



Richard Gibson Marriott

September 30, 1945 - July 10, 2020

Richard Gibson Marriott passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020.

Rick was the loving husband of Marilyn Howton Marriott for the past 26 years and the son of the late Elwin and Yula (Gibson) Marriott of Ogden, Utah.

Left to honor and remember him is a beautifully blended family. His children, Christine (Danny) Portillo, Joni (Randy) Pharis, Dana (Jason) Landry, Jimmy Carpenter, Amanda (Chris) McMillian, Mike (Rachel) Carpenter and eight adored grandchildren. Richard was the brother of John (Velma) Marriott and Janice Marriott.

You are invited to join our family in the parlor for a special time of remembering. Anyone familiar with Rick knew his love for family and friends. Please join us for light refreshments and a time of sharing treasured stories you may have about Rick.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
16331 Hafer Rd
Houston, TX 77090

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Gibson Marriott*

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“*Richard Gibson Marriott, son of Yula Gibson and Elwin Wade Marriott, died on July 10, 2020, as the result of an accidental fall when he was alone at his Spring, TX, home.*

Rick was born September 30, 1945, in Ogden, Utah. When he was 5 years old his family moved to South Ogden, where he spent most of his youth. He attended Weber County schools, graduating from Bonneville HS in 1963. He married Maria Entjes when they were both young, and they had two children together, Christine and Joni, before divorcing in 1970.

After working for several years at the Utah State Social Services department, Rick married Connie Lee Hurt and went to graduate school at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, earning a PhD degree in Experimental Psychology in 1976. While still in New Mexico, he and Connie had his third daughter, Amanda.

He took a position as assistant professor in the psychology department at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX, where he rose over the years from head of the Department of Psychology to Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Associate Vice President. Both of his older daughters, Christine and Joni, joined him in Beaumont, graduating from Lamar University, while the youngest, Amanda, graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, with her father's dedicated support. He understood the value of a good education. Rick and Connie divorced in 1992 and he later married Marilyn Howton, becoming stepfather to her three grown offspring, Dana, Jimmy, and Mike, who he treated as his own and who came to love him dearly. He completed his academic career at Mount Union University in Alliance, Ohio, serving as psychology professor, dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Rick will be remembered for his good looks, easy smile, quiet manner, gentle spirit, and steadfast determination to thrive and keep going, while always providing for his family. Starting at a young age, he understood hardship and frugality, working diligently through

good times and bad to make his way in life. At home, he taught his daughters to make homemade pizza, and they enjoyed baking his favorite chocolate chip cookies for him. He was fastidious around the house and washed his well-maintained cars every weekend. He shared his love of music with his family, playing guitar even into his last years. Rick never forgot his Utah roots, returning whenever possible to visit family and friends, tour his old stomping grounds, and survey the fields of his grandfather's farm where he had worked and played as a boy.

Professionally, he was a gifted and often sought-after teacher and a favorite professor for his many students, a much-admired collaborator among co-workers, and a respected leader of the faculty. While he was a well-regarded administrator, his true love and brilliance was in teaching. Even at the height of his administrative positions at Mount Union, he insisted on teaching at least one class each semester so he could stay in touch with the students. He was active in civic organizations, helping promote higher education and its importance to the life of a community.

Rick is survived by all of his daughters and his 3 stepchildren, 8 grandchildren, his wife, his siblings, Janice, John and his wife, Velma, and his lifelong best friend, Ronald Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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