

Robert Alan Holmes

June 25, 1950 ~ June 20, 2025

Robert Alan Holmes, husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Salt Lake City, just days before his 75th birthday.

Born June 25, 1950, in Peoria, Illinois, to Shirley Jean (McGrane) Holmes and Donald Clifford Holmes, Robert's early life took him from the heart of the Midwest to post-World War II Germany before he grew up in Arlington, Virginia. It was in Arlington that Robert developed lifelong interests, wrestling in high school and laying the foundation for his curiosity and love of learning.

A National Merit Scholar, Robert's academic pursuits led him to the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated with a degree in French Literature. He later attended Princeton University. Inspired by his studies and a passion for French culture, he traveled extensively throughout France as a newlywed, an experience that deeply shaped his outlook on the world.

On June 3, 1972, Robert married Katherine (Miley) Holmes, in Arlington, Virginia. The two embarked on many adventures together, eventually moving to California for many years where they raised three children before spending a decade living in France. They had recently returned to the United States to be closer to family.

Robert was more than an academic and a traveler; he was a major supporter of the Jack London Youth Soccer League, a lover of music and a lifelong learner.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; his children, Marly, Scott, and Brian; his adored grandchildren, Kendall, Dylan, Aidan, and Evelyn; and his sisters, Janice, Marilyn, and Suzanne.

He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate to know him.

A small private remembrance will be held over Labor Day weekend. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his honor to the University of Pennsylvania wrestling program, or to support the referee programs in either AYSO Region 23 or Utah's Impact United.