



## Calvin Isaac Rivers

February 22, 1967 - April 8, 2016

Calvin Isaac Rivers, 49, passed away after a valiant battle with esophageal cancer on April 8th, 2016. He was born February 22nd, 1967 in New Zealand to parents Edward and Toatolu Rivers. Calvin was married to his sweetheart Jennifer McCullough Rivers in the LDS Salt Lake Temple on February 1st, 2006 for time and all eternity.

Calvin spent the first eight years of his childhood in New Zealand before moving to Hawaii. He was deeply proud of his Polynesian heritage and its culture. In later years he played for his high school football team, which inspired a lifelong love for the game. He served an honorable LDS mission to the Dominican Republic and returned to begin his career in the field of computer sciences in Salt Lake City, Utah. He truly enjoyed working for DSS Inc. and Informatix and valued the friendships he made there.

Calvin took great pleasure in playing golf with his father-in-law, Craig, going to the movies, and considered himself an enthusiastic fan of both Star Wars and Batman. Nothing gave him greater joy than family, especially time spent with his wife and four daughters. No one was a better cheerleader of their accomplishments, whether it was soccer or dance, and he was the first to RSVP for tea parties or a night out for ice cream. His most fervent wish was for his family's well being and for them to know how deeply he loved all of them.

Calvin is survived by his wife Jennifer and their four daughters, mother Toatolu, siblings: Gilbert, Lena (Paul), Chantel, and David, as well as many beloved extended family members. Calvin was preceded in death by his father Edward.

The family wishes to extend our deepest gratitude for the extensive efforts of Dr. Justin B. Hohl and staff at TOSH Spinal Institute; Dr. Elizabeth Prystas, Kathy Bowers and all other doctors, nurses, and staff at the Huntsman Cancer Center; Jodi Pierce, doctors and staff at the Cascade at Riverwalk; doctors, nurses, staff, and counselors at Silverado Hospice; Peni at Serenity Funeral Home and its staff; family, friends, neighbors, and our ward for your countless acts of service, and all others who have helped our family for many years.

Funeral services will be held at 12 PM on Friday, April 15th, 2016 at the Crescent 12th Ward Meetinghouse, located at 89 East 11000 South, Sandy, UT.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/92ypqu9g> on behalf of Calvin's wife and children.

# Cemetery Details

## Larkin Sunset Lawn

2350 East 1300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 12:00 PM (MT)

Crescent 5th Ward  
1050 E 10600 S  
Sandy, UT 84094

# Tribute Wall



“ *Calvin Isaac Rivers*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the Lord's tender mercies be showered down upon you as we look heavenward at this time. We pray that you may feel the Savior's encircling arms of comfort and in His plan of happiness that will reunite us all in the eternities. All our love the Higgins from Middle Earth...*



**Benita Higgins** - April 15, 2016 at 07:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Calvin Isaac Rivers.*



April 14, 2016 at 12:11 AM

PM

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Paul Mecham - April 13, 2016 at 11:47 PM

PM

“ 32 files added to the album *A few memories*



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Paul Mecham - April 13, 2016 at 10:53 PM

JS

“ Sending you all our heartfelt love and prayers at this difficult time. We will always cherish those early childhood days in NZ and Hawaii as we celebrated various Family events. Jennifer and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers as are Aunty Tolu, Gilbert, Lena, David and their families. It's times like these we wish were much closer. Although we cannot be there in person to share in your grief we love you all and hope to spend time with you as a family again soon. It does give us solace knowing Families can be together forever. Calvin alofa Tele Fa for now. 🎵 God be with you til we meet again 🎵 🙏🏻 Joesph And Anita (Gold Coast Australia) Renee Ailoao Talmage Tallas and Theodore (Brisbane Australia) Alena Ben and Nephi (Perth Australia)

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**Joseph Skippis** - April 13, 2016 at 10:23 PM

JS

Can't believe I did t include Chantel Calvins sister. Forgive me Chantel. A senior moment where I thought I had already. Lol 🙄🙄🙄

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**Joseph Skippis** - April 13, 2016 at 10:26 PM

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Will always remember Calvins laughter and jovial nature at reunion and miss his happy spirit. Will hold on to those memories from younger days.....will always remember his full belly laughter.....and full belly snoring on the patio at datas.....much love xxxx

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**Alena, Ben & Nephi** - April 21, 2016 at 06:54 AM

JH

“ **SERENITY FUNERAL HOME**

VC

*Vickey Clements*

*5 hours ago*

*My love to Jen and the girls,*

*Working with you (Jen) for years, I know how much you wanted,  
simply, a loving*

*Jodey Pierce Hoyle*

*7 minutes ago*

*You are my hero. Your strength has inspired me. Your endless love  
and support. You are an amazing example of what every wife and  
mother should be. So much love and endless friendship to you and  
your girls!*

*Jodey*

*Write a comment...*

*Post*

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**Jodey Pierce Hoyle** - April 13, 2016 at 10:06 PM

VC

“ *My love to Jen and the girls,*

*Working with you (Jen) for years, I know how much you wanted,  
simply, a loving family.*

*God granted you that wish, and has given you beautiful daughters  
to carry on the memory.*

*I pray, with your daughters around you, your heart will heal.*

*Vickey Clements*

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**Vickey Clements** - April 13, 2016 at 04:59 PM

JH

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*Jodey*

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**Jodey Pierce Hoyle** - April 13, 2016 at 09:57 PM

SR

“ *I was fortunate to have had a chance to work with Calvin, and to meet his beautiful wife while she was carrying his youngest daughter. Calvin was one of the people who instantly changed my life and made me want to be a better person. I will never forget him. I wish peace, strength and healing to his family who he loves so much.*

*Stephanie Randolph*

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**Stephanie Randolph** - April 13, 2016 at 03:20 PM

L.t.  
Elliot

“ *Some of the most beautiful memories I have with Calvin happened in small, sporadic moments. We'd be talking about a movie or an event and he would share these little nuggets of wisdom--just his own gentle thoughts--and I would have big epiphanies in my mind. Those words find me just like he gave them to me, in random moments, but when they come, I'm filled with gratitude for the truths he shared with me. I miss you already, Calvin.*

*Love,  
Laura Taggart (and family)*

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**L.t. Elliot** - April 13, 2016 at 12:30 PM