



Richard Sterling Magleby

June 21, 1934 - October 1, 2023

Richard Sterling Magleby passed away on October 1, 2023 from complications related to Parkinson's disease. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time he passed. He is survived by his wife, Donna Magleby, three of his four children, Christy Shifflett, David Magleby and his wife Keri, and Sherry Sampson and her husband Russell, as well as his brother, John Magleby, and his beloved 11 grandchildren. He has now been reunited with his oldest son, Mark Magleby, and his sister, Mary Lords, as well as with his parents, Sterling and Erma Magleby, and many beloved friends and family.

Richard was born on June 21, 1934, in Idaho Falls, Idaho and was raised in the nearby farming community of Archer. He was the oldest of three children, including one brother and a sister. He grew up on a farm and helped settle a cattle ranch just outside of Yellowstone. He often spoke fondly of working along side his family and of the lessons learned that come only with hard work. Richard will forever be a cowboy in his heart.

Upon graduation from high school, Richard attended Utah State University before serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mexico where he labored to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through this experience, he came to love the people he served.

Returning from his mission, he attended Brigham Young University where he

earned a bachelor's degree and where he met and married the love of his life Donna Mortensen. They then together returned to Utah State University where he earned a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics. It was while completing studies at Utah State that his oldest son, Mark, was born in 1960.

Together with his young family, they traveled across the country in their old VB Beetle to Penn State University where Richard earned a PhD in Agricultural Economics. While working on his studies, he accepted a calling as Branch President of the small branch of fellow members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Having completed his doctoral degree, he was hired on by the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC, and moved his young family to northern Virginia. It was here where the farmboy from Idaho raised his family and where he served others for the rest of his life. He raised two sons (Mark and David) and two daughters (Christy and Sherry). Tragically, his oldest son Mark died in accident at the age of 12 while the family was living in Asuncion Paraguay while on assignment for the Department of Agriculture.

Richard accepted many calls to service including volunteering in the Temple, as Scoutmaster for Troop 1147, many bishopric assignments, as President of the Spanish speaking branch for the LDS Church, and serving as the congregation liaison to the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA).

When he was not busy serving, you could find him on the ski slopes, camping and road trips with his family, on the lake water skiing, or enjoying the rapids while whitewater rafting.

Richard was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many whom he touched through a lifetime of service. He has left a legacy

that will continue to bless his descendants for many years.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 7 at the Annandale Ward church building at 3900 Howard St., Annandale Virginia at 11:00 am. A viewing will be held at 10:00 am prior to the services.

A commemorative service will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Flamm Mortuary in Rexburg, Idaho at 10:00 am. This will be followed by a gravesite service at the Sutton Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, Richard has asked for donations to the Annandale Christian Community for Action. (ACCA): www.accacares.org

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3900 Howard Street
Annandale, VA

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3900 Howard Street
Annandale, VA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *RIP, Richard. You were always a friendly face at the Annandale Ward. Our condolences to your family.*

James McLay - October 06, 2023 at 11:58 PM

DS

“ *The passing of a parent is one that forever changes the course of our lives. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God bless your family and hold Robert's hand though his transition. And may we all see this transient life from a higher perspective as our family and friends that have passed on before us whisper wisdom from realms of love and peace we forget with each rising sun.*

Dave Sanders - October 06, 2023 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ *Dear Sherry, Russ and family - my deepest condolences on the loss of your father. What an amazing life Richard led and what a treasure it must have been to have him in your lives.*

Sue Fitzsimons - October 05, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss. May God bless you with beautiful remembrances of the love you shared and may He comfort you during this difficult time.*

Tony Magnolia - October 05, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Sterling Magleby.*



October 04, 2023 at 12:13 PM