

David Russell Anderson

January 23, 1944 ~ December 25, 2022

On December 25, 2022, our beloved Papa, Dad, and husband David R. Anderson finished his work on the earth. Naturally curious, David's life was filled with adventure from his childhood in eastern Oregon to a mission in New England to a career in the entertainment industry that took him from New York City to Los Angeles, finally landing in Salt Lake where he produced feature-length family films. David's life read something like a film script.

Yet, through all the adventures, David was a builder. He built a 56-year marriage with his eternal companion "Bez." He built 7 strong and loyal children whom he called his greatest accomplishment and a family that includes 23 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren whom he considered the best in the world. Marriage and family meant everything to David who was deeply committed to building a household of faith.

David's professional career culminated in France where he and Beverly lived for 13 years, first as public affairs missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, then as Church employees, working to procure the ground and building permits for the Paris, France Temple. David offered his all to the Lord and marveled at how the Lord magnified his offering and weaved together all of his professional experience – from real estate development to film production to project management and more – to build the Kingdom of God in France, a culture and people he deeply loved.

At his core, David was a deeply committed saint. He remarked that "It is who I am." He spent his time and talents doing what he believed God wanted him to do. He was a remarkable man who was preceded in death by his parents and sister Becky. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, his children: Erika (Alan) Boardman, Amy Anderson, Betsy (Stephen) Taylor, Dax (Stacy) Anderson, Luke (Lisa) Anderson, Anya Anderson, and Lincoln (Raelynn) Anderson, his sister, Cynthia Wellesley, and his brother Grady (Laurie) Sillings by whom he will be sorely missed. As children of the covenant, we look forward to our reunion where we all will rejoice together.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Cottonwood 7th Ward, 2522 East 6710 South, Cottonwood Heights, Utah. Viewings will be held on Friday, December 30, 2022, from the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, Utah, and from 10:00 am to 10:45 am Saturday at the church prior to funeral services. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens.