

Richard Clyde Andersen

April 29, 1946 ~ May 28, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Loving and Wonderful, Husband, Father, Grand Father and Best Friend Richard Clyde Andersen, age 79, who departed this life on May 28, 2025.

He was born on April 29, 1946 in Salt Lake City to Wilford Clyde and Lillian Andersen . He grew up in Salt Lake City where he attended East High School and later served in the United States Air Force.

Richard was a big man—too big to fit in a pine box—and he had an even bigger heart. A proud United States Air Force veteran who served in Thailand, Richard lived a life of service, strength, and deep love for all. He met the love of his life, Sally, and together they shared a perfect 53-year marriage built on unwavering devotion and love. To all who met him, Richard was simply “Dad”—a father figure whose warmth and wisdom left a lasting imprint. He had a deep passion for hunting, his guns, his golden retrievers, and taking off-road jeep adventures, but nothing brought him more joy than his family. Always ready to help—whether you wanted it or not—he insisted on giving a hand and teaching what he knew, which was just about everything. He could fix anything and teach anyone, and we are endlessly grateful for every moment we had with him in this life.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Sally Andersen; his daughters, Lori Wilson-Jewett (Chris) and Becky Andersen; his grandchildren, Jeramy Perkins, Chelsea Perkins, Colton Wilson (Tabatha), Star Wilson (Santos), and Jayden Wilson; and his great-grandchildren, Matthew Fay and Lilly Fay. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelley Andersen, and his parents, Wilford and Lillian Andersen.

Funeral services for Richard will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, located at 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84092. A viewing will take place on Wednesday, June 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., where family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor his life. A graveside service will follow on Thursday, June 5th, at 10:00 a.m., where we will lay him to rest with love, gratitude, and the dignity he so greatly deserves.