



## Ralph Robert Richey

November 27, 1929 - May 9, 2015

When visiting California, a young Ralph (Bob) Richey met and fell in love with the beautiful blue-eyed girl that became his eternal companion. He loved Rosalie Rae Hughes more than anything on this earth. They were married on September 23, 1949. For the two and a half years he outlived her, he carried her photo in his wallet and loved to show everyone the picture of his "Sweetheart." On Saturday, May 9th, 2015, surrounded by many loved ones, the Lord finally called home his servant Bob to be reunited with his "Sweetheart" and the love of his life. Bob was born November 27, 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri to Frederick William Richey and Grace Lucille Sweeten. Bob always considered Sandy, Utah his home, but he also spent many of his later years in St. George, Utah. Bob found beauty and wonder in the world of his creator. His children remember how often he would look towards the heavens and comment, "Look at those clouds! Wow!" Bob was a great provider for his family. He would work as many jobs as necessary to keep them comfortable and well fed. He possessed a strong work ethic and couldn't stand sitting still when there was something to be done. Bob was an accomplished jazz drummer; using the skills he honed while serving in the US Army Band. Bob loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He served him selflessly for many years and he loved to share the joy that the gospel had brought to his life with others. He served for 11 years in the Jordan River LDS Temple and also served missions for his church in Nuku'alofa Tonga and at various historical sites in St. George, Utah. Bob had a way of making each of

his grandchildren feel special and loved. He regularly wrote them letters; sending words of encouragement, support and scripture. Bob is survived by his 4 children: Ralph Richey Jr. (Leann), Kevin Richey (Kaye), Sue Ann Stringham (Bart), Jeffrey Richey, 17 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, his brothers William Richey and Chuck Richey. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his "Sweetheart" Rosalie Rae Richey and their infant son Ronnie Richey. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 15th at 11:30 a.m. at the Holladay 27th Ward House, 5450 South Holladay Blvd. A viewing will be held prior to the service at the same location from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Sandy City Cemetery located at 700 East and 9000 South.

# Cemetery Details

## Sandy City Cemetery

700 East 9000 South  
Sandy, UT 84094

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Holladay 27th Ward  
5450 South Holladay Blvd  
Holladay, UT 84117

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Holladay 27th Ward  
5450 South Holladay Blvd  
Holladay, UT 84117

## Graveside Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (MT)

Sandy City Cemetery  
700 East 9000 South  
Sandy, UT 84094



# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Robert Richey*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are all so sad to hear of Mr. Richey's passing. Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.*

*Yours truly,  
Sharon Richens, MD & staff  
Richens Eye Center*

Sharon Richens, MD - May 26, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *Uncle Bob was always kind to me. He always called me "skinny".  
(Even when I wasn't!)*

Kristine Birrell - May 15, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ *I just wanted to say how much I loved your parents. They were like another family that I had. I always remember Bob telling me that Valerie was so cute, and wondered how I ever ended up with her. I enjoyed sitting around with your parents at the different ball fields that we played on and just visiting with everyone. You are all very special to Valerie and I. We send our love, and are so grateful for your friendship. We know that they are together again, and therefore we cannot be sad about his passing. We will miss seeing them as you will, but that too is just for a short time. Do you think we could have a Richey's ball team in heaven? Wouldn't that be fun.*

Bill Freston - May 15, 2015 at 08:25 AM

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*Hi Bill, I just had the guts to look at my Dad's obituary and I would like to thank you for your kind words about him, and my family in general. We all had a great time playing ball, and it was good for me especially as it helped keep me out of trouble lol. But as I sit here and read my parents obituaries I do it with a heavy heart, and it makes me so grateful to all of you guys for being a part of our lives, you were truly our friends and I for one appreciate you all. Thanks.*

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**Jeffery Richey** - October 15, 2025 at 03:32 AM