



Rex Powell Wilcox

June 6, 1942 - February 4, 2014

After years of laughter and kindness our loving son, brother, husband, father and papa was received into his heavenly fathers arms on February 4, 2014 in Murray, Utah.

Rex Powell Wilcox was born on January 6, 1942 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Horace and Kaye Wilcox. He was raised in Bountiful, Utah along with his brother, John (Linda) Wilcox and sister, Pam Wilcox. While attending Bountiful High School in addition to being the class clown and talking himself out of trouble he enjoyed participating in drama, musical theatre and singing in the choir. After graduation he attended Weber College but upon the prompting of his professor that indicated he was already so sharp that if he fell over he would stick straight up, Rex entered the world of business. Rex owned several businesses including Espree, Alert Answering Service, Alert Cellular and Target Telecommunications. Throughout his life Rex enjoyed hunting with his family, snowmobiling, and being outdoors. He was an active member of the LDS church where he served in many positions.

In his adulthood he appreciated the relationships he had with his stepparents Jerry (Kaye) Higgs and Marian (Horace) Wilcox and stepsiblings Karen (Jerry) Bringhurst and Chris (Phil) Edmunds.

He married his beautiful wife Susan on August 16, 1976 and was the father to

four children: Amy (Mike) Stack, Jamie, Morgan, Ellen (Austin) Hatch and the loving grandfather (Papa) to Kate and Aidan. Rex was a caring and loving father who dedicated his life to insuring that his family was provided for. He always planned exciting and adventurous vacations for his family. His family could always count on him to be there in times of need and he always seemed to have the right answer. Most importantly he was always there to give you a big hug.

Despite his injuries Rex continued to bring joy and laughter to those around him. Ultimately Rex's injuries proved to be too severe and he passed away surrounded by his wife and children.

As we all know Rex touched the lives of many people and was always ready to tell a joke and make you smile. Rex will be greatly missed. Those who knew him all wish we could hear one more joke and get one more big hug. Who loves you, Dad?

Services will be held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Telford Way Church located at 1834 East Creek Road Sandy, Utah.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Telford Way LDS Church
1834 East Creek Road
Sandy, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Rex Powell Wilcox*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Rex was one of those rare individuals who always remained true to himself...and to his friends. He could always get me to laugh even when I didn't feel like it. By doing so, he lightened difficult situations, which seemed to abound in high school. I trusted him completely and valued his friendship my entire life. My parents adored him and loved his visits, especially if you were with him, Susan. Years might pass between our meetings, but when we were together, there was no awkwardness. Instead it was as if no time had passed. He was truly one of a kind. Knowing there are to be no more encounters saddens me deeply. Now it is very difficult to contemplate where the humor, wit, insight and warmth have gone. Death is such a sudden vaporization of so much. Please know my love and thoughts are with you and your family, Susan.*

Sandra Jensen - March 11, 2014 at 10:13 PM



“ *Sweet Wilcox family !
How sad I was to hear the news from my mom about Rex ! I recall so many times he made me laugh. I recall thinking how "cool" he was when we all sat in his car and he could make a phone call from his " big brick phone" ! (yes ! That was many years ago)
Such a wonderful family you all are and I am so sorry for your loss.
May you all be comforted and feel at peace.*

XO Laura Rallison Gjerding

Laura Gjerding - February 11, 2014 at 06:42 PM

BP

“ Dear Wilcox Family, my partners and I would like to express our condolences for your loss. We met Rex in November of 2013, when we were passing by the home and spoke to him outside, after helping a client in his neighborhood. Rex immediately struck up a conversation, shared a "telephone pole joke" and really brightened our day with his unique humor, positive attitude and his willingness to make some new friends. We stopped by on two other occasions and really looked forward to talking with him each time. We are thankful for the brief time we knew him and we continue to talk about him. He made that type of impression on us.

Sincerely, Barry Pritchett, Casey Trujillo and Lorena Trujillo

Barry Pritchett - February 11, 2014 at 10:38 AM

KW

“ Wilcox family I am sadden to hear of the passing of Rex, I enjoyed him not just by seeing him at church but for working for him at Alert, he was always quick to pay a compliment and make a joke that would either make you laugh or turn red. I am sorry for your lose. Sincerely Kimberly (Rueckert) Walters

Kimberly J Walters - February 10, 2014 at 12:08 PM

TF

“ Rex would always see to it that we talk about cars when we saw each other. If I was outside working on the Mustang and he drove by, he would hit the brakes and back up to chat. I'll never forget that he insisted that we race (jokingly) every time we meet, but we never did. From that purple Bronco to the Thunderbird, Rex had a passion for unique vehicles like I did. He had a great knack to include everyone in any conversation. Thanks for the memories.

Todd Morgan and family - February 10, 2014 at 12:02 PM

MM

“ Dear Wilcox Family, So Sorry to hear of his passing! I will think of him whenever I look at my kitchen counter and how he made us laugh! Marianne and Gordon McGrath

Marianne McGrath - February 10, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Rex Powell Wilcox.



February 10, 2014 at 06:16 AM

DH

“ Dear Susan and family-
We love you all, and are ever thankful for REXY being a cousin that was able to make so many including me smile and see a lighter side of life.
Love,
Dawne Hole and children

Dawne Hole - February 09, 2014 at 11:16 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about Rex! He was a great neighbor and friend. I will always remember him and the laughs we had. We will all see him soon.
Jo Casper

Jo Casper - February 09, 2014 at 07:15 PM

JG

“ At a time when America was preparing to go to the moon and the Beatles were changing the way people dressed and behaved, Rex and I spent the next few years after high school exploring our own ways of challenging and tweaking rules that surrounded us, mostly locally but extending a couple of times into California.

“Beau temps,” . . . I say!

I also say I am saddened to hear of his passing.

“Beau temps,” my friend, “beau temps” . . . !

John Gill

John Gill - February 09, 2014 at 05:28 PM

JM

“ Renee' and I first met REXY poo while they both worked at Ziniks sporting goods at the cottonwood mall. Didn't see him again until he and sweet Susan moved into our ward. We hit off like gang busters. Love that man and his sweetheart and awesome family. Had so much fun at lunches double dates, church activities and many more fun times at the girls soccer games and tournaments. It was all a real blast.. Always concerned about everyone else. Great buddy. My heart is broken again, but I know we will all see him again and start where we left off. Oh and REXY was a total joy on the golf course.

Our love to Susan and family

The Moore gang.

Jim ,Chris & Monica, Jenni & Dave, Heather and Brett, Aimee' & Bob, Tamie & Jared

XOXO

Jim Moore - February 09, 2014 at 04:50 PM

RL

“ My wife Renee and I became close friends with Rex and Susan when Rex invited us to join a monthly Temple assignment that they had. Because of that, I often referred to Rex as my son Olaf! Rex always had a genuine love and concern for his fellow man, a quick smile and a funny story. Heaven will be a little brighter with Rex's presence.

Rob Longacre - February 09, 2014 at 11:32 AM

NY

“ When ever Rex would come in to see us he always would make it a point to let you know how important you were. He always had a smile even when he was not feeling well or had a tuff day, I remember him talking to strangers and telling them that he always had time to let someone know how important they were, that is and was the truth he always talked of his family and the love he had for them and how proud he was of them. Rex will be greatly missed by all those who's lives he touched. Our thoughts and prays go out to his family and friends. Gods speed my friend Gods speed.

Nyla - February 08, 2014 at 07:35 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jamie - February 08, 2014 at 05:09 PM

RC

“ Rex and I were good Friends in school, Bountiful High, Weber State, Cole Esq., Sporting Goods Store where I bought my Graduation Gift from "Sex Rexie" . Helped him get a job with Bountiful City Water Dept where he cut the end of his finger OFF. He bought a New Car because he could make the payment on he Plymouth. Just a great person to be around.

Rulon Cushing

Rulon Cushing - February 08, 2014 at 04:27 PM

 Jill
McAree

“ I love my Wilcox family more than I could ever adequately express in words. I have shared more laughter and good times, made more memories, and learned what true friendship really means with them. Rex had a way of making you feel like the most special, most beautiful, most loved person in the room. I don't ever remember seeing him that he didn't give me a bear hug and tell me he loved me. I never left him without having a good laugh and genuine smile. I think the proof of what a neat man Rex is can be found by looking at the people he loved and influenced the most. Amy, Jamie, Morgan, Ellen, and Susan, you are some of the best people I have ever known. Rex, your love of life and of the people around you will always be an example to me. I know this, for sure: Because I knew you, I have been changed for good. I love you. Now go see those ducks. <3

Jill McAree - February 08, 2014 at 03:02 PM

JH

“ Rex and Susan moved into our little neighborhood, Brady Creek Circle, just after we did in the latter part of 1978. For years we enjoyed one another, and our kids grew up together and shared good times. We loved Rex, he was such a great guy, and always had a joke or story to tell. I don't know how many of them were true, but hey, they always brought a smile to our faces. We went fishing a couple of times to the Uintas, and shared other memories together as we worked side by side in our yards over the years, and as we grew older. Both our families moved away in later years, Rex and Susan just a few blocks away, but we finally settled in Draper. It is with great sadness that we see Rex pass on to the next life. Knowing that we will all join him someday, we can but remember the joy that he brought all of us whose lives he touched. There are not many like him, and that is what made him "special".
Jack & Pam Hart

Jack & Pam Hart - February 08, 2014 at 02:17 PM

TC

“ I think everyone likes to be around people who are upbeat and always smiling. That is the way I remember Rex. He was one of the first people to welcome me to Bountiful when I moved there in seventh grade. We walked home from school through the years, joked about everything and played some tricks on our history teacher. He was a dear friend to everyone. He told me how lucky he was to marry Susan, and I got to know her when we all volunteered at the Sandy Amphitheater. My love and sympathy to his family. I'm sure Rex is lighting up Heaven with his jokes and good humor!
Tyra Bingham Clayton

Tyra Clayton - February 08, 2014 at 01:48 PM