

# Robert Bruce Skanchy

*November 27, 1944 ~ February 8, 2026*

Robert Bruce (Bob) Skanchy passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and loved ones, on February 8, 2026, in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the age of 81. Born on November 27, 1944, in Logan, Utah, Bruce lived a life marked by adventure, dedication, and an enduring devotion to family and friends.

Bruce was born to Antonne L. (Tony) and Lula “Lu” Karren Skanchy. He was united in marriage to his beloved wife, Karen, in Burley, Idaho, beginning a cherished partnership that spanned decades. Together, they built a life rich with laughter, outdoor adventure, and treasured family memories. Bruce was a devoted husband, a proud father to his two sons, Mark and Jason, and a loyal friend whose presence was a gift to all who knew him.

From an early age, Bruce felt drawn to the sky. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, flying the legendary B-52 bomber. That passion for aviation remained a constant throughout his life. He went on to fly corporate aircraft, built a distinguished career with Western Airlines, and ultimately completed his long and storied professional journey with Delta Airlines. His legacy in aviation was one of skill, professionalism, and deep pride—soaring as high as the planes he piloted.

When not in the cockpit, Bruce embraced life outdoors. He had a lifelong love for snow skiing, water skiing, fishing, boating, and exploring the open trail, finding his greatest joy in sharing these pursuits with those he loved. In later years, he returned to aviation in a quieter way, building intricate model airplanes and model trains—projects that brought him great satisfaction and calm. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a proud member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, Bruce valued faith, fellowship, and the lifelong friendships that enriched his life.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Karen Hill Skanchy; his sons, Mark and Jason; honorary granddaughters, Sadie Slikker, Emma Slikker DelRosario, Grace Slikker Botelhoand; and the many family members and friends whose lives were brighter for having known him. He was preceded in death by his father, Antonne L. (Tony) Skanchy; his mother, Lula “Lu” Karren Skanchy; his brothers, Antone Lewis Skanchy, Rex Karren Skanchy; and his sister, LuJean Skanchy Fowler.

Funeral services will be held on February 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, Utah. A graveside service will follow, with refreshments afterward. Family and friends are warmly invited to gather in celebration of a life well lived and deeply loved.