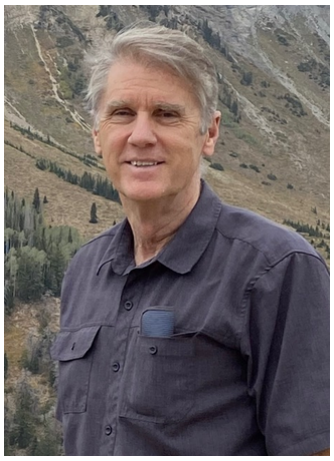

Martin Dale Monks

March 4, 1956 ~ November 1, 2024

Martin Dale Monks returned with honor to his Heavenly Father on November 1st, 2024 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He spent his last hours in this life at home, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Janet Grant Monks, to whom he was sealed for eternity in Provo, Utah and by his six children, Andrew (Lisa), Katharyn (Chris), Kristy, Kim (Jesse), Kiri (Nicholas), Kylianne (Michael), as well as 14 grandchildren, one great- granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his siblings Larry (Peggy), Ron, and Janice (Terry), his sisters-in-law Nancy and Gail, and his Canadian siblings-in-law Susan (Rob), Christine (Mark), Jamie (Sarah), and Peggy. He was preceded in death by his parents Clayton “Bud” and Dolores “Dolly” Monks, and by his older brother Dan.

He was born on March 4th,1956 in Oroville, California and graduated from Brigham Young University with degrees in history and public administration. He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nagoya, Japan. His long career was centered around service to others; he was enlisted in the Army National Guard in California and Utah, and worked for over 30 years as both a police officer and deputy sheriff in California and later a deputy United States Marshall.

His life’s labors were focused on loving and providing for his family. He adored, and was adored by, his wife and eternal companion. His six children were his joy. He continually supported, and was deservedly proud, of each of their personal and professional achievements. Though his own accomplishments were diverse and distinguished, the walls of his home were adorned with the lives of his children and grandchildren. No family is perfect, but he led his family with a perfect love, and he was enveloped in that love at his passing.

Martin was a humble disciple of Jesus Christ and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He spent his life striving to become like the Savior and endeavoring to be worthy to hold His priesthood. He treated everyone around him – friends and family, dignitaries and the indigent, co-workers and convicts – with compassion, kindness, and charity.

During the weeks he spent in and out of the Huntsman Cancer Institute, his gentle nature and good humor endeared him to many of the hematology staff. Heartfelt tears were shed at his final discharge into hospice care. His example of steadfast faith and devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ blessed all those around him. His family, his church, and his community will be less without him.

Though the measure of his life was not as long as he or his family would have liked, his measure was full of faith, love, and service, and he has been joyfully welcomed back into the loving arms of his parents and his Savior.

A viewing will be held on Friday, the 8th of November at the Crescent 22nd ward chapel at 552 East 11400 South, Draper, Utah, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, the 9th of November at the Crescent

22nd ward chapel at 11:00 AM, with a viewing preceding the service at 10:00 AM. He will be laid to rest in the shadow of the beautiful Wasatch Mountains at Larkin Sunset Gardens.