

Willard Clayton Smith

September 26, 1953 ~ June 10, 2024

Willard Clayton Smith, the son of Howard G. and Lucile C. Smith passed from this earthly existence on June 10, 2024. He was born in Salt Lake City on September 26, 1953, the fourth of five children. When he was born, his mother had been told that he had died in-utero, but upon delivery was very much alive. He was their “Miracle baby.”

Willard grew up in the Avenues of Salt Lake City, and attended Ensign Elementary School, Bryant Jr. High, and West High School. He served an LDS Mission in Birmingham, England between 1972 and 1974. He attended the University of Utah, and received a bachelor’s degree in history, before going on to Brigham Young University to get a master’s degree in library science, and a second master’s degree in computer science. He worked for a number of years using his computer science degree with Bell Labs and Lucent Technologies, where he did Software Development. He was always a history buff and spent hours researching and writing about various points in history. One of his favorite pastimes was researching and editing family histories, something for which his family is grateful. He also served as a Gospel Doctrine Teacher and his students loved his insights.

Willard and Rosemary Marshall were married on April 18, 1985, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Willard is survived by his wife, Rosemary; 3 Daughters, Alyse Doherty (Kevin), Melissa Conidaris (Brad), and Lindsey Nelson (Zackery); 5 Grandchildren; two Brothers; Jim Smith (Sue), and Clayton Smith (Sandy); and a sister, Florence Myers (Oliver). He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard G. and Lucile Smith, a sister Nancy Smith and Brother in-law Donald L. Smith

A funeral will be held at the Bountiful Shadows Ward LDS Chapel located at
1476 N 300 W, Bountiful, Utah on Thursday, June 20 at 11:00 AM. There will be a viewing prior to the funeral, beginning at 9:30 until 10:45.

For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom at
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921260738