

LIFE SKETCH

Merrill Raddon Barker died at home on September 8, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was a devoted husband and father, the best grandpa, a loyal friend, and someone who would fish with everyone.

Merrill was born on August 6, 1942 in Pocatello, Idaho to Darrel Gessel Barker and Goldie Irene Barker. He graduated from Highland High School and attended Weber State University. He served an LDS mission to the Northwest States, which included Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He married his best friend, Kathryn Belle Kunz, in the Salt Lake Temple on August 28, 1964. Merrill worked in the grocery business and managed real estate properties. These pursuits allowed him to enjoy his favorite pastime, which was play.

Merrill was a hard worker, but when the work was done, he found time to play. Merrill enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, motorhome trips, the cabin, and fishing. The family spent many hours together in these activities. Later in life, he and Kathryn traveled a great deal by themselves and with their family.

After Merrill retired from the grocery business, he found a way to fish as often as he could. Fly, lake, river, ice—it didn't matter, he was passionate about all of them. He was a master fisherman, and his grandkids were certain he knew how to "cheat" at catching fish.

His commitment to his family was a great blessing to them. Merrill was devoted to Kathryn and they loved spending time together. He loved his kids and grandkids and would travel great distances to support them in their activities.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn, his daughters, Whitney Haselden (Kirk), Stephanie Snuffer (Denver), and his son, Gregory Raddon Barker (Tanna), his twin sister, Merrilee (Terry) Whyte, and sister, Debbie (Todd) Neilson. There are 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and many friends who will miss his loyalty, his laugh, and his wry sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his father, Darrel and his mother, Goldie.



In Loving Memory

MERRILL RADDON BARKER

1942 ~ 2022

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**Born**

August 6, 1942  
Pocatello, Idaho

**Died**

September 8, 2022  
Sandy, Utah

**Son of**

Darrel Gessel Baker and Goldie Raddon Barker

**Husband of**

Kathryn Belle Kunz

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

Monday, September 12, 2022 ~ 12:00 noon  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1834 East Creek Road  
Sandy, Utah

**PALLBEARERS**

Matt Dill	Raddon Barker	Maddy Barker
Benjamin Snuffer	Lindsay Pomeroy	Carson Snuffer
Regan Snuffer	Jameson Reich	Brandon Reich
Daniel Reich	Savanna Olsen	

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Austin Reich	Christopher Park	Kylee Park
Kalisa Snuffer	Josh Cutler	Taylor Cutler
Sebastian Pomeroy	Zach Olsen	Ellie Reich
Aubrey Reich	Annie Wiesenberg	Nathan Snuffer
Lara Snuffer	Amy Kraft	Jason Kraft

**SERVICES**

Bishop Hoskins, Conducting

Family Prayer.....	David Kunz (brother-in-law)
Chorister.....	Debbie Youngberg
Organist/Pianist.....	Sandra Ball
Opening Hymn.....	#219
<i>"Because I Have Been Given Much"</i>	
Invocation.....	Kirk Haselden (son-in-law)
Poem.....	Greg Barker (son)
Remarks.....	Tanna Barker (daughter-in-law)
Remarks.....	Stephanie Snuffer (daughter)
Remarks.....	Whitney Haselden (daughter)
Musical Selection.....	Ross Boothe (ward member)
<i>"I Love You Because" by Jim Reeves</i>	
Memories of Grandpa.....	The Grandkids
Speaker.....	Scott Harries (nephew)
Musical Number.....	Daniel Reich (grandson)
<i>"Bring Him Home" (Les Misérables)</i>	
Closing Remarks.....	Bishop Hoskins
Closing Hymn.....	#165
<i>"Abide With Me"</i>	
Benediction.....	Denver Snuffer (son-in-law)
<i>"Abide With Me"</i>	
Dedication of the Grave.....	Calvin Kunz (brother-in-law)

**INTERMENT**

Larkin Sunset Gardens  
1950 East Dimple Dell Road  
Sandy, Utah