

Samuel David Morrison

August 29, 1940 ~ September 7, 2022

Samuel David Morrison passed away at his home September 7, 2022 at the age of 82. He was recently diagnosed with cancer and passed away from related complications.

He was born August 29, 1940 in Nampa, Idaho to Theordore Eugene Morrison and Helen Mildred Fike. His family wasn't especially active in the church, but Sam was encouraged by church leaders in Nampa to become active and serve a mission. He served in Brazil where he learned to love the country, the people, the culture, and the language. After his mission he went to BYU where he met Marilyn on her first day in Provo before she started school. She and her roommates were hired by the landlord to dye the carpet in Sam's apartment. This led to a courtship and a happy marriage of 57 years. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1965. Sam graduated from BYU with a BA in Portuguese. He became fluent in the language, which he used throughout his life to connect with and serve the Brazilian people. He started his career working at BYU for the Placement Center and Personnel Services. He later changed jobs to work at career services at the University of Utah for 30 years, where he became the director. Sam loved both BYU and the University of Utah, but often rooted for BYU when the two teams played.

Sam retired early from the University of Utah when he was called to serve as the mission president of the Brazil Curitiba Mission. He was set apart by Elder Russell M Nelson who is now the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was loved by the Brazilian people in the area and by his missionaries. He kept in contact with his missionaries with frequent phone calls, visits, and reunions. After serving as mission president Sam and Marilyn were able to return to Curitiba to attend the temple dedication. He enjoyed being able to have a mission reunion with his Brazilian missionaries during that trip.

Sam served in the church in many capacities including as a bishop of a University of Utah singles ward, bishop of his home ward, stake executive secretary, high councilor, and temple worker at the Draper Temple. He spent much of his later life serving in the temple and doing family history work. He felt a connection with both his and his wife's ancestors as he researched them and did their temple work. He was surely greeted by many of them on the other side when he passed.

Sam and Marilyn had four children, Kim, Brent, Debbie, and Ryan. They were raised well by their parents and all graduated from the University of Utah while Sam worked there. Sam loved to take the family on vacations and often brought them with him on his work trips. He was a leader in his industry. He enjoyed competing in tennis competitions during the national conferences. He often drove his family to Portland, Oregon to see Marilyn's family. Sam loved the beauty of Oregon and took note of the special flowers and plants that flourished there. He enjoyed time with Marilyn's brother Gary who always invited him to play golf when he visited. Sam and his family continued their yearly visits to the Oregon coast with many of his children and grandchildren.

Maintaining close relations with his family was always a priority and joy for Sam. Even until the end of his life he loved to have all of the extended family over for family dinners. He especially loved to take trips to Disneyland and Disneyworld with his family. He said he loved the laughter and seeing the happiness it brought to his grandchildren. He was mindful of others around him and was always looking for ways to help through service, advice, and prayer.

Sam is survived by his wife Marilyn, children Brent (Linda), Debbie (Todd), and Ryan (MJ), brother Ray (Barbara), his sister Kathleen, and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Kimberly Allen and his brother Ted Morrison. Kimberly's husband Scot is remarried to Sherry. They and their children continue to be a close and important part of the family.

A viewing will be held at Larkin Sunset Garden Mortuary, located at 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84092, on Sunday, September 11 6:00-8:00 pm. His funeral services will be held at the LDS church located at 8485 S 1000 E, Sandy, UT 84094. A viewing will be held at the church from 10:30-11:30 am. The funeral will be at noon.

Those wishing to view the recorded services click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/KfIbh4W1x8ucghubKEm7K0Y7baQQ6m0hUxsP8OLzfm54PyN3opl50ICa23_dnmAK._