

Obituary



PARADISE - Richard Dennis Rallison, 64, passed away Sept. 16, 2010, while paragliding. Born Dec. 24, 1945, at Logan Regional Hospital, he was the youngest son of Robert Leo and Lucile Rallison. A longtime resident of Cache Valley, Richard graduated from Logan High School in 1964. Richard went on to earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Utah.

Richard married Ruth Napp on Nov. 26, 1974, and the couple was sealed on June 21, 1977, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. They have three children, Ray, Robert and Regan.

An avid inventor and pioneer in the field of optics, he contributed to projects such as the Hubble Space Telescope, the Subaru Telescope in Hawaii, the optical disc used in bar-code scanners, as well as many other projects involving holography. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Electro-Optical Engineering from Utah State University in 1995 for his accomplishments.

Richard always had an adventurous spirit and could often be found riding his motorcycle around hairpin curves, wind-surfing, or flying whatever aircraft he happened to own at the time. The sound of his various aircrafts was a noise his neighbors had grown accustomed to over the years. His love of adventure, his sense of humor and his generosity will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, sons Ray (Heidi), of Seattle, Wash.; Robert (Tori), Nibley, Utah; and his daughter Regan Saunders (Christian), Logan, Utah; grandchildren, Sherice, Gabriele, Brianna, and Jack Rallison; brothers Robert E. Rallison (Lorraine, Deceased), Marvin (Beth), Salt Lake City; sisters Anna Lu LaPray (Tony), Highland; Mareta, Pittsburg, Penn.; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents, Bernice (Larchide), and Orval Rallison (Vaunda).

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, Sept., 21, at the Allen Hall Mortuary, 34 E. Center St. in Logan from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Paradise 2nd ward chapel on Wednesday Sept. 22, beginning at noon, with a viewing prior from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. Condolences and thoughts may be expressed to the family online at www.allenmortuaries.net.

A few paragraphs is hardly enough to sum up a lifetime of achievements; for more about Richard, visit www.ralcon.com or www.facebook.com/richard.rallison.

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