

Russell E. Schwausch

October 4, 1949 - September 24, 2021



Russell Earl Schwausch, age 71, passed peacefully from this earth on September 24, 2021 in Round Rock, Texas after a brief illness. He was born on October 4, 1949 in Temple, Texas to loving parents, Hermann Karl Schwausch and Irene Zieschang after both served bravely and honorably in the United States Army during World War II. Their service to our country was something Russell was very proud of, and it provided a foundation of strength and courage for generations that have followed. Russell was blessed to grow up with his beloved sister, Kathryn, with whom he has shared an incredible bond that can never be broken. Their childhood years spent on the family farm filled them with beautiful memories, and they learned to hold fast to each other during times of joy and adversity. Russell and Kathryn grew up surrounded by a tight network of extended family that valued hard work, strong family ties, and, most of all, a solid faith and knowledge of a loving Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ through whom salvation cometh. Psalm 37:5 was Russell's special Bible verse from the confirmation of his youth: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Russell gained his early education alongside his sister, many dear cousins and lifelong friends at Zion Lutheran School in Walburg, Texas and graduated as salutatorian from Jarrell High School in 1967. He studied Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering Science degree with the Class of 1971. Russell enjoyed a successful career working for a number of computer technology companies until his retirement from Intel in 2012. Russell's passion and thirst for learning was unquenchable. He loved life and desired

to enjoy it to its fullest. He was an avid collector of hobbies and pursued more adventures than he had time in his life to complete.

Russell's greatest accomplishments were his faith and his family. He was a devout convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and married his sweet companion, Sandra Kay Phillips, on December 8, 1973 in the Provo Utah Temple for time and all eternity. He truly loved Sandy with all of his heart and will patiently await the day they will be reunited. Together, they lovingly raised five children: Scott, Robin, Wendy (named after Russell's proud Wendish heritage), Steven, and Matthew Russell. He was a wonderful father, provider and leader in the home, teaching his children some of the most important lessons they will ever learn. His example of faith was unwavering. As his children grew, he was undoubtedly proud of their many accomplishments and how they faced life's various challenges. Over time, Russell's family evolved, bringing bonus children: Karen, Christopher, Amanda and Katie and nine cherished grandchildren: Bryon, Lauren, Madeline, Zachary, Alyson, Ashley, Katherine, Leah and Megan. Being a grandpa brought him such joy. Imparting wisdom, encouragement and guidance to his posterity was what drove him, but, being a kid at heart, he was funny and he knew how to play and have fun! He always went out of his way to connect with his grandkids as well as a whole host of nieces and nephews who love and admire their special Uncle Russell. He was devoted to us all, and his love will never end.

Russell was a true friend in every aspect. He never spoke ill, he freely forgave, and he served with all of his heart, might, mind and strength in many capacities. He was known for stopping to talk to strangers, and he shared his bright smile, laughter, warmth and zest for life with anyone who would listen. Russell made an indelible impact on so many. He has left this world with a remarkable light and lasting legacy. We will miss him dearly but know he will continue to love and strengthen us, now from a holier place. With our deepest love and gratitude, we entrust him to our Father's care until we meet again.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents, Hermann & Irene Schwausch; father-in-law, Bobby Phillips; brother-in-law, Dr. Terry Branson. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandy; children, Scott & Karen Schwausch of Houston, TX and their children, Bryon, Lauren, Madeline and Alyson; Robin & Christopher Mierzejewski of Queen Creek, AZ and their children, Zachary, Ashley, Katherine and Megan;

Wendy Schwausch of Southborough, MA; Steven & Amanda Schwausch of Granbury, TX and their daughter, Leah; Matthew & Katie Schwausch of Ramona, CA; sister, Kathryn Branson; niece, Dr. Kayce Stansell and her husband, Jud, and their children, Max and Evan; nephew, Austin Branson and his wife, Hannah, and their children, Asher, Shane and Linnea; mother-in-law, Martha Phillips; in-laws who were his close friends: Bobby Phillips (Connie); Diana Jolly (Ken); Cheryl Carling (Bruce); Steven Phillips (Linda); many more wonderful nieces and nephews, cousins and countless friends.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the medical personnel at Round Rock St. David's Medical Center for their exceptional care of Russell.

Funeral services will be held on Russell's 72nd birthday, Monday, October 4, 2021, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1004 West Park Street in Cedar Park. There will be a viewing at 10:00am followed by the services at 11:00am. Burial will take place at 2:00pm at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, 2939 FM 1105, Georgetown, TX 78626.

For those who wish to view the service online, please use the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95983546960>

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)