

Merrill Raddon Barker

August 6, 1942 ~ September 8, 2022

Merrill Raddon Barker died at home on September 8, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was a devoted husband and father, the best grandpa, a loyal friend, and someone who would fish with everyone.

Merrill was born on August 6, 1942 in Pocatello, Idaho to Darrel Gessel Barker and Goldie Irene Barker. He graduated from Highland High School and attended Weber State University. He served an LDS mission to the Northwest States, which included Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He married his best friend, Kathryn Belle Kunz, in the Salt Lake Temple on August 28, 1964. Merrill worked in the grocery business and managed real estate properties. These pursuits allowed him to enjoy his favorite pastime, which was play.

Merrill was a hard worker, but when the work was done, he found time to play. Merrill enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, motorhome trips, the cabin, and fishing. The family spent many hours together in these activities. Later in life, he and Kathryn traveled a great deal by themselves and with their family.

After Merrill retired from the grocery business, he found a way to fish as often as he could. Fly, lake, river, ice—it didn't matter, he was passionate about all of them. He was a master fisherman, and his grandkids were certain he knew how to "cheat" at catching fish.

His commitment to his family was a great blessing to them. Merrill was devoted to Kathryn and they loved spending time together. He loved his kids and grandkids and would travel great distances to support them in their activities.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn, his daughters, Whitney Haselden (Kirk), Stephanie Snuffer (Denver), and his son, Gregory Raddon Barker (Tanna), his twin sister, Merrilee (Terry) Whyte, and sister, Debbie (Todd) Neilson. There are 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and many friends who will miss his loyalty, his laugh, and his wry sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his father, Darrel and his mother, Goldie.

Family and friends can pay their respects at a viewing on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a 12:00 p.m. funeral service at the LDS ward building at 1834 East Creek Road, Sandy, UT. Internment and graveside will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT.

Those wishing to view the services via Zoom can click the " Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83760815227