

Hyde McCune Merrill

July 17, 1943 ~ December 7, 2022

Hyde McCune Merrill was born July 17, 1943, to Eugene Hyde Merrill and Barbara McCune Musser. He was raised with four beloved siblings, Barbara Jean, Roger, Laura, and John, in Germany, France, and Virginia. Hyde passed away peacefully in his home on December 7, 2022, surrounded by his loving daughters.

Hyde was an affectionate father and husband, a faithful Church leader, and an incisive engineer. In all these roles, he was brilliant and original. His sense of humor and joie de vivre were infectious. Hyde was a history buff with a near-photographic memory and an avid reader. He was a consummate storyteller and could (and did) out-work anyone.

Hyde was a firm believer in and follower of Jesus and a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a missionary in Argentina from 1962-1965 and later returned to serve–with his wife Roxanne–as mission president of the Argentina Rosario Mission from 2002-2005. He also served in the Church as a home teacher, ward missionary, hospital chaplain, temple worker, branch president, Elder's quorum president, bishop, stake president, and area authority seventy. His life of service extended beyond the Church; Hyde always looked for the stranger to welcome, the downtrodden to lift, and the discouraged to cheer. A person of deep integrity, he lived what he believed in every aspect of his life.

Hyde earned a bachelor's in mathematics in 1967 and a master's in electrical engineering in 1968, both from the University of Utah (the U). In 1972, Hyde earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at MIT. Throughout his career, he traveled to around 40 countries and published 99 technical papers. He was a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Utah Electrical Engineering Department and a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Hyde was an adjunct professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and later returned to the U as an adjunct in the Merrill Engineering Building, named after his grandfather. Weeks before his death, he delivered a plenary session at the North American Power Symposium. His remarkable mind changed the field of power system analysis, and he was the subject of a graduate thesis, "Dr. Hyde M. Merrill: Lessons from a Master Teacher."

While a student at the U, Hyde met Roxanne Reid, and the two married in 1970 and raised their four daughters, Elizabeth, Margaret, Laura, and Amy, primarily in Schenectady, New York. He was a loyal and devoted husband to Roxanne throughout their 43 years of marriage. Their family expanded to include three sons-in-law and ten grandchildren: Elizabeth and Will's daughter Leah Thackeray; Laura and Scott's children Margaret, Jonathan, Samuel, Heidi, Jordan, and Jacob Mercer; and Amy and Chris's children Carolyn, Miles, and Abigail O'Keefe. Hyde was an encouraging and energetic father and grandfather who prioritized creating meaningful relationships and lasting memories with his family.

Following Roxanne’s death in 2013, Hyde found companionship in a second marriage to Ann Condie, who survives him. He enjoyed building relationships with Ann’s family, including her son and daughter-in-law Mark and Sam Brenay (and their children Aspen, Christian, and Peter) and daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Colin Jensen.

Hyde’s family expresses their deep gratitude for the expert care of the aides, nurses, and physicians at the University Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Hospital, and Huntsman at Home.

A viewing will be held on December 29 from 6 - 7:30 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S, Sandy, Utah, and from 9:30 - 10:45 am on December 30 at the chapel at 7500 S 700 E, Midvale, Utah, with the funeral service to follow at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, Hyde’s daughters invite contributions to the Joseph H. Merrill Memorial Endowed Scholarship at the University of Utah School of Engineering.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom can click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2KkroVgNBtYJS9zmfLrZLEZhd0WxsVOZ1GqSkHBN7lNSIGON8lPMdu9p0XMcO0uQ