

Kevin Dean Romph

September 1, 1950 ~ August 13, 2022

Kevin Dean Romph completed his earthly journey on August 13, 2022, at his home. His family was blessed and honored to be with him when he returned to his Heavenly Father.

He was born on September 1, 1950, in Nampa, Idaho to LaDean Wayne and Carol Buck Romph. Kevin had a wonderful childhood growing up in Nampa. He had great memories of time with grandparents and his extended family, hunting and fishing with his dad and brother and working at his dad's car dealership. He was involved in scouting—earning his Eagle and attending the National Jamboree in Washington D.C. He attended school in Nampa, participating in sports and band, where he graduated from Nampa High School in 1968.

Kevin married Dawna Nelson on December 8, 1977. They later divorced. This marriage gave him four of his life's greatest blessings – his children -- Justin, Brenda, Trenton and Maura. He was sealed to his eternal companion, Julie Pickford Romph, on January 9, 2009. This marriage added two bonus children, Jeff and Jenny Lloyd, to his life. Family was a top priority and he loved having time together. While raising his family memories were created skiing, boating, trips to Lake Powell, river trips and frequent trips "home" to visit with his parents. He was so proud of all his children and loved to hear of their accomplishments. Kevin was the type of dad that was easy to talk with sharing the struggles and joys of life. When his children became adults, some of his most cherished moments were the times all his children were together. He would frequently sit quietly just basking in joy of hearing and seeing the love and connection of his children. He and Julie had the opportunity for travel—a month in Asia and Kevin's bucket list Alaskan trip were among the highlights. He loved being retired and spending time with his sweetie pie and family.

Kevin was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has a testimony of his Savior, of eternal marriage and eternal families. He served faithfully in every opportunity with which he was presented. Kevin thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent serving with Julie as service missionaries at the Bishops' Storehouse at Welfare Square.

Kevin worked in the restaurant industry in management (Arctic Circle, Papa Murphy's, Larry H. Miller Group) and sales (Muir Copper Canyon Farms) for over 40 years. He was appointed to the South Jordan Planning Commission in 1992. During the 2002 Winter Olympics, he had the incredible experience of working with Coca-Cola in food services at Fort Douglas which served as housing for athletes from around the world and provided the opportunity for him to spend time with many of the athletes.

Kevin will be remembered as a kind, humorous and loving husband; a tender, listening and adoring father; a fun and loveable grandpa and great grandpa; and a caring friend. He will be remembered in many ways but especially for his Donald Duck voice, the '55 Imperial (aka the pink car), and his special "It's yur burthday!" song.

He was valiant and resilient in his almost 8-year battle of cancer. Even though he would have preferred to not take this journey, he never complained (except when he had to drink barium for his contrast scans). Kevin and his family were blessed with additional time with him by the miracle of healing that was extended through the technology, clinical trials and medical expertise that was provided by Huntsman Cancer Institute, Dr. Neeraj Agarwal and the staff of Clinic 2B. We express our gratitude to them as well as the caring team from Canyon Hospice that served Kevin and his family in his final days.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Julie; his children, Justin (Traci) Romph, Brenda MacKay (Chad), Trenton (Kelsey) Romph, Maura Romph; his bonus children, Jeff (Panda) Lloyd, Jenny (Raul Abad) Lloyd; 18 beautiful grandchildren and one great granddaughter; a brother, Craig Romph. He was preceded in death by his parents and two angel granddaughters, Nevaeh and Rebel MacKay.

A celebration of life will be held at Larkin Mortuary, Riverton, Utah on Thursday, August 18th from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. The family requests casual dress for this celebration. Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, August 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Copperview 7th Ward Chapel, 12232 South 3200 West, Riverton, Utah. A viewing will precede the funeral from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

The service will be broadcast via Zoom. To watch the streamed services, please click the "Watch Services" link above. A personal Zoom account is required to access the meeting.

Interment at the Riverton City Cemetery.