



## David Kirkwood Hart

September 30, 1933 - March 26, 2017

Born to David F. Hart and Dale Davis Hart on 30 September 1933 in Santa Maria, California. Kirk grew up in Boise, Idaho, where he and his younger brother, Jim, were raised in what he referred to as a "Norman Rockwell" upbringing. He loved movies and fell in love with "A River Runs Through It" as he felt it exemplified his life. He attended BYU for undergraduate studies, and helped found the Athenians social unit. In 1954, he took a 2-year hiatus to serve a mission for the LDS church in Great Britain where he served for a time as editor of the Millennial Star. Shortly after he returned from his mission, he and a friend went to a social unit party, where he met the love of his life, Mary Emily Winther. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple on 21 June 1957. He earned a master's degree at UC Berkeley, and a PhD from Claremont College. He taught at BYU, San Francisco State University and spent 15 years teaching and writing at the University of Washington. In 1983, Kirk and Emily returned to Provo, where he spent 17 years at BYU.

In 2002, he lost his beloved wife Emily. However, Kirk was not meant to be alone, and became reacquainted with a friend he had dated in college. Kirk started dating Sandra Powers and early in 2006 the two eloped in Maui, Hawaii. They had several wonderful years together.

Early in his career, Kirk was very involved in politics and had many opportunities to serve the Republican Party. He was approached on several occasions and asked to run for office and was asked to be a political appointee by several governors and even a president, but his heart was always set on being a professor. Kirk was an accomplished academic. He helped build the discipline of ethics in business and public administration with a number of influential articles. He was also an exceptionally popular teacher wherever he taught. An impressive number of teaching awards over the years attest to his gift for teaching. Kirk was perhaps best-known as a mentor and champion to countless students. Whether it was as faculty advisor to a militant African American student activist group at San Francisco State University in the turbulent 1960s, or as a LDS Bishop in a student ward at BYU, or one-on-one helping students envision their futures, Kirk dedicated his life to helping others envision their best possible selves.

Kirk was also an avid rock climber, runner, and enjoyed working out at the gym until late in his life.

He was preceded by his first wife, Emily, and a grandson. He is survived by his brother, James D. Hart (Sandra), his second wife, Sandra Powers Hart, and his four children, Karen (Scott) Pingree, Susan (Scott) Turek, David (Lisa) Hart, and Andrea Cooper, along with 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, 31 March 2017 at the Edgemont 14th Ward Chapel, 4200 North Foothill Drive, Provo, Utah. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. prior to services. Interment will be in Eastlawn Memorial Hills. Condolences may be expressed at [www.bergmortuary.com](http://www.bergmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Eastlawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East  
Provo, UT 84604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **31**. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (MT)

Edgemont 14th Ward Chapel  
4200 North Foothill Drive  
Provo, UT 84604

## Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was my favorite teacher during my MPA program at BYU. I can recall him talking about following your "diamond," which means your passion. His lectures about the Nazi's and Jews were riveting. And he wore Levis, leather coats and bandanas to lecture at BYU. What a cool cat.*

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**Richard DeLoney** - March 30, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of David Kirkwood Hart.*



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March 29, 2017 at 11:30 PM