



Richard William Wagstaff

February 14, 1946 - February 22, 2024

Richard Wagstaff Funeral

You can click the link below to join the Funeral on Friday, March 1st, 2024 at 12:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93644267059>

Richard William Wagstaff, beloved father, Papa, brother, friend and neighbor passed away peacefully on February 22, 2024 in his home surrounded by family, friends and so much love. He was 78 years old. Richard was born February 14, 1946 in Salt Lake City to Lena (Morley) and Dillworth Wagstaff. He was the third of 7 children. Richard loved and honored his mother, who for many years raised the family on her own. The Wagstaff siblings used humor, lots of laughter and love to get through some hard times. Family folklore and family jokes from those early years were repeated (over and over and over again) up until the last hours of Richard's life and always brought smiles and lots of laughter to Richard and anyone who knew.

Growing up in the time and place that he did Richard learned early on the profound importance of the second great commandment "love your neighbor." Richard experienced how vital it was to have true friends and in turn he learned the joy and responsibility that came with being a quality friend and neighbor. Anyone fortunate to have been a friend or neighbor of Richard can attest to the fact that loving and serving his neighbors and friends was a

hallmark of his life. In his younger years and in High School he was active in football and wrestling. He graduated from Bingham High School in 1964. After High School he faithfully served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the central Atlantic states from 1965-1967. He then served in the US Army, later retiring from the Army Reserves. In all of these endeavors and adventures he loved the people that he met, served or served with, keeping in touch with many of them until his passing.

After his missionary and Army service Richard moved from West Jordan to Logan in order to attend Utah State University studying landscape design. Richard loved living in Logan and again Richard found many more wonderful friends and roommates with whom he shared many memories, stories and laughs. He especially loved his years living on Darwin avenue.

During the next decade of his life Richard combined his love of people with some business endeavors. He started up one of the only hippy stores in Logan, Swagman imports and later was part owner of the Italian place sandwich shop. He then went into traveling sales covering the Intermountain West area, allowing him to once more find opportunities to see new places and meet new people. During this time Richard's mom sewed him his first Santa Suit and he began playing Santa Claus at many parties and gatherings throughout Cache Valley and beyond bringing so much Christmas joy to so many every year up through Christmas of 2022.

Born on Valentine's day was so fitting for a man that had such a soft, tender and loving heart. Although until his age 32 he had yet to find someone to give his whole heart to. As luck would have it, one of Richard's good friends had found the perfect match for Richard in Betsy Hutchings and a blind date was set up. Richard and Betsy had their first date in the fall of 1978 and the happy couple fell in love and were married on June 22, 1979 in the Salt Lake Temple. Mr. Santa now had a Mrs. Santa to help him spread Christmas cheer

each December. In addition to the regularly scheduled parties Mr. and Mrs. Santa attended, the Jolly couple always made time to visit those in their ward and neighborhood who were in need of some extra Christmas spirit and love.

Together Richard and Betsy created a home that was warm and welcoming to people from all walks of life and they always found ways to help and serve others. Richard and Betsy loved having friends over to eat good food and play games. They loved gathering with the Hutchings and Wagstaff families enjoying many family reunions and holidays over the years. Uncle Richard always kept everyone smiling and laughing. Richard and Betsy worked side by side in the large garden and kept a beautiful yard with lots of flowers. Richard and Betsy were so happy to welcome two daughters to the family, Sarah in 1981 and Rachel in 1982. With the addition of the girls the Wagstaff family felt complete. Richard was the original #girdad, he spent countless hours playing Barbies, “house” and dolls. He also taught his girls to ride bikes, serve your neighbors and friends, look out for the less fortunate, take care of animals, play many sports, snow ski and he never missed attending a meet or game to support his girls with his signature whistle.

Richard especially loved and tenderly cared for little children and all creatures great and small, he especially loved dogs and there is no doubt he was greeted by many of his old faithful, four legged companions as he passed into the next world. He loved flowers and trees and knew so much about both. He loved watching gardening shows, reading gardening books and looking at seed catalogs. He loved learning and knew a little bit about almost everything. Richard could fix just about anything and was a master with super glue. Richard also had a great love for music. At the top of his play list would be 1950-60s golden oldies, with Motown and Elvis ranking at the top but overall he had a very eclectic taste in music and passed that on to his family. Peanut butter, chocolate and ice cream (especially when combined) were also

favorites of Richard!

While raising a family Richard worked selling insurance and then later worked at and retired from TTM Technologies in Logan. Although it was more of a hobby, by far his favorite line of work was running his popular stand at the Cache Valley Farmers market and later operating Poor Richard's produce stand in a few different locations. In all of his work and market endeavors Richard cherished making many more new friends and memories. Sharing with others his love and knowledge of plants and flowers and fresh produce. Many of these interactions at work and in the farmers market also developed into lifelong friendships with coworkers and customers.

Richard lovingly cared for Betsy during the last year of her life and has missed her fiercely since her passing in 2020. Their reunion was a joyous one and knowing they are again together brings us great comfort. Richard was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two nephews. He is survived by his two daughters, Sarah (Clayton) Winslow of American Fork, UT and Rachel Woods of Ogden Utah and his three grandsons, Colter Winslow and Isaac and Abe Woods. Richard is also survived by 5 of his siblings and many nieces and nephews.

We are so grateful to all who helped care for Richard in his home these last 18 months, we could not have asked for a more incredible group of people (Team Richard) who lovingly gave their time and efforts to ensure Richard could stay in his home where he wanted to be. We express our immense gratitude to the Johnson, Bryner and Ogden families and to Mahayla Bassett, Brad Christensen and Symbii Hospice.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00 PM with a Viewing prior from 11:00 AM to 11:40 AM and a Viewing the night before on Thursday, February 29 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saint building at 125 W. 600 North, Logan, UT. Burial will take place at the Logan City Cemetery at 1:30pm.

In Richards memory give some loving service to your friends or neighbors or give some extra love to your furry friends.

Cemetery Details

Logan City Cemetery

1000 North 1200 East
Logan, UT 84321

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Logan 3rd Ward
125 W 600 N
Logan, UT 84321

Viewing

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (MT)

Logan 3rd Ward
125 W 600 N
Logan, UT 84321

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Logan 3rd Ward
125 W 600 N
Logan, UT 84321

Burial

MAR 1. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Logan City Cemetery
1000 North 1200 East
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Tribute Wall

QB

“ I just want the whole world to know about this spell caster I met two weeks ago,I cannot say everything he has done for me and my family I was going through online when I meant this wonderful man's testimony online how he won a lottery through the help of dr Ose I decided to just give it a try and my life is back to me now after i lost my job due to covid he gave me a winning numbers to play lottery and i won 5000usd for my first play since then i have been working with him and he has been giving me numbers to play my lottery i can not write everything he has done for me if you need a lottery spell today contact him on oseremspelltemple@gmail.com
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quatisha brown - August 12, 2024 at 07:34 AM

TC

“ My name is Tim Castillo, I had the privilege of serving in the U.S. Army Reserves with this wonderful man. Richard was a kind, friendly person who always wore a smile on his face. I will miss my good friend. God be with you always Richard. The world needs more people like Richard!

Timoteo Castillo - March 01, 2024 at 09:37 AM

NV

“ Richard & Betsy lived around the corner from my grandparents and were such a kind and loving couple. I'll never forget when I was six years old, I realized that Santa at Logan Country Club was Richard himself. Sorry to see that Richard has passed by happy that he's with Betsy again.

Nick Vernon - February 27, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ *Such a great friend...worked with him at Tyco....TTM...we used to share 3 stooges jokes...shared an insurance office with him as well...dry humor...was a good man*

Randy Vahsholtz - February 27, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CF

“ *Such a great amazing loving person along with Betsy will miss him and his teasing and most of all his Smiles*

Cathy Finchum - February 27, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your father Rachel, but what a happy reunion he had with your mom! I'm glad he was able to stay in his home until the end... it sounds like he was loved by many!*

Jennifer Earl - February 27, 2024 at 07:57 AM

MB

“ *We love you Sarah, Rachel and families. We're praying for your comfort. Thank you for your example of courageous and loving care for your dad.*



I will miss my big brother Ricardo (Richard) so, so much. His smile and laughter were always contagious. His jokes, dance parties, and peanut butter & everything sandwiches memorable.

Happy reunion with Betsy, mom, and all those you have been longing to see again Richard. Love you forever!

Marilyn Wagstaff Berrett - February 26, 2024 at 05:04 PM

GS

Johnnie and Gigi send love to Rachel and the boys. What a wonderful family Richard and Betsy created. We look forward to seeing them when our turn comes.

Gigi Sutton - February 27, 2024 at 12:13 PM

PG

Richard and Betsy Wagstsff are the most darling couple and nothing but joy at their reunion is in my heart except for the sorrow they are no longer here with us. Wonderful memories of their service. Loving memories of their love.

Pamela Gee - February 27, 2024 at 09:47 PM

AW

I worked for Richard at the Italian Place and he has been my friend ever since. What a good kind man! I got to know Betsy and thought she was such a perfect match for him. They truly love like Mr. & Mrs. Santa!

Salt of the earth kind of people.

Anita Watts

Anita Watts - February 28, 2024 at 01:10 AM

DM

I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Richard when he took classes through the USU off campus horticulture program. He & Brent Bryner would drive down from Logan to take night classes in Kaysville. They were both so dedicated to their education.

Sarah, I think you took the flower arranging class with your dad that I taught & it was so fun to have Dad & daughter together in my class.

Your dad taught me about the farmer's markets & how he had a special clientele in Park City who loved his English Sweet Peas.

Truly a wonderful man. My condolences Sarah & Rachel at your loss of both your parents. They are together & watching over you. You are their legacy & you make them proud. Donna Minch

Donna Minch - May 27, 2024 at 02:08 PM