

## Richard Lyon Daly

April 13, 1940 - July 4, 2023

Dr. Richard Lyon Daly, born April 13, 1940 in New York City to Richard Francis Daly and Lois Constance Lyon, sadly passed away July 4, 2023 in Salt Lake City. Richard is survived by his brothers, Robert from Florida, David (Lynn) from California, and his sister, Alyce Brannan (Frank) , from Salt Lake City, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard, or Dixie as we called him, was passionate about learning. He amassed a collection of books that threatened to push him out of house and home. Richard earned a Ph.D in Anthropology Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Utah, and studied this and archeology his entire life. He participated in archeological excavations of the Petra site in Jordan, the excavation of the Nauvoo Temple to digs in the Middle East, his primary interest of study. Richard taught classes at Salt Lake Community College and the University of Utah. Some of his former students say he was an interesting and brilliant instructor, always willing to take extra time to discuss subject matter after class.

He enjoyed talking with us about his young adult life, telling us about spending the evening with Jimi Hendrix at his apartment after meeting him after a concert. The two made an immediate connection. It was one of his favorite stories. In his last years, he spent much of his social time at the 10th East Senior Center where he connected with old friends and made plenty of new ones. Continuing his teaching, he taught classes at the senior center in Archeology and Astrology. He would buy Pizza for everyone on his birthday every year. Our family is very grateful for the services provided by our senior centers and the connections they provided Richard in his senior years.

We remember Richard as someone who thrived on research and delighted in giving his young nieces and nephews books at family functions. He would talk to them about his research projects, giving them high quality and age-appropriate material for them to read. We will miss his brilliant intellect, his willingness to share his work, and the example of excellence in education he instilled in our young family members. He was an original-

indeed.

Rest in Peace, Dixie.

# Tribute Wall

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Alyce Brannan - January 06, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ I miss you my dear friend. I shall never forget you and your kindness.

Sandra Assasnik - December 11, 2023 at 11:36 AM



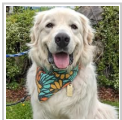
“ Richard Lyon Daly

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



*I just learned of my dear friend's passing. I studied with him at the U of U. Richard was a genius and a sweetheart.*

Sandra Assasnik - December 11, 2023 at 02:56 AM



*Sorry about the previous tribute, I was doing it from my cell phone. I absolutely loved Richard. He was my idol. What you may also not know is that Richard put himself through school as a university janitor. A job that he did diligently and honorably. He was so freaking humble. This man was a freaking genius. I loved it when he came to my parties. His drink to share was a heavily spiked form of eggnog that was homemade! It made everyone happy. He would relate to me his stories of his earlier days. He was even a migrant farmworker in California. He told me about that as well as about hanging out with Jimmy Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. Richard was one of a kind. He was a kind hearted man. He also was a freaking genius. It made it difficult for some people to relate to him, but if one listened, he was always available to share. Richard shared very bit of the Hyksos kings history and how it related to the Shah-nameh and Judaism going back to Moses! He also got me turned on to dendrochronology, volcanism, and dating events in history. I love you Richard. Thank you for touching my life. I will remember your smile, your sweet wrinkles, and your hoodies. I often gave you car rides (but never enough). You are my friend--endlessly and eternally. XXXOOO Sandra*

Sandra Assasnik - December 11, 2023 at 03:11 AM

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*Thank you Sandra for your kindness to Richard and your post about him. That eggnog was our grandmother's recipe and he would make it for Christmas at my house, but with so much rye whisky... and yes, his Hyksos histories were eternal and dear to his heart. He graced his great nephews with a treasure of children's books we will pass on. We miss him.*

Alyce Brannan - January 06, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Richard supported the University of Utah Chess Club for many years and will be missed.*

Weston Gross - September 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Richard was part of my family for 50+ years and I will always remember him with fondness and appreciation for his great intellect. He truly was one of a kind in so many ways. I know he has a special place in the hearts of his sister, Alyce, and brothers, David and Robert.*

LaDene Larsen - July 17, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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“ *Richard was a character of sorts, highly intelligent but had a lot of trouble getting the hang of the iPhone. With much ado, he finally got it. He loved the holidays, Christmas, Thanksgiving, the 4th of July...I am not sure if it was the food or the ritual or the chance to have a lot of people who hadn't heard his latest theories sit and be blessed with what for most was hard to grasp. There were at times glimmers of understanding that did make sense and those who appreciated their astrological readings. His enthusiasm for knowledge cannot be denied and anyone who knew him had to have found a place in their heart for that energy that was Dixie.*



Alyce Brannan - July 17, 2023 at 06:47 PM

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*I have long admired and respected my Uncle Dixie for his enthusiasm to research and dedication to education. Every conversation with him was a joy and I learned something every time we spoke. I will miss him greatly and always keep his memory alive.  
R.I.P. Uncle Dixie.*

Thomas Daly - July 17, 2023 at 09:52 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - July 17, 2023 at 01:11 PM