



Robert James Burns Jr.

Jan. 6, 1947 ~ Feb. 27, 2022

Robert, nicknamed "Weed", or as he referred to himself, "The one arm bandit", stemming from when he was a child and had polio leaving his left arm unusable, is now on the "Harley Highway to Heaven".

Born 1947 in Reno, Nevada to Robert James Burns Sr. and Barbara Edith Emerson, he attended Judge Memorial High School for 3 years, but graduated from South High School since he had a passion for auto mechanics. He regretted transferring since the school didn't let him enroll in that program. He wanted to chase his dream, so he enrolled at the Old Trade Technical College and became a mechanic, later working at Honda of Salt Lake. He became a Boilermaker in 1974 and worked out of local union 182 for 33 years, traveling to smelters and mines across the west coast, perfecting his craft. Watching his two children grow up was important, so he took a job closer to home, at Kennecott Copper Mine, and worked there for the next 15 years.

Robert always said he never expected to live past 25 years old, but fortunately he enjoyed 50 more years. Robert married Jacalyn Dale Johnson on December 24, 1975, and he never forgot an anniversary. They bought 10 acres in Herriman and started building their dream home seven years later. Robert had many interests in life. He loved his Harleys and was a lifetime member of the Sundowners Motorcycle Club. He adored all his dogs and hunting with them. He also liked working on and restoring cars, particularly his Granada while listening to his Good Ole Rock and Roll. Robert's favorite TV shows were Old Westerns and War movies.

After retiring at age 60, Robert & Jackie traveled extensively. Robert's first overseas trip was to South India to see his daughter get married.

Robert passed away just two weeks after being diagnosed with asymptomatic pancreatic cancer.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jackie; his daughter, Brittney Paige and her husband, Anil Melnick; his son, Donovan Burns; Robert's granddaughter Mia Melnick; his sisters-in-law, Christine (David) Fitzgerald and Sharon

Case; and his niece, Marriane (Brock) Keinholtz and their children, Aurora and Liam. He had many friends that offered support, especially Dave Jensen who would always come when Robert called. He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law, Dale Ira Johnson; and his brother-in-law, Frank Case.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11am on Friday, March 11, 2022, at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road in Sandy. A viewing will be held prior to the services beginning at 10am. A Celebration of Life luncheon will immediately follow services at the Chateau Greenhouse at The Rose Shop at the same address. Committal and graveside services will be held at approximately 2pm that afternoon at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah.

To view the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.