



Raphael Plescia

Dec. 20, 1937 ~ Aug. 14, 2022

Raphael Plescia, age 84 died August 14, 2022, in Salt Lake City Utah. Born December 20, 1937, to Theodore W. Plescia and Hortense Beryl Blake. He married Vonna Rae Polad November 21, 1956, in Salt Lake City Utah. He was a sculptor, a painter, and sometime writer. For many years he was a member of the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir. Ralph, as he was often known, is survived by his wife Vonna Rae, known as Rae, by his daughter Neena Plant-Henninger (Martin), his son Phillip Raphael Plescia (Terry), son-in-law Russell Rolfson, along with 10 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his siblings Teddy, Sylvia, and Rose, both parents, and two daughters, Tammy, and Maria. The public viewing Tuesday, August 23, from 6 to 8 pm and another viewing at 11 am Wednesday, August 24, just prior to funeral services at 12 pm. A graveside dedicatory prayer will be given at approximately 1:30 pm, at Salt Lake City Cemetery, 200 North "E" Street.

Raphael's accomplishments include re-sculpting the lions at the Utah State Capitol before the current models were installed, a patent for string instrument sound enhancement modifications, and authorship of two books. To read more about some of his accomplishments, please see the links below:

http://artistsofutah.org/15bytes/16sep/page1.html?fbclid=IwAR27dwbQFFfYI6TtHh_KrelsUQcTJUHObfZ5Ap8_hZRRJVU

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lions_\(Utah_State_Capitol\)?fbclid=IwAR2QXUudQnpWbCj4sBddUG74WB5ifEo0Ay_zic7gyn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lions_(Utah_State_Capitol)?fbclid=IwAR2QXUudQnpWbCj4sBddUG74WB5ifEo0Ay_zic7gyn)

<https://utahstories.com/2010/10/raphael%E2%80%99s-passion-sculpture/?fbclid=IwAR3yJQSx8H7YaXEP-r-oV2Cmyd3gJ>

https://www.pifmagazine.com/1999/01/raphael-revisionary/?fbclid=IwAR3DRrHWfi301ozhjd5AGpmTq5_9PBQcckKHnd9p6