

Richard (Rick) Mark Nielsen, the second of eleven children born to the late Eldon and Eunice Nielsen, entered the world on June 24, 1946, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rick grew up in Idaho Falls until his senior year when his family moved to Gering Nebraska where he graduated from high school. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when he was 19 in the Northern California Mission. Upon completion of his mission, Rick returned home and attended Brigham Young University where he later graduated with a master's degree in communications.

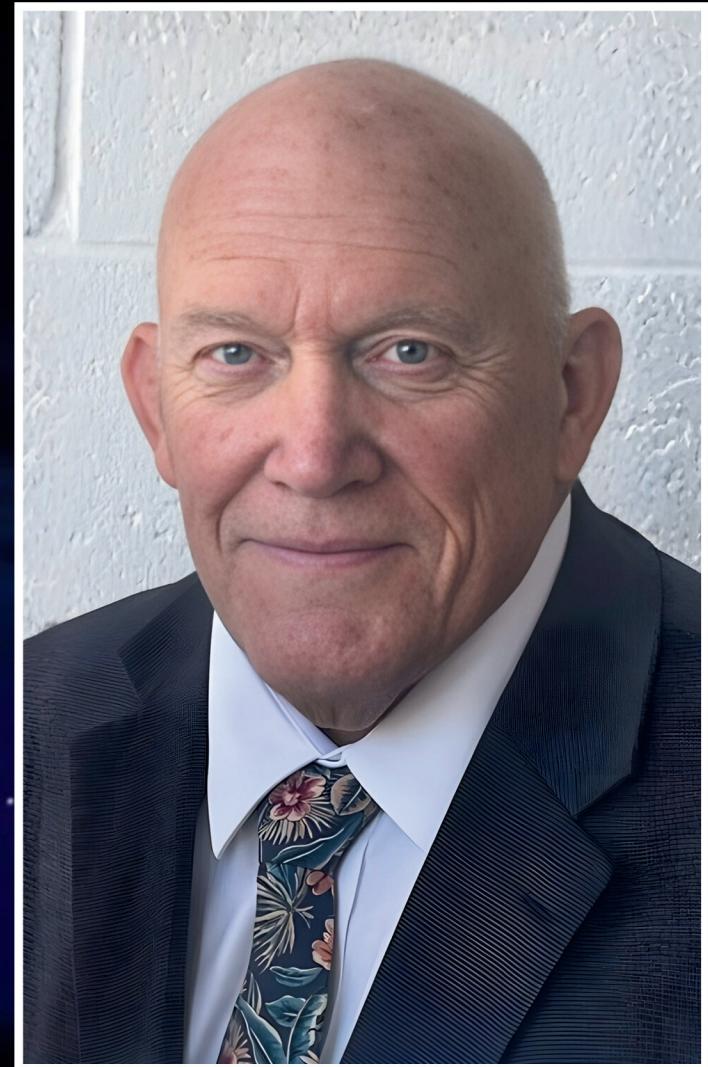
Rick met his beloved wife at BYU, and they were married in the Salt Lake City temple. He worked as an Educator for 35 years, retiring as an Elementary Principal from Lava Hot Springs. Upon retiring, he and his wife served a 2-year mission in the Dominican Republic.

Committed to learning and leadership throughout his life, he was known for his kindness, patience, his steady faith, and his unwavering dedication to his family and the gospel of Jesus Christ which he cherished.

Rick passed away peacefully on January 21, 2026, while faithfully serving with his wife in the Guatemala East Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rick is survived by his wife of 49 years, Cheryse, and his 6 children; Andrew (Jennifer), Andrea, Gabriel (Jasmine), Michael, Jasen, Ashleigh and 7 grandchildren.

In Loving Memory



Richard Mark Nielsen

June 24, 1946 ~ January 21, 2026

Wilks
FUNERAL HOMES

Placentero Nos Es Trabajar

(Spanish Hymn #88 translation by daughter, Andrea Nielsen)

Delighted we are to labor in the vineyard of the Great King Jesus.
And honorable we are to preach to His nation His law and His light.
For His light, for His light delighted we are to labor.
For His light, for His light we will die in Him without regret.

The word of God heed with dedication, loyalty, and zeal
Forever and ever remember His pure truth and love.
With His love, with His love the word of God heed
With His love, with His love the banner of God hold fast

Oh brothers/sisters, goodbye well goodbye

The moment to go has come already

If we keep the faith in the Great God we will see one another even beyond.
More beyond, more beyond, oh brothers/sisters goodbye well goodbye
More beyond, more beyond, we will dwell with God in love.



Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

Funeral Services

Saturday ~ February 7, 2026 ~ 10:00
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

12146 W Tyhee Road ~ Pocatello, ID

Presiding ~ Elder Fernando R. Castro

Conducting ~ Bishop Skyler Beebe

Family Prayer ~ Gabriel Nielsen (son)

Chorister ~ Gail Felsman

Prelude Music ~ Becky Goodliffe

Hymn #44 ~ Beautiful Zion

Opening Prayer ~ Hunter Nielsen (grandson)

Placentero Nos Es Trabajar

by Andrea Nielsen (daughter), (granddaughters) Kaylee Nielsen,
Avery Nielsen, McKinley Nielsen, Abella Nielsen, Bridgette Nielsen
Accompanied by Becky Goodliffe

Eulogy ~ Michael Nielsen (son)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
by Kaylee Nielsen

Nearer, My God, To Thee

by Avery Nielsen

Accompanied by Becky Goodliffe

Memories of Dad ~ Andrew Nielsen (son), Gabriel Nielsen

Musical Selection
by Ashleigh Nielsen (daughter)

Closing Remarks ~ Elder Fernando R. Castro

Hymn #1010 ~ Amazing Grace

Closing Prayer ~ Jennifer Nielsen (daughter-in-law)

Concluding Services

Norton Cemetery ~ McCammon, ID

Dedication of the Grave ~ Andrew Nielsen

Casket Bearers

Andrew Nielsen ~ Gabriel Nielsen ~ Michael Nielsen
Jasen Nielsen (son) ~ Hunter Nielsen ~ Nicholas Nielsen (grandson)