five additional siblings, Preston, Charmaine, Julie, Diane and David. They have loved him as their own brother all these years.

Chuck suffered a great loss when his beloved dad died in a boating accident just two days after Chuck turned 18. He shifted his focus to managing his dad’s business and caring for his mom. He narrowly avoided being drafted to the war in Vietnam, and was able to attend the University of Utah and serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Northern States Mission.

Chuck and Rebecca made their home in Murray and Holladay before buying a house in Sandy. Chuck worked for Staker Paving and Electrical Wholesale Supply before starting his own accounting business, Contractors Accounting and Taxes. He owned and managed two storage parks in Salt Lake. In his later career, he was given the opportunity to be a junior high math teacher, which he loved.

Chuck was destined to be surrounded by wonderful women and became the father to four girls: Angela (Jeremy) Rich, Heather (Ben) Lawrence, Sharla (Jason) Chase, and Lisa (Dallas) Reid. He was a loving and hands-on dad. He helped with math homework, played catch, coached Jr. Jazz, and of course came to every dance and choir event his girls were in. He cooked special French toast breakfasts on Conference Sundays, made lots of dad jokes, and took his family to Disneyland nearly every year.

Chuck was a bit of a romantic at heart. He always remembered his wife’s birthday and their anniversary, once surprising her with a trip to Disneyland. Chuck and Becky were a great pair and did things as a team. They set a

good example for their daughters.

Chuck was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He enjoyed serving in Church callings, and was especially effective as a Young Men’s leader, Ward Clerk, High Priest instructor, and ward choir member. He made many lifelong dear friends in the Sandy Hillcrest 5th Ward. He lived his testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the way he consistently showed up for others.

He was skilled at putting people at ease. He set up weekly golf games where anyone was welcome as long as they could make it for a 6:00 AM Saturday tee time. He joked that his favorite scripture proved that there was golf in heaven: “For the Lord’s course is one eternal round.” Because of the early loss of his own father, he found wonderful father figures in his father-in-law and other good friends.

Chuck loved being a grandpa to Ashley, Alex, Abbey, Emmy, Maggie, Camryn, Carter and William. They were the reason he wanted to stick around and keep going. He made his grandkids laugh with his Donald Duck voice, let them watch as much TV as they wanted to, and always had a treat for them. He went to their dances, plays, and sports games as much as he could. He took the whole family on an epic trip to Disneyland in 2020.

In 2018 Rebecca passed away, and Chuck was fortunate to find a new home at Riverway Assisted Living in South Jordan. He adapted quickly to life there and made many friends. At Riverway he learned to play eight Bingo cards at a time, started a choir group, and signed up for weekly excursions to get ice cream or go shopping. He kept plenty of treats in his room at Riverway to ensure that friends and staff would pop in often for a visit.

Chuck loved music and had a lovely singing voice, though he wouldn’t say so. He learned to play the guitar on his mission and often serenaded his girls at bedtime when they were young. In the last couple of years, he picked up the ukulele and had fun playing it and singing. We know whenever we hear the Beach Boys or the song Lara’s Theme he will be close by.

Our family warmly thanks the people who helped Chuck continue to thrive, especially after Rebecca passed away. We are thankful especially for South Mountain Dialysis, Riverway Assisted Living, and the many doctors and caregivers who helped him not only extend his life but make it meaningful and happy.

For the past five years, Chuck would come back from one major health issue just to be hit with another one. After each setback, he put in hard work recovering so he could continue being with his family and enjoying life. His positive attitude was an example to us all.

Chuck is survived by his daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, his sisters, in-law siblings, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, parents-in-law, two brothers-in law, and two nephews.

Services will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S. in Sandy. A viewing will be held Sunday, January 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Monday, January 16 at 11:00 AM with a viewing at 10:00. The funeral will also be streamed via www.Larkinmortuary.com

Those wishing to view the recorded service, you may do so by utilizing the "Watch Services" button at the top of Chuck's obituary.