



## Richard Brown Horsley

September 27, 1931 - December 11, 2018

Richard Brown Horsley, 87, beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather passed away on December 11, 2018 at Beehive Homes of American Fork. He was born to Rulon and Patricia Horsley on September 27, 1931, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He met Shirley Snow in Cambridge, MA while he was there studying for a semester. They married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 9, 1958 and settled in Provo, UT to raise their family.

In his early years, Richard enjoyed playing basketball and tennis for East High School. He played basketball at the University of Utah as a freshman in college. He then served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Eastern States Mission, primarily serving in Kentucky and Tennessee. After his mission, he attended Brigham Young University and played basketball in 1953-54 under Stan Watts. He was listed on the roster as 6'7", 185, and he played center with jersey #17. He graduated from Brigham Young University and moved to Santa Monica, CA where he received his masters degree at UCLA. Richard and Shirley spent their first years of marriage as English teachers in American Samoa. There they adopted two Samoan children: Steven Todd Horsley and Teresa Lynn Horsley (deceased).

Moving back to Utah, Richard and Shirley grew their family to 6 children, 3 Boys and 3 Girls. Richard was engaged in many business ventures namely Alpinhaus, a ski shop, Genealogical Research, and finally Pioneer Book. He

served in the Provo Grandview 18th ward in many capacities, including Bishop. He was a temple worker in the Provo, Utah temple for over 30 years. Richard's passion was family history and he loved to research the Pioneers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His Legacy is Pioneer Book, which operates today on downtown Center Street in Provo. There he could be found taking time to talk to customers about their family heritage and providing valuable insight into their genealogy. His great love of books served him his whole life and connecting people to books was pure enjoyment for him.

He is survived by his children, Todd (Sarah), Michelle, Raelene (Randy), and Rick (Emily). He has 15 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley Snow Horsley (2011), his daughter Teresa (2013), and his son Matthew (1989).

A viewing will be held at the Grandview 7th Ward, 1120 North 850 West in Provo, Tuesday December 18th from 10 am-11 am just prior to the funeral service which will begin at 11am. Interment will be at East Lawn Memorial Hills directly following the service.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Elevation Hospice, Aspen Senior Care, and BeeHive Homes for their care and support. Flowers can be sent to the Grandview 7th Ward on Tuesday morning. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the church Missionary and Perpetual Education funds.

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

# Cemetery Details

## East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 East Lawn Drive  
Provo, UT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Grandview 7th Ward  
1120 North 850 West  
Provo, UT 64604

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Grandview 7th Ward  
1120 North 850 West  
Provo, UT 64604

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ He was a great mentor to me and I love him. What a wonderful big brother.

See you on the other side Dick

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**John Horsley. brother** - June 26, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Richard Brown Horsley

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

DP

“ Dear Horsley Family,  
It is with deep sadness that I came across the obituary of Richard. He has been my friend since the 70's or early 80's. I even worked for him back then organizing books authored by people who were member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Richard was a good man and blessed my life much with his love of books! I have lots of books from Pioneer Books. Many that he found for me that I treasure! I have nothing but fond memories of him. May the Lord comfort all of you at this time.

With love,

Don W. Pectol

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**Don W. Pectol** - December 29, 2018 at 04:57 PM

CL

“ He was such a kind man, with so much enthusiasm for so many things. Pioneer Book is a part of Provo all because of his endurance. I'm sure he is thrilled to see your mom again. Better adventures await them

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**Colleen Lee** - December 23, 2018 at 08:50 PM

BB

“ Todd & family,

We were so sad to hear about the passing of your father. We hope at this time you and your family will feel peace and comfort sharing wonderful memories of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

*Mark and Bonnie Bowden*



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**Bonnie Bowden** - December 18, 2018 at 01:18 PM

SE

“ Bro. Horsely was always a joy to visit with at Pioneer Books. Even when we had different opinions, he was always a gentleman, full of respect and integrity. He knew the right books for every topic, especially relative to the gospel. It was a great honor to know and learn from him.

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**Stephen Escobedo** - December 18, 2018 at 11:40 AM

DD

“ Richard was a gem of a fellow. Always a gentleman, with a kind word, and so much enthusiasm and excitement for the gospel, and genealogy. I'm honored to have known him.

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**David Dye** - December 18, 2018 at 01:53 AM

FS

“ I've known Richard since the days of the store on Columbia Lane! He was ever the helpful, interested and intrigued professional, and made me feel like a good friend rather than merely a customer. We had many delightful, often dusty, book searches and chats regarding my target areas of Elizabethan history, family history, church history, editing, and writing. I will treasure all those memories and celebrate his expertise, enthusiasm and good heart! He is most sincerely missed! -- Dr. Frances Anne Smeath, Springville, Utah

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**FRANCES SMEATH** - December 17, 2018 at 02:08 PM

JC

“ JR. Colledge lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown Horsley



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**JR. Colledge** - December 17, 2018 at 09:22 AM

SH

“ To build my personal library, I visited all the used book stores in Utah county in the mid 1980's while in Utah for college, and discovered Richard and his passion. He has been my go to guy ever since, always stopping in on trips to Utah for a chat and a box of books. He was the best, always generous with his time and knowledge. I am glad to see that what he built is persisting, and that the culture at the store is still a reflection of it's founders values. I hope the 3rd generation of patrons from my family will get as much out of it as the first two have. Thank you Richard!  
Steve Hull, Virginia

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**Steve Hull** - December 15, 2018 at 07:14 PM

SG

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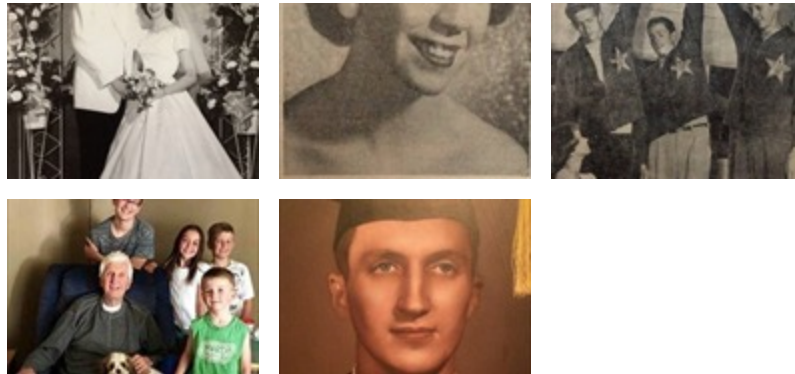


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**Scott Glenn** - December 15, 2018 at 02:29 PM

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“ 14 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - December 14, 2018 at 12:46 PM