



# Vaughn Ray Hughes

July 25, 1950 - March 30, 2016

## VAUGHN HUGHES OBITUARY

Vaughn Ray Hughes, 65, passed away March 30, 2016 at the Huntsman Cancer Center in Salt Lake City from complications associated with Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) brain cancer.

Vaughn was born July 25, 1950 at Cottonwood Maternity Hospital in Murray, Utah. He was the youngest of nine children born to Harold William Hughes and Cleone Harris Hughes. Vaughn lived most of his life in Sandy, Utah. In 1998, he bought and lived in the home in which he was raised.

Vaughn graduated from Jordan High School in 1968 and married his high school sweetheart, Letty Gay Green shortly thereafter on August 9, 1968. They had two children. Later divorced. Vaughn then married Glenda Gurr in 1984. He adopted three of her children and they had three more children together. Later divorced. He finally married Anna Shirshova of Nizhniy, Russia in 2004. Later divorced. (We'll give him a mulligan on that one.)

Vaughn served in the U.S. Army Reserve for six years. He graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's of science degree in Mining Engineering and earned his professional engineering license (P.E.). He enjoyed careers in mining, oil, and gas with Utah Power & Light, International Petroleum, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management, from which he retired earlier this year. He also dabbled in various ventures of his own over the years that took him far and wide.

Vaughn was a hard worker who dreamed big. He was an adventurous soul with a lifelong fondness for nature, animals, and travel. His travels included Alaska, Hawaii, Korea, Europe, United Arab Emirates, Russia and his Winkeye Mine in the Sierra mountains of Northern California.

Vaughn was an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was sealed to his parents on February 2, 2016. Vaughn loved all eight of his children and despite many obstacles, not all of his own making, sought to do his best to be a good father through good times and bad. His final and most fervent wish was for them to know how much he loved them.

Vaughn is survived by his eight children: Casey Hughes (Amie); Jamie Hughes Mackintosh (Chris); Jeremiah Hughes (Karalee); Derrick Hughes (Breanne); Brandon Hughes; Dustin Hughes (Lauren); Kimberly Hughes Cline (Matt); Jared Hughes. His grandchildren are Hudson Hughes, Allyson Urry, Presley Ventrello, Maddox Macintosh, Graysen Hughes, Ellie Hughes, Zoey Hughes, Breanne Hughes, Giovanni Jenkins, Madison Jenkins, Rylee Hughes, and Parker Hughes. Vaughn is also survived by brothers, Gary, Bill, Kent, and David Hughes along with his sisters, Janice Reece, Sharon Wixom and Deanne Orgill. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Michael Hughes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, April 8, 2016 at the Winder LDS 7th Ward located at, 4350 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City.

There will be a viewing held one hour prior to services.

Interment will be at Crescent Cemetery 11105 S. State, Sandy, Utah.

The family wishes to extend our deepest thanks to Dr. Howard Colman and his team at the Huntsman Cancer Center for their excellent care and valiant efforts over the past year to extend Vaughn's life and, at its conclusion, along with God, to let him die peacefully without pain, stress, or fear.

# Cemetery

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## Crescent Cemetery

11170 S State St.

Sandy, UT,

# Events

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**APR 8** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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7th Ward

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**APR 8** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Winder 7th Ward

4350 South 1100 East, SLC, UT, US

# Comments

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“ I met Vaughn when I was renting a studio apt. in the house on the corner of B St and 3rd Ave. Vaughn lived in one of the two basement apartments along with roommate Gary Clark. Until just now, I never knew he had been married. He never discussed his private life. The memory I have that I will always appreciate him for is when I became violently ill one day. I ended up in his apartment bathroom (much to Gary's chagrin). Vaughn came home and decided I needed to go to the ER because I could barely walk. To this day, I don't know what made me sick (I've always figured food poisoning), but I had no one in Utah I could call on. I was so very grateful for his kindness and assistance. I've remained so ever since. RIP, Vaughn. I have very good memories of living in that little house.

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“ Vaughn taking pictures at Sharon Wixom's 70th Bday Party

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“ Vaughn taught me to think outside of the box when I was a young adult. His excitement for discovery was always fun to watch. We talked about conspiracy theories and UFOs and it was always entertaining to get his take on things. He was my favorite uncle to talk to, because you could be honest without him judging you. Thanks for all the smiles and love Vaughn! I'll see you on the other side. Love, Natalee (Wixom) Lance

**Natalee Lance** - April 04, 2016 at 05:23 PM