Obituaries

Warren Craig Eby

1945-2024

Saratoga Springs, UT—Warren "Craig" Eby passed away in his sleep **Wednesday**, May 22, 2024 at the age of 78 while recovering at Pointe Meadows Rehab Center from a stroke he suffered on April 9, 2024.

Craig was born the youngest of 7 children to Dexter James and Anita Forbes Eby. His mother lovingly called him "Craigy Baby".

Craig is survived by his completely devoted and loving wife Sandra Jean, his three daughters Allison (Nate) Barry, Lauren Cooper and Alissa (Curtis) Allen, his 13 grandchildren (5 married spouses) and 5 almost 6, great grandchildren (1 of whom surely was there to greet him at his passing), and a host of others whom he considered daughters and grandchildren.

He welcomed and loved them all.

Craig grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended Granite High School where he met his sweetheart, Sandra Jean Andersen. After high school, he enlisted in the Marines where he bravely fought in the Vietnam War earning a Purple Heart for being injured while on patrol. During this experience, he also saved a comrade. Upon his return from Vietnam, he married his love. Sandra on June 2, 1966 in Salt Lake City, UT. They moved to Southern California to complete his service. They made their home and life there for the next 40+ years where they raised their 3 daughters. Craig worked in the brokerage industry where he met some wonderful friends whom he & Sandi would raise their children with and remain lifelong friends. Craig had a wonderful voice and loved singing and performing on and off stage. He was involved in community theater. He loved raising his daughters and being involved in their lives.

On May 25, 2002, after much pondering, prayer and a few life tweaks, he took his sweetheart and their 3 daughters to the Los Angeles Temple to make covenants that would seal this dear family together forever and into eternity. This was a choice he valued and treasured above anything else. On May 25, 2006, he and Sandi moved to Saratoga Springs, Utah to be with their growing family and enjoy and raise grandchildren. His grandchildren referred to him as DanDan (Granddad) and so did everyone else from then on. Being with his grandchildren was the best for him. Watching them in all their various activities and sports, working with them in the yard, teaching them life lessons, accompanying them to school and church activities, sharing a meal, slipping them a $20 (or maybe that was mom) or snuggling in his chair gave him life. He absolutely adored his grandchildren and when the great grandchildren came along, the adoration continued with them.

Craig loved to putter and be in his beautiful yard, something he really missed being able to do in his later years. Cats have 9 lives so maybe he was a bit of a feline surviving Agent Orange, being blown up in Vietnam, prostate cancer, and diabetes. Craig was hit hard by Covid in Sept of 2020 when, on recovering, he was welcomed back home with a soldiers parade. Although Craig had health challenges that were really hard, what was never a challenge was his heart! His heart was big, healthy and functioning and that's how he lived his life, with his heart...big and healthy and functioning for as long as his body allowed.

We thought we were prepared for his passing since this wasn't the first time we thought we might lose him, but the hole in our hearts is BIG and oh how we miss him already. We are grateful his body is whole, free of pain and no longer tethered to oxygen. His legs are healthy and surely he went to heaven dancing and singing. He will miss us too but we will be together again because of covenants made and kept in the temple of our God. What is bound on earth is bound in heaven through sacred priesthood power. We will treasure the life lessons DanDan taught each of us collectively as well as individually. We will go into the world and love BIG, like he always did. A Celebration of Life will be held on June 22, 2024

Mary Y. Okuda

1933 - 2024 Beloved Mother & Bachan

Henderson, Nevada—Mary Kazuko (Yamamoto) Okuda, 90, a long-time resident of Bountiful, UT, and recent resident of Henderson, NV, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, with her family by her side. She was the youngest daughter of Kiyoshi Yamamoto and Namiye Uchimura and was born and raised in Sunset, UT. Mary graduated from Davis High School. Mary married Tubber T. Okuda, the love of her life and best friend since they celebrated 67 fun-filled and loving years together prior to Tubber's passing in August of 2020. Mary enjoyed the time she spent with her grandchildren and the many great grandchildren at family get-togethers, their various sporting events, and especially their theatrical and musical performances. She was a season ticket holder of the Broadway Series at The Smith Center and the Rebel football and basketball games. She was always there to help family and friends whenever she saw a need. She was well loved and will be deeply missed by family and friends. A Catholic service will be held a Palm Mortuary - Eastern, 7600 S Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89123, Monday, June 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m. memorial service, 2:00 p.m. burial. The memorial service will be live streamed, https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/nevada/las-vegas/palm-eastern-mortuary/1009.

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LIFE WELL CELEBRATED

Nancy Ellen Siirola

1923 – 2024

Nancy Ellen Siirola passed away on May 31, 2024 at the age of 101. A celebration of life is planned for Wednesday, June 5th at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 S. 900 E. Millcreek, UT where friends may call from 6pm to 8pm. A funeral mass is planned for Thursday, June 6th at St. Ann Catholic Church, 450 E 2100 S at 1pm followed by interment at Utah Veterans Cemetery, 17111 S 1700 W, Bluffdale UT. A more complete obituary is available at www.starksfuneral.com

Kenneth Lee Coombs

In Loving Memory

West Jordan, UT—A celebration of life for Kenneth Coombs will be held on Saturday June 22nd at noon, at his home in West Jordan. He loved chile verde, so we are making a huge batch with the peppers he grew last year. Please come and share your memories and stories of your time with Ken. There is plenty of parking next door at the Deseret Industries lot.

Donald Carman Heath

May 10, 1932 – June 1, 2024

Don, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully as result incident to age, in the early morning hours on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Don was born, May 10, 1932, in Salt Lake City, to Dale Gaylord and LaVerne Carman Heath. Don grew up on West-side of Salt Lake with his grandparents, mother, and brother John, later graduating from West High School in 1949.

Don served in the US Army for two years during the Korean War working in Army Signal Corps (USASC) being honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1952. He then attended the University of Utah.

Before marriage, Don worked at Western Electric and then met his lifelong love and companion Frances Joan Bacca. They were married on March 29, 1957, and were blessed with four children.

From an early age, Don was working to make extra money, shining shoes, and doing paper delivery. After the military, he worked at Western Electric, and then to Graybar as a traveling sales representative with a territory in northern Utah and Idaho. After having two daughters and tired of traveling being away from family, he wanted to find more suitable employment. He began his career as an insurance agent with Allstate in 1962. Don found his calling in insurance, working in the industry for over 47 years. Fran used to remark that Don "ate, drank and slept insurance". He loved helping his clients and many considered Don more than an agent – also a dear friend and confidant.

Don and Fran first settled in Salt Lake City, later moving to Bountiful, Utah where they raised their family for over 30 years. During their time in Bountiful, Don attended St. Olaf's parish, enjoyed singing in the Parrish choir and serving as Parish Council President from 1992-1996. While serving in this capacity, he and Fran organized fundraisers and events including the famed "Entertainment Night". Later, they moved to Draper and enjoyed being involved in St. John's Parrish. After Fran's passing, in April 2004, Don served as the Golden Eagles president where he planned many fun social events for members of the Parrish over age of 55.

Don and Fran enjoyed entertaining and celebrating Christmas. Don always loved getting his home decorated with multiple trees, Department 56 Christmas villages and Lionel Trains. He started planning and decorating in October so the house would be ready for Thanksgiving. Don had a talent for creating and crafting decorations, which as a family were blessed to enjoy.

Don was a devoted husband. He was always involved in raising the family, keeping up the yard, grocery shopping, attending PTA meetings, parent teacher conferences, swim meets, fund raisers, dancing/music recitals and school events. He also served as Little League football coach for several years in the early 1970's. We are grateful for his love and watch care over all of us. We could not have had a better Dad.

Don had the fortune of meeting Louise Radke, a neighbor, and they enjoyed a special friendship. We are grateful to her for her support of Don and our whole family.

Though we will miss Dad, we know he and Mom are reunited again! In time, we will see them both!

Don is survived by his four children, Christy Heath (Rick Pollock); South Jordan; Cate (Dave) Boulden, Herriman; Don F. Heath, Sandy; Aundrea (Jason) Rammelsberg, West Jordan. Also surviving are his brothers, John (Marti) Heath, Mesa, AZ, Stan (Marilyn) Heath, Portland, OR; sister, Trish (Steve) Bersch Reno, NV, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death, by his wife Fran, parents and brother, Dale Heath.

Family would like to thank the caregivers and staff of Canyon Home Care & Hospice, the staff at Spring Gardens and to Carmen for their devoted care of Don in his final weeks and days.

We will celebrate Don's life with a Vigil service on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and viewing will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens mortuary (1950 E. 11600 S., Sandy, UT). A family viewing will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with Funeral Services following at 11:00 a.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens mortuary.

Entombment at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Larkin

Ellie G. Mihalopoulos Korologos

1934 - 2024

Midvale, UT—On Mother's Day, May 12, 2024, our mother, Ellie G. Mihalopoulos Korologos passed away peacefully after enduring complications following surgery for a broken hip on December 24th. Perhaps the significance of her passing on this Sunday was the fact that she always wanted her children to live prosperous and independent lives – never creating a burden for them. This independence changed for her after her surgery.

Prior to that, Ellie was known for her fastidious organization, sense of humor, cooking excellence, and hosting of bridge groups and other gatherings. She enjoyed bringing her family together for meals which often included new recipes. Right up to her last days, Ellie's generosity was seen in her sharing vegetables and other items with friends and neighbors. Much of what she shared was from her garden and immaculate yard which she groomed until her last days in her home.

Ellie's greatest pride and joy came from her family. She often took extended trips to be with her grandchildren who grew-up in Arizona and often times, changed her schedule to be with her other grandchildren and, later, great-grandchildren near her home in Midvale. This energy and joy contributed to her longevity as she was the last family survivor of her generation. She was born March 17, 1934, to hard-working Greek immigrant parents George and Marika Mihalopoulos who preceded her in death. Two special and never-expected adventures were trips to Greece with some of her children - including a final trip in 2017 when she trekked to the small villages of both of her parent's births. Her two siblings, Melva (Gus) Vetas and Nick (Susie) Mihalopoulos also predeceased her in 2020 and 2018 respectively along with her grandson Dimitri Petrogeorge in 2018. Her ex-husband, Tom also passed away in 2007.

She is survived by her four children - Sam (Tia) Korologos; Marisa (Martin) Magario, Jamie (Chris) Petrogeorge; George (Melinda) Korologos; and, eight grandchildren each of whom she shared special memories - Mike, Melissa, Korene, Tom, Macaull, Elliott, Jack, and Lukas. In honor of her wishes, including the donation of her body to the University of Utah to help educate future medical professionals, there will be a private family memorial and, a 'celebration of her life' on June 13 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm in Ellie's Garden. (Need address? Call 801-560-1375) Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to the charity of your choice.

Special thanks are extended to the staff of Crescent Senior Living and Memory Care for their amazingly kind and loving care provided in Ellie's last few months.

Larry Fife Dahle

1931 – 2024

St George, UT—Lieutenant Colonel USAF Larry Fife Dahle (Ret) passed away in his home in St. George, Utah, surrounded by his loving family on the morning of May 3rd, 2024. He was born on May 16th, 1931 in Weston, Idaho to Joseph Merland Dahle and Maurine Fife Dahle. A celebration of life will be held June 7th from 4-7 PM at the Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive, Holladay UT.

Elwood Leroy Swanson

1935–2024

Henderson, NV—Elwood Swanson (known as Shag) was born to Breta and Orville Swanson on April 22, 1935, in Price, Utah. He was their eldest child and grew up with his siblings: Clinton, Terry and Judy. At an early age, he learned to play the saxophone. Some of his best memories were playing with the Jimmy Dart's band at local events in Price. He loved music, especially the big band sound. Shag joined the Army and served for several years in Germany. Upon his return, he married Connie Cade in 1958. They had three children together: Scott, Steve and Staci. Shag worked days at a service station while pursuing his University of Utah degree at night. He later joined Hercules, holding a variety of positions and, ultimately, retiring as the Human Resources Director. His personality, genuine love of people and ability to identify the right career path for his employees were his greatest strengths. Shag made sure he had time to coach his sons, Scott and Steve, in little league football, a role he relished. In 1974, he met Judie Toone at a Hercules Lagoon Day – it was love at first sight for both of them. They married in 1975 and moved to their home in Sandy with their children: Scott, Steve, Staci, Brad and Steve. Shag and Judie had a getaway at Flaming Gorge where they loved to host family and friends. Shag enjoyed fishing and boating and never missed a chance to do so. Shag and Judie eventually retired to Henderson, Nevada. They enjoyed their new home, friends and lifestyle. Judie served cookies at the Sales Office while Shag drove a limousine for a local helicopter company. He truly enjoyed that job, meeting new people and having coffee every morning at McDonald's with his fellow drivers. One of Shag's greatest loves (besides his wife Judie) was his Utah Utes football team! He enjoyed tailgating before the games with friends and family. Judie travelled to attend the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans to watch the Utes beat Alabama. He never missed a game until it became too difficult physically. He still cheered them on from his house in Henderson! Shag went into one of his kindest and gentle moments on this earth and passed peacefully at home, surrounded by family on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. He will be deeply missed by many – especially his wife, kids and extended family. We love you, Shag.

Elwood is survived by his wife Judie Swanson – his children and their spouses: Scott and Rhonda Swanson, Steve Swanson, Staci and Tony Capuano, Brad Toone and Steve and Cozette Toone – his brothers, sister and their spouses: Clinton and Beverly Swanson, Terry and Vicki Swanson and Judy and Mike Thompson – his grandchildren Brittany Swanson, Sean Swanson, Tyler Swanson, Isabella Capuano, Joey Toone, Chris Toone, Shawntae Toone, Dani Toone and Zac Toone. He is also survived by many great-grandchildren and many great friends.

A celebration of life will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South in Sandy, Utah, on Monday June 10, 2024, at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation in Memory of Elwood (Shag) Swanson.

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Ray Allen "Slim" Dickey

1953-2024

Evanston, Wy—Ray Allen "Slim" Dickey was born May 19, 1953 in American Fork, UT. Slim was a 3 pound premature baby born with a hole in his heart who grew into a mountain of a man. He died May 31, 2024.

Slim was born to Leland Rafell Dickey and Mary June Allphin. He lived in American Fork and Payson, UT growing up with six siblings. He had many adventures as a child especially with his sister Sherryl and learned about working hard from a young age, a value he would carry with him his entire life.

As a young man, Slim married Deena Calhoun. From this union came his daughter Amy Ja (Troy), and his son, Justin Allen (Amy). They later divorced. He then met his wife of 33 years, Patti Malan. He and Patti raised Laddie Tycz, Jr and Tina Jo Tycz. Slim and Patti were partners in life and business until her passing in 2013. Slim met and married his wife Vickie Westberg Hailstone in 2014. He was blessed to have Vickie's love and care, particularly during his final days.

Slim lived in many places during his life. He eventually settled in Evanston, WY and lived the rest of his life at his beloved log cabin home.

Slim was a "man's" man. He could work on and repair any vehicle or piece of equipment, which was always a blessing to his family and friends. He was a driller by trade; working in the oil fields for many years and running his business, SlimTech, drilling water wells all over Wyoming and Utah. Slim was a talented businessman. He invented a new type of drilling that made the work much more efficient and has been used all over the world. He trained and trusted a number of drilling hands & workers and anyone who could cut it with Slim's standards could make it anywhere.

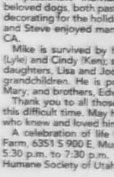
Slim was a great friend and a fun person. He had a talent with words and stories and could spin a yarn with the best of them. He loved a good joke and some of his best times were telling stories of his crazy adventures with his friends and family. He loved fishing, hunting, and camping especially at LaBarge Creek and Alice Lake. Slim loved nothing more than to take his friends and family to a good fishing hole then show them up by catching the most fish. Slim loved his dogs who were his best buddies.

Slim was a man of faith who had a love for the bible and for Jesus. He lived by the words of the bible and will be reuniting with passed loved ones in heaven while waiting for his others to join him.

Slim was preceded in death by his parents and siblings John, Robert Lee, and Merrilee. He is survived by his wife Vickie, his children, numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren, his sisters Connie (Larry) & Sherryl (Lynn) and brothers Del (Edie) & David (Linda). He leaves behind many treasured friends and extended family.

No services are planned at this time.

Goodbye Slim. Hope you're catching all the fish at the best fishing hole.



Michael "Mike" Steven Wasiloff

1951 - 2024

Salt Lake City, UT—Mike Wasiloff, 73, passed away on April 22, 2024, in Palm Springs, CA, after struggling with health issues. He was born on March 1951, in Salt Lake City, UT, to John E. Wasiloff and Geneva P. Cowdell. Mike was a beloved husband, son, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, and a friend to many. He retired from PacifiCorp after working 39 years. Together for 31 years, Mike married the love of his life, Stephen King, on November 3, 2008, and gained four wonderful children.

Mike was known to his loved ones as an energetic and compassionate individual. He cherished his family and his beloved dogs, both past and present. He found joy in gardening, decorating for the holidays, and the camaraderie of friends. Mike and Steve enjoyed many years as "snowbirds" in Palm Springs, CA.

Mike is survived by his spouse, Stephen King; sisters, Linda (Lyle) and Cindy (Ken); sons, Darin (Carrie) and Bryan (Chrissie); daughters, Lisa and Jodie (Brian); and his nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary; and brothers, Edward and John Jr.

Thank you to all those who have supported the family during this difficult time. May his memory live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life honoring Mike will be held at Wheeler Farm, 6351 S 900 E, Murray, UT, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Humane Society of Utah.

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