

Vernon Alfred Freeman

December 10, 1946 ~ February 17, 2025

Vernon Alfred Freeman, age 78, passed away on Monday, February 17 after battling cancer for almost three years

He was born on December 10, 1946 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Abner William Phillip Freeman and Julia Amanda Powers. He was the youngest of nine children. He grew up in South Salt Lake when it was still a rural community.

He had to quit school while in the 8th grade and began working as a hod tender and later a brick mason.

During the Vietnam War, Vernon was drafted into the Army on May 28, 1969 and served in Vietnam for over a year. There he worked as a mechanic fixing Army tanks and jeeps. Vernon was discharged from the Army in May 1971.

Vernon married Sandra Lyn Goates on May 27, 1972 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were sealed July 12, 1986 in the Salt Lake Temple. They raised six children in West Valley City, Utah. He drove long haul trucks and later worked as a diesel mechanic.

After his children were grown, Vernon and Sandra moved to a new home in Herriman in 2014. It was there that his wife, Sandra, passed away on August 23, 2017.

Vernon married Marilyn Monson Boekweg on March 16, 2019 in Herriman, Utah. Together they enjoyed 38 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Vernon loved to travel in his motor home and to work on restoring his 1959 Studebaker truck, which was given to him by his brother, Walt.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his children, Blake (Rachel) Freeman, Nicole (Andrew) Webster, Jaclyn (Shaun) Spotten, Randy (Lindsay) Freeman, Keven (Amy) Freeman, and Jenette (Craig) Jolley; and his brother, Walt Freeman. Marilyn’s children and grandchildren also love him as a father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra, father, mother, four brothers, three sisters, a son-in-law, Greg Boothe, and a grandson, Seth Freeman.

A viewing will be held at Larkin Mortuary, 3688 W 12600 South in Riverton, on Thursday, February 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The funeral services will be held on Friday, February 21st at the Herriman Rose Canyon 8th Ward, 6869 West Vista Springs Drive where there will be a viewing at 10:00 and the funeral beginning at 11:00 am.

Interment will follow the funeral at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 South in Sandy Utah.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/maLilRw9c_BU0L-7qW4GiPeJ1w8b71p9voYIjKnB-OpTiLSrGPgDx2-j0XAdJAAC.Y8Io