

# Tommy Joe Rohovit

*March 19, 1936 ~ May 8, 2024*

Tommy Joe Rohovit “Mr. Fantastic” of West Jordan, Utah, loving husband, father, grandfather, and basketball enthusiast, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2024, with his wife and youngest son by his side, at the age of 88.

Tom was born in Jefferson, Iowa, on March 19, 1936, to Clarence Kenneth (Ikey) Rohovit and Mildred Nelson Rohovit. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1954, where he was a multi-sport athlete. He lettered in track, football, and basketball. He attended the University of Iowa where he played basketball in the 1954 NCAA Championship.

He married Joan Marie Voorhees on June 24, 1955, and together they had six children, Mark, Kent, Tammie, Lori, Jeff, and David. She passed away in 1969. He married Carolyn Goetz, and together they had two children, John and Lisa. They later divorced. He married Annette Fritsch on August 15, 1975, and together they had two children, Jennifer (Smart) and Cody.

Tom was known for his continuously happy disposition, and no matter what was going on, he was “phenomenal.” He was beloved by many, and made everyone feel welcome at all times. He spent his career as a salesman, and genuinely loved interacting with people. He enjoyed camping, listening to jazz music while reading motivational books, watching the Utah Jazz, and talking to anyone and everyone. He loved to grill a burger and sit outside with his family, as well as Sunday family dinners. He spent countless Saturdays in the basketball gym with his kids, and many of their friends and neighbors. He also enjoyed many LDS church callings, including serving as a member of the bishopric, a gospel doctrine teacher, Scout leader, Young Men’s leader, and a member of the High Council.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence (Ikey) and Mildred Rohovit, brother, James Rohovit, his first wife, Joan Rohovit, and son, David Rohovit.

Tom is survived by his loving and devoted wife of nearly 49 years, Annette Fritsch Rohovit, and his nine children Mark (Shareen) Rohovit, Kent Rohovit, Tammie Jensen, Lori (Dennis) Springer, Jeff (Audra) Rohovit, John (Rachel) Rohovit, Lisa (Stacey)Young, Jennifer (Jeremy) Curtis, Cody (Amy) Rohovit, 28 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Tom was known as “Papa” to his youngest six grandchildren, Carson, Sophia, Talyn, Bex, Dash, and Collins. Tom’s love for basketball lives on with his son, Cody, and grandsons Bex and Dash Rohovit.

A viewing will be held Monday, May 13, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Larkin Mortuary 3688 W 12600 S Riverton, UT. The funeral will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 7337 S Regal Hill Drive in West Jordan at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, where there will also be a short viewing starting at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at Larkin Sunset Lawn 2350 E 1300 S in Salt Lake City immediately following the funeral service.