



## Steven Lee Richards

February 19, 1954 - February 2, 2015

Steven Lee Richards, age 60, returned to his heavenly home on February 2, 2015 at 8 am. He died suddenly of hypertension leading to heart failure.

Born February 19, 1954, in Salt Lake City, UT to John LaMar Richards and Lynne Pearce Richards, he graduated from Skyline High School in 1972. On October 24, 1972, he married his sweet heart Cathrine Ann Roberts.

He lived his entire life happily in the Salt Lake Valley, UT. He served loyally as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Elder's Quorum president, Counselor in a Bishopric, Primary Worker, Inner-city Missionary, Stake Missionary, High Priest leadership, many years as a Primary teacher and as a Primary Vice-President to his wife, and most recently lovingly taught his Senior Primary boys.

Steve will be remembered throughout the valley by the many clients for whom he worked his magic as a master painter and general contractor. He owned and operated S.L.R. Paint and Decorating, and Cadillac Construction LLC.

He and his wife created their dream home by restoring a beautiful pioneer house in Midvale. They are known by neighbors and friends for their generous sharing of fruits and vegetables from their large garden.

Steve's hobbies included music, singing, gardening, golfing, movies, Halo with the boys, eating ice-cream, Star Trek (the next generation), animals, nature, playing ping-pong and pool with family. He had a child-like wonder and enthusiasm that was contagious. He loved life and his family dearly.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cathrine Ann, children Jason Richards (Cami), April Cook (Justin) of Rochester Hills, MI and Tenille Matos (Eddy) of Falls Church, VA, grand children Shelby, Makenna, Hannah, Andres, Maurielle, Paige, Hollis, Alec and Asher, his mother Lynne Pearce Richards, brothers John (Shauna) Mike (Karrie), Rob, Mark

(Colleen), sisters Debra, Katherine (Dave) and Michelle (Jeff), in-laws Betty Roberts, Cal Roberts, Connie, Clark (Lisa), Carrie (Boyd), Craig (Vanna), Cindy, Curt (Kristina), countless nieces and nephews, and beloved friend and business partner Rob Thomson. Steve was preceded in death by his father John LaMar Richards and his infant brother David.

A viewing will be held Friday, February 6, from 7-9 p.m. and funeral services will occur Saturday morning, 11 a.m. at the Midvale Union Park Stake Bldg, 7699 So. Chad St, Midvale, Ut 84047. There will not be a public viewing on Saturday morning or graveside service following the funeral. A luncheon for family will immediately follow the funeral service.

Steve loved animals, so in lieu of flowers please make a contribution to the Humane Society of Utah.

# Events

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**FEB** **Viewing** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

**6**

Union Park 4th Ward

7699 So. Chad St., Midvale, UT, US, 84047

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

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# Comments

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“ Dear Catherine,

I only heard of Steve's passing today. I am in Israel, perhaps a place where Steve and you would have wanted to be. I will take you now on the rest of this trip and will be with you while in Jerusalem, at the Dead Sea and the many places that are sacred here.

Steve's hand writing is in our house, and probably many houses. But in ours, Steve's soul is embedded. He will never leave. He will always be around us. I am deeply saddened by this loss and my return to Salt Lake and to this house will never be the same again.

If we can do anything for you Catherine, please reach out.

With deep Love for you and your family.

Nanna & Meyer Family  
567 10th Avenue  
SLC 84103

**Nanna Meyer** - March 07, 2015 at 03:41 PM

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“ I first noticed Steven when he became a home teacher for me many years ago. He had an enthusiasm and joy that seemed like his steady state. He assisted me a number of times when he was my home teacher and later when he was in the ward Bishopric. He was only one of two people in the neighborhood who would stop his car and socialize when Sally and I were walking or running. He would always go out of his way to greet me with a big grin whenever we were around area businesses. When I think of some Gospel term for him it would be Faith, Hope and the Love of Christ. He rocked so much as a friend. I could not attend the services due to a hectic work schedule. But both Sally and I have talked a lot about him in the last few days. God bless you Catherine.

Tony Arnason

**Anthony Arnason** - February 10, 2015 at 02:06 PM

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“ My love, prayers and condolences to you, Cathrine, and to your family. May you have an abundance of the spirit to bring you peace and calm your sorrow. You are in my thoughts.

With love,  
Janine Bate

**Janine Bate** - February 08, 2015 at 09:03 AM

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“ Dear Lynne and Family,

We are truly saddened to hear of the passing of your son. We know this is a difficult time for you especially in lieu of the fact that it was unexpected. As we advance in years we better recognize how thin the veil really is and know that we will join him very soon.

We love you and pray for you and your family.

Lynn and Gayle Baxter

**Lynn & Gayle Baxter** - February 06, 2015 at 12:42 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this. Steve was such a happy person and always so interesting. We send our deep feelings and pray for the comfort of our Heavenly Father to be with you and your family. It is a great loss we feel today but know as do you has returned home to the loving arms of his Savior. God be with you at this time. Love Dave and Kallie Dent

**Kallie Dent** - February 05, 2015 at 03:34 PM

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“ Steve was the cousin I spent the most time with. We were born the same year and worked together painting for his dad LaMar. He not only taught me to paint but was a fun co-worker, making the hours working pass quickly. I'll always remember his constant smile and good humor. We laughed and joked much of the time we were working together. I remember taking a trip with him to California the summer before he was married and totally enjoying his company. He will be missed greatly by all of us that loved him and were made better by knowing him - his cousin Richard Young

**Richard Young** - February 05, 2015 at 01:51 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Cathrine and your family.  
Love Cindy and Jayce.



**Cindy** - February 05, 2015 at 11:15 AM

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“ I offer my deepest condolences on the unexpected passing of Steve. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

**Ryan Green** - February 05, 2015 at 09:09 AM

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“ My deepest and most heartfelt condolences I send to you, Catherine, and all the family at Steven's unexpected passing. He must have a great work to do beyond the veil and the Lord must have great faith in you all to carry on without his presence.

**JaNae Beck Lewis** - February 04, 2015 at 11:22 PM

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“ So sorry and saddened to learn of your loss, Cathrine and children (and Aunt Lynne). He was way too young! But we're happy for his reuniting with LaMar--what a pair of loved, great guys. So many mansions to build!

**Maureen** - February 04, 2015 at 08:28 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort and peace sent to Steve's wife Catherine. We're so sorry for your loss!!!!!! -Joanna and the Granite Peaks staff

**Joanna** - February 04, 2015 at 08:07 PM

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“ Our hearts are absolutely broken as we heard of this sad news tonight. Steve was a dear friend and neighbor whom we adored. He had a heart of gold and we loved visiting with him. Our prayers and deepest condolences are with you during this difficult time Catherine and family. We love you and we are so very sorry for you loss.

**Tammie** - February 04, 2015 at 07:41 PM