

# Walter "Wally" H. Josephs

*December 31, 1938 ~ January 23, 2021*

Wally was born in Melbourne, Australia. On his last birthday, he turned 82. His family soon moved to New Zealand: a farm near Rotorua, and later to Hamilton and Temple View. At age 17, he was called on a labor mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to help build chapels, the New Zealand Temple, and the Church College. The Church saw to it that he was trained to be an electrician. Later he was called to serve a proselytizing mission to the Canada/Alaska mission. When that concluded, he never went home. He went to BYU, where the rugby team was just getting started in 1965-1966. His first love was rugby and, while playing for BYU, he was MVP for at least a couple years.

Another love was found at BYU – his wife, Carol. Wally and Carol were married in 1971 in the Salt Lake Temple and, this year, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were not blessed with children right away, so they had five years as newlyweds. Their children include Rachel (David) Walls, San Francisco Bay Area; Andy (Kellie) Josephs, Salt Lake; Brady Josephs, Salt Lake; Sydney (Derek) Palmer, Layton. Wally's four grandchildren were cherished, and he loved going to their piano recitals, basketball games and swim meets. They are CoCo Palmer, Chile Palmer, Jackson Walls and Louise Walls.

When Wally retired from being an electrical contractor, he started driving school bus, thinking he would do that for a couple years. He enjoyed that so much, that he stayed for over 10 years. He loved the kids and felt he had the best kids and the best route. Again, with children, probably his favorite position in the Church was, long ago, teaching primary.

Wally was a unique person. He gave new meaning to the word "humble". He immediately accepted everyone that he met. He forgave quickly and without question. He refused to participate in gossip. Many times, he has literally given the shirt off his back. Wally was a special person who will be extremely missed by his family and friends.

Wally's funeral service will be held Friday, January 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Larkin Mortuary in Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South, Riverton, Utah. A viewing will be at the same location and same date from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Interment will take place in the Riverton City Cemetery.

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