



Rodney Gordon Eastman

August 20, 1947 - November 6, 2018

Rodney Gordon Eastman, age 71, passed away quietly on November 6 in the Timpanogos Hospital of complications from health problems he's faced over the past two years.

Although his loss is very real, we find amazing comfort as we envision the glorious reunion that occurred as he graduated to the next step in his eternal progression. His final hours of his "earthly mission day," were spent with his family near, as they healed each other's pain, reminisced about his amazing life, and bonded in love. This is an experience we will cherish forever.

Rodney was born in Provo, Utah on August 20, 1947 to Gordon Ephraim Eastman and Bertha Bernice Walters Eastman. He went to Provo and Orem schools, graduating from Orem High School. After high school he joined the Navy and valiantly served his country during the Vietnam War.

He married the love of his life, Michele Thurston, on September 2, 1967. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Provo Temple on March 26, 1983. They were blessed with four beautiful children, Shannon, Cindy, Adam, and Kristy. He was a wonderful father and his family was the light of his life.

He and his sweetheart bought their first home in January 1970 in Orem, Utah, where they raised their family and lived for the last 48 years.

He attended Trade Tech Community College in Provo, Utah and received an Associate's Degree in Small Business Management and Marketing. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 30 years until he retired in 2002. In 2003, he realized his lifelong dream of opening his own sports card shop, Mr. E's Sports Cards and Collectibles. He loved the card shop and loved sharing his passion and hobby with everyone who entered for over 15 years. In July of 2018 he retired from Mr. E's Sports Cards and Collectibles and passed on his legacy and shop to the next generation.

Rodney was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many callings including scouting, primary teacher, elder's quorum presidency and teacher, ward and stake athletic director. He especially loved serving as a home teacher, and giving turkeys at Thanksgiving and hams at Christmas. It didn't matter if they were someone he knew or a complete stranger, if he was inspired to fill a need he did so. He followed and emulated Christ's example of serving, loving and providing for those less fortunate. His sweetheart always said, "He was allergic to money, because he couldn't hold on to it and was always giving it away."

He had several hobbies that included collecting coins, sport cards, and things that are going to be "worth something someday." He loved birds, especially pigeons, and raised them as a young child and adult. He was the "Bird Keeper" and fed the wild birds every day. He enjoyed and loved to hunt, fish, and camp with his family and play card games.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon & Bertha Eastman; son, Adam Rodney Eastman; brother, Gary Eastman; and brother-in-law, Charles Loper. He is survived by his amazing wife, Michele; his three children, Shannon Swensen, Cindy Oppel (Ken), Kristy Peterman (Chris); daughter-in-law, Stephanie; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Doug (Judy), Scott (Karen), Brian (Diana), Brent, and Mike (Teresa) Eastman; his sister Michelle Barney (Kent); his mother-in-law, Helen Thurston; sisters-in-law, Pam Mitchell (Lynn), Dawn Loper, Roxanne Cloward (Wendell), MarTina Harris (Gene); brothers-in-law, Robert Thurston (Lori), Lloyd Thurston (Carolyn); and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, who all loved him dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Suncrest 3rd Ward Chapel, 190 North 800 West, Orem, Utah. Friends and family may attend a viewing at the Berg Mortuary of Orem, 500 North State Street, Monday, November 12 from 6-8:00 p.m. and at the church Tuesday from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment, Orem City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.bergmortuary.com>.

In celebration of Rodney's life, please consider serving and donating to your family, friends, neighbors and church.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

NOV 12 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Berg Mortuary of Orem
500 North State Street, Orem, UT, US, 84057

NOV 13 Visitation 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Suncrest 3rd Ward Chapel
90 North 600 West, Orem, UT, US, 84057

NOV 13 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Rod. I remember the Eastman family well on 800 West, Orem.
How joyous his reunion is. My prayers are with you all.

Lona Taylor Rindlisbacher

Lona.Rindlisbacher - November 15, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Our love and prayers go with you at this tender time for you all.

John and Tammy Babbitt



John and Tammy Babbitt - November 14, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Valerie, David, Aidan and Riley Clark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Gordon Eastman.



Valerie, David, Aidan and Riley Clark - November 11, 2018 at 07:48 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Gordon Eastman.



November 10, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to You and your Family. Prayers from Lana & Mike Lemley



Lana Lemley - November 10, 2018 at 07:29 PM



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Kristy Peterman - November 10, 2018 at 11:38 AM