

## Richard Earl Dority

July 9, 1937 - May 31, 2016

I was born on July 9th, 1937 in Salt Lake City at my home in the avenues to Milton Henry and Eleanor Porter Dority. I attended school at Lowell, Bryant Jr High, West High and the University of Utah. I served a mission to New Zealand (1957-60). In 1960 I was drafted into the Army for 2 years and served at Ft Lewis, WA in the 4th Division, 22nd Infantry.

On Nov 27th, 1961 I was sealed to my sweetheart, Idonna Gwen Richards, in the Salt Lake Temple. We lived in Kearns, Utah for 35 years where we raised our 3 sons, 1 dog and several cats. I have served in many callings in the LDS Church including Bishop, Stake Presidency and Ordinance Worker in the Jordan Rivers and Oquirrh Mtn Temples.

I would like to give my sincerest thanks to: Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost; Idonna and my family; Milt and Eleanor and their families; Alice and Charlie Oliver and their family; The Richards Family; A great bunch of cousins; The North 20th Ward youth leaders and youth, namely Bishops John K Fetzer, Charles J Ross, Seymour K Liechty, good friend Clarence M Wilson Jr and others; The people of New Zealand, Kearns, and Glenmoor; Marvelous, inspired church leaders over the years; The LDS Church Family History program, the indexers and all who put family history on the internet; The Teamsters Union and Teamster friends; Dr Scott Samuelson and the staff of the Utah Cancer Specialists; Sheryl Dority, my favorite R.N.

I was preceded in death by my parents, grandson Jonathan Richard, brothers Keith, Melvin, Monroe (died Dec 7th, 1941 on the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor), Robert, Milton Jr, and Allen. Sisters Ella, Elsie, Mary, Alice, Mildred and Beth.

I am survived by my wife Idonna, sons Rick (Sheryl), Jeff (Mary) and Robert (Rebecca). Grandchildren Ben, Zach, Erin Batty (Quin), Braedon, Ian, Laura and Connor. Sister Carol (Dale) Roberts,

I didn't like anyone sending me flowers when I was with you and I still feel the same way. So in lieu of flowers, please take a friend to lunch or make a donation to The Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Glenmoor 5th Ward Building, 4881 Cindy Lane, South Jordan, UT. A viewing will take place preceding the funeral from 9:30 to 10:30 am and also the night before, Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the same church building.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Glenmoor 5th Ward  
4881 Cindy Lane  
South Jordan, UT 84095

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JUN 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ I thought to look up my father's name on the internet to see what all came up. He passed December 6, 2012 & was born Sept 1, 1928. I think of him often. When I entered his name, Richard Earl Dority, this Richard Earl Dority came up. I've always considered this spelling of the O'Dochertaigh line( may have misspelled this) to be rare & am wondering if my Richard Earl Dority & your Richard Earl Dority are related. I'd be interested in talking to someone in your family that I could compare past relatives with.

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**Julia Dority Weeks** - February 29, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *Richard Earl Dority*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dick was my Priest Quorum Advisor in the Kearns 6th Ward. He helped instill in me a desire to serve the Lord and have fun doing it. He was a great influence on me to serve a mission. I enjoyed his sense of humor and I still smile when I think of him. I always wanted to be a good example to the youth of the church just like he was to me. We will all miss him but look forward to seeing him again someday. May the Lord's choicest blessing be with Idonna and family.*

*Ted Stromness*

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**Ted Stromness** - June 05, 2016 at 08:22 PM

DB

“ Sorry to here the lost of Bishop Dority, He was a great friend. May god be with you at this time. Douglas and Nancy Baney / Fred & Kay Baney.

Douglas Baney - June 05, 2016 at 04:25 PM

BO

“ Dick was always ready with his quick wit and humor. He will be missed. Our thoughts to Rick, Sheryl and Family. Having just recently been through this with my mom and Robbins dad we understand how bittersweet this is.

Love Boyd and Robbin Woolsey

Boyd - June 03, 2016 at 08:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Earl Dority.



June 02, 2016 at 11:29 PM

HS

“ Two years ago I met Brother Dority when he came to my family history class which I taught in our ward. He probably knew more about family history than I did considering he'd done it for many years. But he'd say to me, "I love dead people!" He told me that just about every time he came to class and he sat quietly and listened to what I had to say. Then one day he came to class and raised his hand. He said, "I don't love dead people anymore." We were all confused until he explained, "I've always called them dead people, but I then I realized that they are not dead people...they are very much alive people...they are just on the other side!"  
It was wonderful to get to know Dick Dority and I know he is very much alive on the other side doing what he loves!  
We pray for peace and comfort to each of you his family during this time.  
With Love, Steve and Holly Schultz

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**Holly Schultz** - June 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SJ

“ Love, love, love Dick Dority! We miss him so much already! He and Idonna are part of the reason we moved to this neighborhood, and how lucky to get the house right across the street! We've had a lot of fun and share some great memories with the Dority family! Some of my favorite memories of Dick are... sharing a dog (Moki - the best dog he never owned), snow blowing in the lime green hoodie, yelling at/to me from his porch whenever I was in the yard, the "shout outs" at Smiths, coupon collecting and sharing for all the great deals, fireworks in the street every July, milkshakes, occasional Sunday dinners when the kids were young, being invited to watch Elf and Mr. Bean, helping me get rid of dead mice and birds (yuck!), being interested in my kids and their grades/activities, calling from his vacations to tell us what he was doing, and sitting on the porch and chatting, The neighborhood just isn't going to be the same without Dick Dority! What a great man!

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**Shauna Jensen** - June 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM



JoAnna Shiflett

*A kind and beautiful man, a wonderful neighbor. Always happy and warm. My heart is heavy. Sending love and light!*

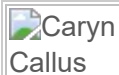
JoAnna Shiflett - June 03, 2016 at 12:22 AM

DF

“ Dan & Sandy Ferraro, and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Earl Dority.



Dan & Sandy Ferraro, and family - June 02, 2016 at 05:08 PM



Caryn Callus

“ *The neighborhood certainly isn't the same without Dick's smiling face sitting on his front porch greeting everyone as they pass by. We are going to miss eating popsicles or chocolate bars on that porch with him in the hot summer. I'm going to miss the cart inspection at the grocery store to make sure I have all the coupons I need (still on the fence about the loud shout outs). We'll miss our "greetings from Zzyzx road" phone call when he and Idonna were out of town. Dick was a wonderful man that went out of his way to make you feel important. We are lucky to have been his neighbors and friends.*

Caryn Callus - June 02, 2016 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ *The Hugh and Gladys Snyder Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Richard Earl Dority.*



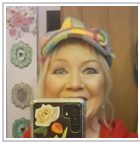
The Hugh and Gladys Snyder Family - June 01, 2016 at 03:14 PM

PR

“ I am so sad that Uncle Dick has left us. I didn't know he was ill until recently and I wish I would have seen him so he could tell me one more time how great the Teamsters were! I loved the fact we had organized labor in common and he would share his stories with me. To Aunt Idonna and the rest of the family, he was a great man and he will be missed. Love you all. *Patty Richards Rich and the kids.*

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**Patty Rich** - June 01, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ To Aunt Idonna, and my cousins Rick, Jeff and Bobby. Dick was so very nice to me..I have always thought the world of him ..and I'm sure he's having one neck of a reunion with his parents and siblings. My love and prayers are with you at this difficult time. *Lawna Richards Gibson*

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**Lawna Gibson** - June 01, 2016 at 02:22 PM

 Traci  
Smith

“ Dick was a great man that was loved by so many. He touched my heart and my life. I'm grateful for the impact he made in my life as well as my family. He will surely be missed.

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**Traci Smith** - June 01, 2016 at 11:59 AM

RM

“ Please accept our condolences from the McCabe family. We have many fond memories of Richard. I invited Richard to my military retirement ceremony. I introduced my many guests, including the current and former military members. I included their rank when I introduced them. When I came to Richard, I said I could not remember his rank. He shouted, "General!" There was an audible gasp in the audience that I had forgotten he was a General as there were two Generals and a Rear Admiral in attendance. Of course, he was not a General, but in my eyes, he is a General. Thank you Richard for your example and friendship. May our Heavenly Father's most choice blessings be upon you and upon your family.  
Ron and Rebecca McCabe

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**Ron McCabe** - June 01, 2016 at 09:30 AM

BB

“ My life is richer because you made it so. Thank you for teaching me "Wolverton Mountain", Thank you for teaching me to be a friend to all.

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**Bruce Butcher** - June 01, 2016 at 08:15 AM

RR

“ Our life was blessed by knowing this good friend and neighbor and mentor. We will miss him. We always looked at his porch to see if he was there so we could chat with him. Our grandkids called him candyman. They will miss him also. We love Idonna. They were both a great example to all our ward members. So glad that we will be neighbors at the cemetery. Love Ralph And Gwen Rawlings.

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**Ralph & Gwen Rawlings** - May 31, 2016 at 11:03 PM



Tawnee Knighton

“ *Sending our dearest thoughts and condolences to the Dick Dority family - he was truly a good man. May you find comfort and peace*  
*Tawnee Knighton Graywolf* ”

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**Tawnee Knighton** - May 31, 2016 at 09:34 PM

TM

“ *Thomas C. Moore purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Earl Dority.* ”



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**Thomas C. Moore** - May 31, 2016 at 09:05 PM

MJ

“ *Today our very dear Friend passed from this world to the next, their is no question in our mind, that Dick is setting with his savior at this very moment. Mike and I loved him as a brother, he will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May you rest in peace dear friend. The angles will take care of Idonna and your family..* ”

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**Mike and Marie Johnson** - May 31, 2016 at 05:09 PM

BO

*Tricky Dicky was always my favorite uncle. He was so very good to my mother. I remember snipe hunting with him. I remember bonfires in Bountiful. He was good friends with my parents not just family but good friends. I remember he came out to our house one time when I was younger I sluffed school that day he had his car out there I went out and burned my thumb on his cigarette lighter i didn't know what a cigarette lighter in a car was I was just experimenting and i burnt circles all over my thumb. We always got a good laugh out of his germophobia. I remember weird Christmas gifts that he would give to our family. he and I used to hate each other about him being a Teamster and me being an attorney I would tell him teamster truck driver jokes and he would tell me lawyer jokes. he was just always a wonderful man a great-uncle and there is no doubt in my mind that he is at peace with the savior now. he really loved my wife LeeAnn and was always commenting about how beautiful she was. we both love you Richard thank you for being the man that you were.*

**Bruce Oliver** - May 31, 2016 at 07:48 PM

SH

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**Serenity Funeral Home** - May 31, 2016 at 03:16 PM

CR

*This is the brother I grew up with. We had many long years of friendship and teasing one another, but I knew all along we loved each other. I am so blessed to have him with me throughout my life. I am so excited that he has finally graduated from his calling in this life. I love him very much and I will miss him, but I know we will be together again*

**Carol Roberts** - May 31, 2016 at 04:41 PM

MA

*What a wonderful man! I loved this man and all the teasing that he dished out. He was a man with a giant heart and a love for people and the gospel. He will be dearly missed. Another great man, that will join all the other fabulous men that left this Earth before him, to carry on with the Lord's work.*

*Love, Marguerite (Greenland) Thacker*

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**Marguerite** - June 02, 2016 at 03:13 PM