



Rulon Quincy Gordon

February 6, 1978 - March 24, 2017

Our friend, father, and confidant Rulon Quincy Gordon passed away Friday, March 24th, 2017 at the age of 39 due to heart complications. He was born in Salt Lake City, UT on February 6th, 1978, but will forever be a Buckeye with his heart in Ohio.

Rulon was very lucky to have the friends he did but even more so, we were lucky to have him in our lives. He was so grateful that so many of his friends and family took him in and shared their home with him. He felt that his friends were his brothers and sisters and treated them so. He was always true, caring, and loyal with them. Although he did not do much of this during the closing years of his life, he loved to fish. A couple friends and a night out on strawberry was an ideal night to him.

Rulon was rich with wisdom and personal ideals, he knew how to treat the people around which made him a very popular man progressing through his life. He spent lots of his free time being informed through news radio stations, pod casts such as TED talks, even searching up information if he finds that his knowledge on the subject wasn't attune enough. Rulon and friends would often get in debates for fun; despite any outcome, he was constantly learning and taking away important lessons to shape his understanding of the world around him. Whether you were asking him about: foreign politics, exploration of the endless depths of space or the full roster of the 86' Mets, Rulon knew. It was a privilege to be able to talk to him and listen to his response regarding anything you needed or wanted to know more about, or just to hear a second parties take on the situation.

During this time, Rulon realized how passionate and competitive he was, whether it was boxing, football, or basketball, he wanted to be great at anything he did. He considered himself the MJ of high school sports, not because of his talent but because of his competitive fire and heart. He wanted everyone to try as hard as he did and he did not feel guilty about letting his teammates know. That's why so many respected Rulon, he not only pushed himself to be better, but pushed the others around him to succeed as well.

After High School, Rulon met the love of his life, Hope. His passionate side translated to his love. He said he had never loved someone so much and they were inseparable since. Soon after, Rulon's true meaning of life began when Quincy Ezekiel Gordon came to this world. Quincy was and will always be Rulon's world and his number one. Everything he did was to impress Quincy and Hope, which wasn't difficult because he was their hero and nothing less.

After having a series of different jobs Rulon was hired at Zions Bank in Real Estate Management. He quickly made an impact in all areas and was promoted routinely. He thoroughly enjoyed his work and time spent there but nothing compares to the friendships while established there. Soon after he was asked to join the board of the Sharing Place. As with everything he did in life he became extremely passionate about their mission, so much so that they asked him to be the board President. He loved the Sharing Place and was thankful to be a part of the non-profit and what they stand for.

Rulon loved all his connections and good friends made in the poker world. Like any other hobby or activity he would invest time into, he expected to be great and was. Poker incorporated psychology, some math and that competition he always looked for so it wasn't a surprise when one would find out he excelled at this. He was an amazing player, many said he was one of the top players in Utah. But nothing shined more than the kindness he felt for others, no matter his circumstances Rulon would give anything he had to whomever was in need. His heart was truly pure Gold, and Scarlet and Grey.

He will be missed like no other, he touched lives wherever he went. It was a rare scene to catch Rulon without a little smirk on his face. He made everyone feel good about themselves and could make anyone laugh, not just smile. That was one of his great gifts, understanding others and knowing when they needed to laugh and be comforted. All said how amazing, caring and loyal he was and his legacy will be felt forever.

Friend and family are invited to the viewing on Saturday, April 1st from 9:30am to 11:00am at The Woods on 9th located at 6775 S 900 E, Midvale, UT. Services will begin at 11:00 and the Graveside will be at Salt Lake City Cemetery at 12:30pm. Contributions can be made at [gofundme/rulon](https://gofundme.com/rulon) or the Zions Bank fund set up in his name.

Events

APR **Viewing** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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The Woods on Ninth

6775 S 900 E,, Midvale, UT, US

APR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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APR **Graveside Service** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

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Salt Lake City Cemetery

200 N Street, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84103

Comments



“ It's been awhile since I had seen Ru, but I do know he will be missed. RIP buddy and don't let anyone bluff you out of your pot!

RK - April 03, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ I have known Rulon through poker and fantasy football for many years. He became a very good friend. He brought a great respect for others to any setting. He was never mean-spirited and he was always there to look out for others.

Ru, How much does a soul weigh? In your case, it must weigh a ton because you have such a great spirit.

Dan Obergfell - March 30, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ I am already missing you so much!! Thank you for all the memories, from ridin with the boys after school, to Me and Hope picking you up in the Jag, to dragging you around all night looking at christmas lights, to going night fishing catching crawdads, to settling you and hope's arguments, to welcoming your beautiful Son into the world, to helping plan your wedding, to invading your house everyday for years!!! Ya know I never knew if you got sick of me because no matter what you greeted me with a hug and a smile!! I love you Ru!! Thank you for being the BEST thing to ever happen to MY BEST FRIEND!!!! RIP Ru.. til we meet again!!!

Alanna Aileen - March 30, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ I remember meeting Ru when he and Hope were just friends. My dad used to tell me that he really liked Rulon, he just wished he wasn't so damn quiet! It wasn't until I spent more time around Ru that I realized my dad was obviously joking as Rulon could keep up with the best of us Burketts when it came to having a lot to say! He and my dad would spend hours talking sports - Hope would just roll her eyes at the two of them!

I told Rulon how proud my dad would be of the man and father Rulon became. It meant a lot to him to hear that. I'm sure dad met him at those gates and started arguing about sports teams again - just like old times.

Hope and Quincy - they will both watch over you now. I know how proud my dad was of Hope and Quincy - know how very proud your dad has always been of you.

We are so terribly sorry for the loss of Rulon and know what a terrible loss his passing is for all of us who knew and loved him.

Mary Carlson - March 29, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ It is with great sadness, this news of Rulons death. He was someone that had a huge impact on our business and me personally. When at Zions he trusted JAN-PRO when others counseled him against using a franchise company. I enjoyed the lunches, meetings and golf matches very much. May the Family and close friends find Peace in the coming days. Rulon, may God Bless...love ya man!

Tom Richter - March 29, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ I met Rulon at Chris & Kari's house at Holiday's get together's, and Rulon treated me as if he had known me forever. He was the funnest guy I know and fun to be around. You will be truly Miss..

Marsha A Legg - March 29, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ I met Ru at a poker game that Eslie brought me to - the first home game I ever played, probably over 6 years ago. Ru was a great character and I will never forget that K7 was his favorite hand. It will forever be "The Ru". He was a great guy and will always be a fond memory. I had the pleasure to meet him at Zion's Bank, when I was on a temporary assignment there. I'm sorry that I didn't know that he was sick. So young and such a bright spirit. Please accept my sincere condolences to his family.

Janine Calfo - March 29, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ RULON!! To say I am not saddened by this news is understatement. YOU made my life downtown at Zions so meaningful and when i needed someone to talk to about my personal issues at that time, you were always there!! I will always cherish your memories my friend and miss your laugh always.

God bless your son and family!

Always
Amber Gore-royall

Amber Gore - March 29, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ I am so sad to hear this news it breaks my heart i just remember Hope and Rulon living with my sister and how much fun they were. I love you Hope & Quincy. Rulon will be missed so very much. just know he will always be with you not matter what.

Love ya
Kris

kris - March 29, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ Thanks for being my friend. Im truly sorry for the wrong I did to you and betraying your trust. Im sorry brother. You were always down for me wrong or right. Gave whatever you had or didn't have. I regret not having a sit down with you making my wrong right with you. It hurts me to think I will never have a chance to look you in your eyes and say Im sorry. Rest Easy my guy. I will never forget you long as I live. See you soon brother.

Anthony Brunson - March 29, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ I miss you so much Rulon. Thank you for all the wisdom, many deep conversations about life, and endless laughter you brought in my life and so many others. My love and prayers continue for you and the family. Find peace and love my friend

Julie - March 29, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ Love you brother , have a safe journey . THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MEMORIES !!!!

Hanna - March 29, 2017 at 01:08 PM