

Richard Don Crawford

March 18, 1946 ~ October 19, 2021

Richard Don Crawford of Draper, Utah, tragically passed away Oct. 19, 2021. While walking home, he was fatally struck by a vehicle. He was born on March 18th, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois to Don and Naomi Crawford. Richard received his bachelor's degree in 1968, attending both Provo and Hawaii Brigham Young Universities. He received his master's degree in education in 1972 from Boston University. He received his doctorate in educational psychology from Brigham Young University in 1980.

Rick was high school student body president as well as the lead actor in his high school plays. He attended BYU on a track scholarship. After graduating with his bachelor's degree, he became an officer in the United States Army and spent 28 years in both active and reserve duty, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He loved working at the Corporation for National and Community Service, supporting federal service programs that benefitted Seniors and other needy groups in ten Western States.

He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1967 and was faithful in a long history of service and devotion. Richard served as Bishop, Stake high counselor, Ordinance worker in the Draper, Utah temple, and as Stake Patriarch. He fulfilled a lifelong dream of serving a mission with his sweet wife Janet during 2009-2011 in the Sicily and Rome, Italy missions. Richard continuously shared his love of the gospel by kind word and deed to all those around him.

In 1968 he married the love of his life, Janet Ellen Morr Garriga. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Oakland, California temple in 1969. Together they raised seven grateful children, Kimberly (Clark Larsen), Cori (Glen Page), Melony (Derek Swanson), Amanda (Wesley Jones), Kelly (Jeremy Miller), Christopher Crawford (Kelly Marie), and Robyn (Jeff Reynolds). They have 27 grandchildren. Jordan (Hunter) Vance, Simeon Page, Kanyon (Maddy) Larsen, Derek (Ashley) Swanson, Dallin (McCall) Swanson, Kirsten Larsen, Breanna (Jared) Rowley, Cooper Page, Sister Ally Swanson, Morgan Miller, Caitlyn Larsen, Elder Aiden Swanson, Bailey Page, Ashlyn Miller, Christian Larsen, Kara Larsen, Samuel Crawford, William Crawford, Mason Miller, Ava Reynolds, Abigail Crawford, Zachary Reynolds, Charlotte Crawford, Maximus Jones, Mattingly Jones, Skylee Reynolds, and Tristan Reynolds.

He is preceded in death by his brother James Crawford. He is survived by his sister Beverly Crawford.

Richard constantly talked about how blessed his life has been. To know him was literally to love him. He loved every person he knew including those he had only met moments before. He was a true disciple of our Savior Jesus Christ and wanted to share this love with everyone. He was the kindest man we have ever known, and he is deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Funeral services will be held Monday, October 25th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints meetinghouse at 12353 South 600 East, Draper, Utah. Public viewing from 10:30-11:45 with services at 12:00 in

the chapel. Graveside service to be held from 1:30-2:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1959 E. Dimple Dell Road in Sandy, Utah.