Robert "Bob" Joseph Curtis

August 5, 1947 ~ January 19, 2023

Robert “Bob” Joseph Curtis, 75, died peacefully at home in his wife’s arms on January 19, 2023, in Sandy, Utah.

He was born August 5, 1947, in Murray, Utah, to Ethel Searcy and Wayne Curtis. He married the cutest girl at BYU (his words), Sandra “Sandi” Hansen, on August 4, 1970, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Bob attended Hillcrest High School, where he was on the varsity wrestling team. After high school, he went to the University of Utah for one year before serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Texas. After his mission, he repented for attending the U and transferred to Brigham Young University, where he graduated with a degree in business. He was the first in his family to serve a mission and to go to college.

After graduation, Bob worked as a bank examiner for the FDIC. However, wanting to travel less and spend more time with his boys, he joined the Small Business Administration as a loan officer. Over his 30-year SBA career, Bob set a national record for the most loans to successful startups processed by one loan officer. Driving around Utah, his kids often joked that he could save time by pointing out the small businesses for which he didn’t approve the loans.

An avid gardener and sports fan, freshly picked tomatoes and the annual BYU football media guide were among his greatest joys, second only to spending time with family. Bob loved camping, fishing, traveling, and attending his sons’ little league baseball games. As a grandfather to 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, “Papa” was a beloved playmate and teller of silly stories (many beginning with the phrase, “Back when I was a little girl…”). Regardless of how he felt health-wise, playing with grandkids was always his top priority.

Bob was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where he faithfully served in many callings.

He is survived by his wife, Sandi; four sons, Kyle (Sara), Chad (Melodee), Cameron (Catherine), and Brian (Megan); sisters, Carol (Michael) Harper, Marilyn (Scott) Burnett, Janene (Rod) Kruger, and JoEllen (A.J.) Peterson; grandchildren, Ambrielle (Gavin) Butler, Gavin, Corinne (Tyler) Deschamps, Ari, Dallin, Canon, Adah, Lydia, Ira, Eli, Emilia, Jonah, and Willow Bee; and great-grandchildren Declan and Thea.

Bob was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather whose life was guided by love, fun, and a (semi-irreverent) sense of humor. He will be remembered for his kindness and inexhaustible love for his family.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 27, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, with a viewing starting at 12:30 pm. Interment at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Canyon Hospice for their compassion, expertise, and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, please spend some time on the floor playing with your grandchildren.

Those wishing to view the Completed services via Zoom can click "Watch Services" or follow the link:
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