Tom Loveridge

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Thomas John Loveridge was born Feb. 5, 1954 and died Feb. 6, 2012. He died on the operating table during a routine surgery. We know he feels really angry about that.

Tom defined the essence of what it is to be a great man. He loved his fellow men. He treated everyone with respect, honesty and good humor. He was always cheerful and always great company. He could make any moment of his life fun and exciting and interesting for everyone with him. His broad based knowledge was a joy to his wife and all his friends.

Tom served an LDS Mission to Japan. Soon thereafter he married Dillece Bates and had his first four children: Dustin, Ben, Daniel, and Tracey.

He did fantastically in school at the U of U where he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the "U." He was a valued member of the U of U administration for over thirty years. Tom loved working with his University colleagues.

As much as he loved his work, he was totally devoted to his family. In 1996 Tom met and married Elizabeth E. Rose. Tom had an incredibly joyous marriage to Liza. Together they had two children, Tommy and Josie. As a family, they loved traveling together, creating "adventures" to undiscovered places, setting up holiday decorations (especially Halloween and his scary village), skiing and going to movies.

Tom loved and adored his six children. Tom was completely dedicated to their happiness and well-being. He loved traveling with them to Disneyland, golfing, making up irreverent and hilarious lyrics to familiar songs and having Sunday dinners.

Tom's very rich hobby life was a constant source of joy to him. He loved flying radio controlled electric airplanes with his great friends of the Falcon Park Brotherhood. He also loved practicing and performing magic for parties, charities, and for his children's schools. He always loved golf, reading historical biographies and studying Ancient Greece.

Our hearts are broken. We can't imagine our lives without him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Liza, his children, Dustin, Ben, Daniel, Tracey, Tommy and Josie. He is also survived by his parents, Dick and LaRae Loveridge, his sisters Karen, and Lisa and his brothers Gary and Bill, and thirteen grandchildren.

Tom's funeral will be held at the Arlington Hills Ward, 1300 East Fairfax Road, SLC, 84103, on February 10, 2012 at noon. Friends and family may pay respects at Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple, SLC on February 9, 2012, from 6-8, or prior to the funeral from 10-11:30.