



## Richard Bird Peirce

July 21, 1941 - February 27, 2018

Richard Bird Peirce, 76, first child of Gordon B. and Naomi Louise Bird Peirce, passed away February 27, 2018, of complications from a heart attack. He grew up in Springville, Utah and attended school there. After spending one year at Utah State University, he served an LDS mission in the Western States Mission. Upon his return he enrolled at BYU. On May 6, 1966, he married the love of his life, Mary Kay Lawrence, in the Manti LDS Temple. Together they became the parents of five absolutely wonderful children, who, in turn, gave them fifteen(almost sixteen) incredible grandchildren. Rick spent his life working in men's retail, twice owning his own businesses. He didn't retire until the age of seventy-five. He loved his Heavenly Father and his Savior Jesus Christ and had a firm testimony of them. He knew the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was true and because of this, he served faithfully in many positions in the church, among them MTC Branch President, Bishop, High Councilor and others. He also served a second mission with his wife in Columbus , Ohio, from 2013-2014 and was presently serving as an ordinance worker in the Provo Temple. He is pre-deceased by his parents and is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, and children: Tawni and Jeff Porcaro, Brandon and Camille Peirce, Rhett and Jenteal Peirce, Devin and Tina Peirce, and Tiffani and Jeffrey Ford. His beautiful grandchildren are Cameron and Blythe, Skyler, Jordan and Morgan, Hayden, Hayley, Lauren, Brooklyn, Lexi , Marissa, Chandler, Jocelyn, Ava, Brynn, Chase and Ty. He is also survived by his sisters Linda Smuin and Karen Davis and his brother Don Peirce. Many

brothers and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and one aunt and uncle survive him, as well.

Funeral services will be held Monday March 5, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Canyon View Stake Center 575 East 800 North Orem, Utah. There will be a viewing Sunday March 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again in Monday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 at the same address. Our deepest gratitude goes out the staff and doctors at UVRMC Cardiac ICU for their efforts to save our sweet husband and father.

# Cemetery Details

## Orem City Cemetery

1520 N 800 E  
Orem, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Canyon View Stake Center  
575 E 800 N  
Orem, UT

## Viewing

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Canyon View Stake Center  
575 E 800 N  
Orem, UT

## Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

Canyon View Stake Center  
575 E 800 N  
Orem, UT



# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Bird Peirce*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *In this life there are few men who reach the level of Christlike love that Rick Peirce did. He blessed the lives of so many with his gentle ways and firm testimony of the Savior. May those who knew him rejoice in the great opportunity that was theirs, and carry his memory and his testimony with them, to bless the lives of others.*

**Cindee Stoker Nielsen** - March 02, 2018 at 08:42 AM



*Terry and Rick were good friends and shared the gospel. What a blessing. Thanks Mary Kay for being there always for family, friends and for Rick. Love you*

**Pat Tucker** - March 02, 2018 at 11:12 AM



*I am so grateful for my wonderful enduring friendship with Rick and Mary Kay for 37 years. They took me under their wings at a very challenging time in life when I moved from North Carolina with my two teenage sons. I will cherish the wonderful memories of this good man who exemplified the love of Jesus Christ.*

*Oh, how much we love you all and will miss Rick's extraordinary gift of making one feel loved and accepted. He had (has) so much light that lifted us all.*

*Sending love and prayers of comfort to Mary Kay and her beautiful family. My husband and I want so much to be the wind beneath your wings during the difficult days ahead.*

*Vivian Zabriskie*

**Vivian Zabriskie** - March 02, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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*I am so thankful to know such a wonderful man. Mary Kay you were a wonderful woman who I felt it a honor to know the both of you. in Chochton , Ohio Branch. you both touch so many lives & I grew to love you both as a brother & sister in Christ. GOD BE WITH YOU LOVE,*

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**WANDA RUSH** - March 03, 2018 at 04:46 AM

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“ *Very thankful for his service as a missionary in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints many years ago, for teaching my mother Colene Goodrich Wells. He blessed our family with the gospel, thankful my mother listened to his message. Bless him and his family. Andra Wells Stradling*

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**Anra Stradling** - March 02, 2018 at 07:29 AM