Obituaries

Marcia Chalk Wade

1945-2024

St. George, UT—Marcia Chalk Wade, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones, on Sunday morning, April 14, 2024, in St. George, Utah, at the age of 78. She shared a deep love with her husband, Stephen Wade, marrying in 1972 and held strong for 51 years. Their union brought forth five remarkable children: Tyler (Alaina) Wade, Corbin Wade, CJ (Sheena) Wade, Sheridan (Josh) Harris, and Adam (Jordyn) Wade. Marcia relished her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother, survived by 22 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, along with nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Marcia was born on June 14, 1945, in Richfield, Utah. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, a kind and loving woman. Christlike in her actions. Continuously serving others in her family, community, and church. Known for being a force for good. Her family meant everything to her, she put them above all else. She had a strong testimony, she stood for what she believed in, and lived her beliefs every day.

Marcia has now been reunited with her father, Edner Chalk and mother, Daisy Knaphus Chalk, along with her sister, Dixie; brothers, Sterling, Donny and Fred; and other family members that have preceded her. She grew up with two brothers and one sister, spending her childhood years growing up in Monroe, Utah, a place of cherished memories, young friends, and teen record rallies.

Due to her father's health conditions, the family was in need of living in a warmer climate, so her family tried moving to St. George, Utah as a remedy. To their surprise, they realized that they needed an even warmer climate. This search led them south to Lehi, Arizona for a short period of time, then on to Mesa, Arizona, where she spent the remainder of her high school years. Unfortunately, at the early age of 17, she lost her father to his battle with Bright's disease.

Marcia attended Mesa High School, where she became a Mesa High "Bunny" cheerleader, and was heavily involved in her high school activities, graduating in 1963. With the untimely passing of her father, Marcia felt a need to stay home and help support her family, but her mother insisted that she attend BYU.

While attending Brigham Young University (BYU), Marcia was a dedicated and serious student, who had to work while attending school. She was involved in many organizations such as Orchesis (modern dance fraternity), Sports Women (service social club), and Sounds of Freedom (large school choir). After graduating with a Bachelor of science degree and a teaching certificate, she taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades for the Jordan School District. She had a passion for education and loved being a teacher. After teaching for five gratifying years, her family began, ending her teaching career. Her role as a mother was her eternal calling. She naturally turned all of her efforts and attention to being a homemaker, wife and mother, raising her five children.

Throughout the years, Marcia set an example of selflessness and generosity not only for her children, but for others. Her random acts of kindness were daily. For many years, she chaired "Lights For Life" co-chaired "Fire & Ice" for 20 years, and served on the Dixie College/Utah Tech Foundation board for 17 years. She had a love for dance and the arts and enjoyed her time serving on the board at Tuacahn. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings. Young Women President and Stake Relief Society President with the young single adults being her favorites. Marcia absolutely loved these opportunities to serve, but nothing meant more to her than her children and family. She was blessed with the opportunity to travel and see the world, but she always preferred being home with and near her family.

Marcia set her life's compass at an early age mapping out her mortal path progressing with little deviation. She had a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, possessing an unwavering love of our Heavenly Father and Savior. Through her words, but through her actions. Her legacy will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have known her. Her kindness, integrity, and devotion to her family will be forever cherished. It has been said many times... To know her is to love Her!

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 1285 North Bluff Street, St. George, Utah. Visitations will be held Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Metcalf Mortuary, 288 West St. George Blvd. and on Monday, prior to services, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow in the Pine Valley Cemetery, Pine Valley, Utah.

Livestreaming of services may be viewed at the following Zoom link. https://zoom.us/j/92771797873.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Metcalf Mortuary, (435) 673-4221. Please visit our website at www.metcalfmortuary.com for condolences, complete obituary, and funeral listings.

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Sabrina "Brink" Carmel Ulibarri

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Salt lake City, Utah —Sabrina "Brink" Carmel Ulibarri passed away on April 2, 2024. Sabrina was born on April 20, 1969 to Jose Joe Trinidad Ulibarri and Rosa Gallegos Ulibarri (later Williams), both of whom preceded her in death (as did her step-father Anthony "Chief" Williams). Sabrina had two older siblings, Cynthia and Rodney (Beverly Ann) and nephew Jermiah, who also preceded her in death. Sabrina is survived by her older brother Kelly Joe Michael of Salt Lake City, UT and younger brother Joshua Estevan (Stormie Sanchez) of Phoenix, AZ along with many nephews and nieces: Kevin, Haley, Joe, Talia, Tawny, Tessa, Anikin and Isobel. Sabrina was born in Salt Lake City and faced her young adult years in Kearns, where she graduated from Kearns High. She later attended Salt Lake Community College and graduated with her associate degree. For many years Sabrina lived a life of service, first with the United States Air Force; later she worked at the Utah Highway Patrol, then was an In-Service Training Secretary with the Utah Police Academy, a 911 Dispatcher with Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communication Center, and later a 911 Emergency Police Dispatcher in Alexandria, VA. Sabrina was fiercely loyal and stood up for the people who stood up for her and she willingly aligned herself with the underdogs outside her family. Often, she provided a refuge for people who needed one. Her mother's covid-death in 2020 left her heartbroken, regretful, and lonely and after Rosa's death, Sabrina's smile never quite brightened and her spirit never quite lifted high as it once was. This is true even as she kept up with her favorite sugary sweets. Politics and government would fill some of that void, but she lamented the violence and divisiveness. MAGA and Trump Republicanism brought to her state and country. She loved to hear stories from her nieces and nephews, would attentively listen, and she was well-known for her constant questions about their life, one after the other. Her laughter and her smile could control a room. It brought a smile to many faces when she brought her nephews and nieces their first catcher's gear, their fastest remote car, or their favorite doll; and just before she died and as she believed she would get better, she was bargaining by telling her brothers she was going to appreciate everyone just a little bit more. She was so proud of her little brother Joshua and lived to talk about his latest campaigns. In her last year, Sabrina really appreciated time with Kelly and help from cousin-Bobbie. There will be no immediate services, but her brothers are planning a midsummer gathering to celebrate her life.

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M. Jensen Ogden

1940 ~ 2024

North Ogden, Utah—"When an old man dies, a library burns down."

M. Jensen Ogden, age 84, was born to teenaged parents on March 22, 1940.

He was largely raised by loving maternal grandparents on the family farm in Riverside. One of his tasks growing up there was to muck the manure out of the barn after milkings. So strange that years later the sight of a little poop in a baby's diaper would make him retch.

A class president in high school, he set a never broken basketball record, playing three years of varsity ball without ever scoring a point. In a supreme irony, he later played on a team formed from Mormon missionaries that won the New Zealand national championship.

Young and impressionable, he served an LDS mission where he became the personal assistant to the mission president in Auckland. He loved the lush, green country and the Maori people, but did not love trying to sell religion door-to-door. Older and wiser many years later, he reluctantly concluded that God had been the single worst idea that human beings ever had.

He graduated from Utah State where he affiliated with Sigma Chi. He began teaching at Ben Lomond High and was voted "Most influential Teacher" by his students and elected president of the Ogden Education Association by his peers. He had enjoyed summer study grants outside the Utah bubble at Louisiana State, the University of Iowa, and Stanford. Later, he had been recruited to teach at the Church College of Hawaii.

He was a regular at the coffee shop where politics and religion were discussed at great lengths. He also enjoyed frequent luncheons with his "Low Priest" brethren. He was a Voracious reader that enjoyed paddlin' his kayak on peaceful streams and peddlin' his bike on local river trails. Highly valued was kickback time with family and friends at Walden West, the modest cabin he built by himself on the north slope of the Uinta's. A place he joked was the real Ogden Temple. It was there, like Thoreau, he "was rich, if not in money, in sunny hours and summer days and spent them lavishly."

He had hit a couple of martial speed bumps on an earlier highway, so Colleen, though considerably younger, finally brought some stability to his life. She succeeds him, as does their schoolteacher daughter Alixe, computer guru son-in-law Aaron, and their precious young grandson Archer. As well as older stepchildren Jason, Aaron, Gabriel and Ashley and their children. Also, a brother Scott (Karen) and sister Carol Ann (Mike Tuckett) both of Salt Lake City.

Portions of his ashes will be spread in four locations: over his grandparents and mother's graves in Riverside near the family farm; in beautiful Moraine Lake where he had paddled his kayak in Banff National Park, Canada, and at Walden West his much-loved cabin; and on the sand at low tide inside Cathedral Cove outside Hahei, New Zealand.

Kia kaha, that's Maori for "be strong."

Colleen has arranged a Celebration of Life to be held on May 4, 2024, 4:00 pm at Myers Mortuary located at 845 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT 84404.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-mortuary.com

Marvene France Smith

1/29/1950 ~ 4/27/2024

Holladay, Utah- On Saturday 4/27/2024 Marvene left this mortal world peacefully in her sleep surrounded by loved ones. She is now with the love her life, Her sweet Ricky. Marvene was born on 1/29/1950 in Toronto Ontario Canada to Robert and Jennie France. Marvene was the oldest of three children. Marvene spent her childhood and early adult life in Toronto Canada where she began her career as a travel agent. Her journey to Utah started on a river trip where she met her river guide Rick Smith. And instant love connection was made and that blossomed into 26 years of marriage. Mary worked for Executive Travel and Travel Zone in Salt Lake City for 22 years, where she made many friends and developed relationships to last a lifetime. Marvene was the mother to her only child Ryan Smith. She adored her curly haired, fun loving boy so much and many lasting memories were made. In 2012 Marvene became a grandmother to Danica. She adored her little Pookie. The two of them made many memories together. From baking cookies to fun girl day trips, there was never a conversation had without her in it. On December 18th 2013 Marvene was the recipient of a lung transplant, courtesy of her generous Donor Seth and the many talented, caring Doctors and Nurses at the University of Utah Hospital. Marvene defied the odds of living 5 years longer than her doctors told her she would. She did so with great courage and tenacity. In 2022 Marvene was diagnosed with breast cancer and again came away the Victor! Unfortunately, through years of medicine and treatments to keep thriving her kidneys could no longer keep up. Marvene was the kindest person anyone knew. She gave her all to her family, friends and her time here on earth. Marvene is survived by her Son Ryan Smith 7/17/1979 Granddaughter Danica 5/31/2012. Step daughters Lisa Fairbanks (Jared) and Stacey Clifford, Grandsons Jacob, Talmage and Jonah Fairbanks. Grandsons Alex and Nathan Clifford and Granddaughter Elyse Clifford. Her beloved Sister forever Christine Mogridge(Reg) Cousins Linda, Carol, and Sue and many more. Marvene is preceded in death by her parents Robert and Jennie. Husband D. Richard Smith 7/12/2020. Marvene will leave us all with many fond wonderful memories to share and pass down. We will miss you tremendously! Special thanks to the Lung transplant coordination team and medical staff at the University for all your love, devotion and care. Special thanks to the wonderful caring staff at Cottonwood Creek Assisted living for all the attention given to Marvene. Especially Mark Mun. You went above and beyond for her in her last weeks with us. For funeral service information, please reach her son Ryan at 801-205-8025. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Marvene's name to the University of Utah's transplant programs.

DONATE LIFE

Gary L. Nielsen

1937 - 2024

Legendary Salt Lake City drag racer, Gary Lloyd Nielsen, passed away on April 20, 2024, at the age of 86. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 6, 1937, to Hubert and Isabel Alexander Nielsen. He married Bonnie Ross Nielsen on July 21, 1958, and they raised 5 children together. They were later sealed for time and all eternity in the Los Angeles California LDS Temple.

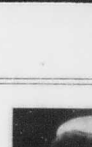
In 1960, Gary and Bonnie opened the first drag strip in Salt Lake City - Salt Lake Raceway. They moved to California and opened Performance Auto Parts in Fullerton, CA, which he managed until he retired in 1993. They moved back to Utah and enjoyed traveling and going to vintage car shows and swap meets together.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie, his daughter-Lori, his son-in-law Ken, his grandson Joshua, his parents, and his brothers: Robert, Hubert "Buzz," and Brent.

He is survived by his children: Leslie (Kevin), Michelle, Kristina (Cesar), and Steven; twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and his sister Carol.

A viewing will be held Friday, May 3, 2024, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1960 E. Dimple Dell Rd (10600 S), Sandy, Utah, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Pinecrest Ward, 2080 E. Pinecrest Lane, Sandy, Utah, with a viewing beginning 1 hour prior to the services at the church. Interment Larkin Sunset Gardens.

For full obituary or information to watch the services online or to share a favorite story of Gary, please visit LarkinCares.com.



Garth Jones "Pete" Robinson

1942-2024

Garth Jones "Pete" Robinson passed away April 27, 2024 due to natural causes in St. George, Utah while on a golfing trip with his best friend Melvin VanWagoner. He was born to Byron Albert and Mabel Lizona Robb Robinson on October 21, 1942 in his family home in Paragonah, Utah.

Pete married his junior high school sweetheart, Kay Carman, on March 5, 1962, later to be solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. He joined the Navy and served on the Floyd B Parks DD 884 Destroyer from 1960 - 1964. After the Navy they settled in Salt Lake City, Utah where they raised four daughters and a foster son. Pete was a firefighter for the Salt Lake City Fire Department for 30 years, retiring as a captain in 1997. After retirement he worked for the Hogle Zoo where he proudly kept the train up and running for 13 years. He also held many jobs around the city driving freight and making deliveries.

Pete was raised to love and appreciate the outdoors and he passed that love along to his children. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, golfing and anything in the mountains. Pete loved family gatherings and was always up for a game, his latest obsession was Farkle and he would squeeze as many games out of you as he could.

Pete was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and happily served those around him as a high councilman, a bishop and in many other callings for the Cannon 9th Ward.

Pete leaves behind his sweetheart of 62 years, Katherine "Kay"; children Deborah (Myles) Howard, Shelley (Spencer) Koehler, Lynette (Layne) Hilton and Christine (John) Jongejan; 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is survived by his beloved sister, Audrey Mayoh. Pete also leaves behind countless nieces and nephews that considered him a second dad. Preceded in death by his son David Allison; his parents; his brothers Antone and Milton and sister Jayne.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 6:00-8:00pm at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Funeral services will be on Friday, May 3 at 11:00am at the Cannon 9th Ward meetinghouse, 1250 W. 1400 S, Salt Lake City. A public viewing will be held an hour prior to the start of the services. For full obituary, please visit www.larkinmortuary.com

Richard Parry Sorensen

1943-2024

Richard Parry Sorensen died at home after a long illness in North Caldwell, New Jersey on April 19, 2024. His wife Mary was by his side. Richard was born in East Orange, New Jersey on August 30, 1943 to Parry Daniel Sorensen and Margaret Christensen Sorensen. The oldest of five children, he grew up in Salt Lake City.

Richard was the epitome of the scholar athlete. At Highland High he played football and captained the basketball team. He played basketball at Harvard and rugby and tennis at Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Richard was a brilliant wordsmith in a variety of genres, writing for the Harvard Crimson, Department of Agriculture, Lotus Software, Burson Marsteller, Apple, Citibank, and Morgan Stanley. He was a witty raconteur and a master of toasts, never sentimental and always capturing a friend, parent, child, sibling or relative with an affectionate phrase, humorous story or telling detail. He was happiest and most fully himself in lively conversation. A man of many (strongly held) opinions, he was a formidable and provocative disputant. One bartered with Richard at one's peril.

In addition to his career as a professional writer, Richard along the way took a number of side excursions: He was assistant dean of Harvard admissions, aide to Senator Frank Moss, manager of the Citgo service station on Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and director of the Utah Bicentennial Commission, where at the drop of a hat he would entertain the staff with an impromptu and badly danced Irish jig.

No matter how much time you spent with Richard, you came away with an indelible sense of his personality. A sampling of how people have described him: A vivid presence, one of a kind, in a league of his own, what a character, a true original. The most common tribute: "He was the funniest person I ever met."

Beloved by all in his wide acquaintance, he was the favorite uncle to nieces and nephews who would invariably chuckle at the mere mention of his name. He doted on his standard poodles, Phoebe and Daphne, who became regular members of his neighborhood walking group.

Richard and Mary raised two accomplished children, Katherine and Parry. He referred to himself and Mary as a great team. Their greatest joy in later life were grandchildren Teddy, Charlotte, and Anders Richard.

He was a man, take him for all in all. We shall not look upon his like again.

Richard is survived by Mary, his wife of forty-four years; children Katherine Sorensen (Patrick Hebert) and Parry Sorensen (Lydia); grandchildren Teddy, Charlotte and Anders Richard Sorensen; siblings Dan (Alexis Cairo), Holly Thompson (Buzz), Mike (Connie), and Bill (Lynn Koenig).

Thomas W. Oswald

1943 ~ 2024

Thomas William Oswald "Ozzie" or "Oz" passed away on April 2, 2024 in Provo, Utah at the age of 80, after a year of a valiant struggle. He was born June 8, 1943 to Mary Alice Bowers and Harry A. Oswald in Los Angeles, CA. Parents and younger brother Michael deceased. Tom was always ready to help neighbors, grandchildren, and anyone who needed help. He repaired automobiles and Older classics. He liked to cook, and garden in the summer.

He married Kathleen Milner on January 18, 1969. They were married for 55years. They have two children Christine (Richard Aldous) and Gregory (Julia) and 3 grandchildren.

He received his 2 year degree from Long Beach City College. And was studying to get his 4 year degree. He received his mechanics Airman's Certification in February of 1971. Tom worked for Western Airlines, and Delta Airlines for 31 years. He was an Avionics Mechanic, and also taught Avionics for Delta Airlines. He was transferred to Salt Lake City when Delta bought Western.

Tom liked to play chess which took he and Katie to many places around the world. He was part of the Interline Chess club, and they went to Bali, Indonesia twice, Fortaleza, Brazil, Hawaii, and Menton, France.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, his daughter Christine, and his son Gregory, sister Judy (David Carney) brother Pat Oswald (Rosemarie Specter), and grandchildren Emma, Steven, and Thomas.

There will be a mass for the repose of his soul on August 8, 2024.

Tom is to be cremated and there will be a celebration of life on his birthday June 8, 2024 at Sugarhouse Park from 11:30 AM to 2 PM in the Sego Lilly Pavillion. Please come and say hello and bring memories and pictures if you have them.

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