

William David Rossiter

March 22, 1941 ~ February 24, 2024

W. David Rossiter died in his home on the night of February 24, 2024.

The son of Salt Lake City natives Bill and Lucile Lindstrom Rossiter, David was born and raised in Helena, Montana, a place he left as soon as he could but which pulled at his heart in later years.

He was a lifelong, if sometimes dissenting, member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Thanks to the guidance of the late Marion D. Hanks, his time serving an LDS mission in London, England, in the 1960s was a formative experience. After his mission, he studied Public Accounting at Brigham Young University and earned a masters in Political Science at Tufts University.

He began his career working for Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and earned invaluable life and career experiences working for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He transitioned to the private sector in 1979 and for nearly two decades worked for Conoco (now ConocoPhillips). His negotiations with the Russian government were critical in helping Conoco become one of the earliest western oil groups to invest in post-Soviet Russia.

David married Judy Hyer, whom he met in Helena, in 1965, and together they raised four children while living in Utah, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Texas and Brussels, Belgium. In 1996, the couple retired to Sandy, Utah, where David embarked on a new career as a volunteer, providing his time and services to the Utah State Prison, Sandy Elementary, Altaview Hospital and Meals on Wheels.

In his retirement, David enjoyed travels with his children and grandchildren, golfing with friends, working on his stamp collection, writing his personal history, and decorating his backyard with the inordinate amount of rocks he harvested from Big Cottonwood Canyon.

In the last years of his life, David lived with Lewy body dementia and passed away at home in the care of his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Patricia Hall and Carol Lynn Potter. He is survived by his wife, his children Ken Rossiter, Pamela (Lloyd) Ison, Shawn (Patricia) Rossiter, Jeff Rossiter,10 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter.

A graveside service will be held at3 :00 pm on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, (10600 South), Sandy, UT.

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