

Vance Ezrel Thurber

January 3, 1945 ~ December 18, 2022

Vance Ezrel Thurber passed away after a brief illness on December 18, 2022.

Vance was born on January 3rd, 1945 in Gallup, New Mexico. He grew up in St. Johns, Arizona where he graduated from St. John’s High School in 1963. He married his wife Laraine on June 30, 1966. Vance would always joke that he knew what anniversary he and Laraine were on by looking at what Super Bowl it was.

Vance served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War working on the Hound Dog Missile. His service in the Air Force led him and Laraine to live in both Illinois and California. After his service they eventually settled in Sandy Utah where they raised two children Lynell and Andrew.

Vance graduated from Weber State with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. He then worked for over 30 years at Becton Dickinson.

After retirement he took on the role of a full time Grandfather. Taking his 4 loving grandkids to many practices, dance recitals, and hobby shops. He was very handy and was always available to fix anything you asked him to.

One of Vance’s favorite pastimes was going with his son up to Rice Eccles Stadium to watch the Utah Utes play football. Win or lose they always had a great time together.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ez and LeVon, his Brother Reed, his Sister Sue, and his loving daughter Lynell.

He is survived by his wife Laraine, son Andrew, daughter-in-law Tizzy, and his 4 grandchildren Abigail, William, Bradley, and Jeffrey.

A Viewing/Visitation will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd. Sandy, Utah) from 1:00-2:45 with a family graveside service to follow.