



## Rand J Russell

November 12, 1956 - February 19, 2024

With much sadness and a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Rand J. Russell on February 19, 2024, after a long illness. Rand was born on November 12, 1956, the third of five children from John (aka Jerry) and Sharon Russell. Rand attended public schools in Roy, Utah, and graduated from Roy High School in 1975.

Rand was an active participant in Little League Sports playing on numerous baseball and basketball teams, several of which were coached by his older brother. He particularly excelled as a baseball catcher and played that position on the Roy Junior High School team. Rand also snow and water skied and enjoyed bird hunting as a young man. Few could fire as many shotgun rounds in a short time (often missing the bird) than Rand. He also took up golf and became an accomplished player in his day. He spent many summer evenings in the family backyard playing basketball-teaming up with his father against his two brothers. Always competitive and fun with many special memories made.

After high school graduation, he started what would be a lifelong career in the food distribution business-one in which he excelled-but first and more importantly he soon met his future wife, Janice Cummings, who was a fellow employee at the Smith's distribution center in Salt Lake City, Utah. They married on May 1, 1992. Although Rand had no children of his own, he was

warmly welcomed into Janice's family, and he loved them as his own.

Rand quickly advanced in his career at Smith's and in 1990 moved to Arizona as a department manager then serving in similar positions in California and back to Arizona in the ensuing six years. He was particularly proud of the integral part he played in the startup of three distribution centers, which shaped his career moving forward. He reached the pinnacle of his career in 2007 when he moved to Ontario, Canada, and was general manager. In 2012 he was reassigned to the United States where he finished his career in Atlanta as facilities maintenance manager. With declining health, he retired in June 2022.

Rand was preceded in death by his mother Sharon (Hendry) and youngest sister Lana Wilcox. He is survived by his father Jerry (Gin), brothers Chad (Susan) and Brad (Vikki), and sister Gaylene (Dan). He is survived by his wife Janice, her son Terry (Melissa) Cummings, her daughter Jenny (Wade) Malmborg, and grandchildren MeKenzie (Charlie) Olsen, Kylie (Will) Ammons, Bridger, and Amelia Cummings; Garrett, Mason, and Abbie Malmborg; and great-grandson Luka Olsen.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

At Rand's request, there will be no formal funeral service but there will be a celebration of life on June 29th in or around Ogden, Utah at a time and venue to be determined. If you would like please donate in Rand Russell's name to the Humane Society of Northern Utah through Venmo @HSNU-rescue (last four digits of its phone number are 2719). You can also send a check to the Humane Society of Northern Utah, PO Box 2992, Ogden, UT 84409. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770)253-4580



# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 29.

Rand's request

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Keely Haynie lit a candle in memory of Rand J Russell*



Keely Haynie - March 13, 2024 at 11:02 PM

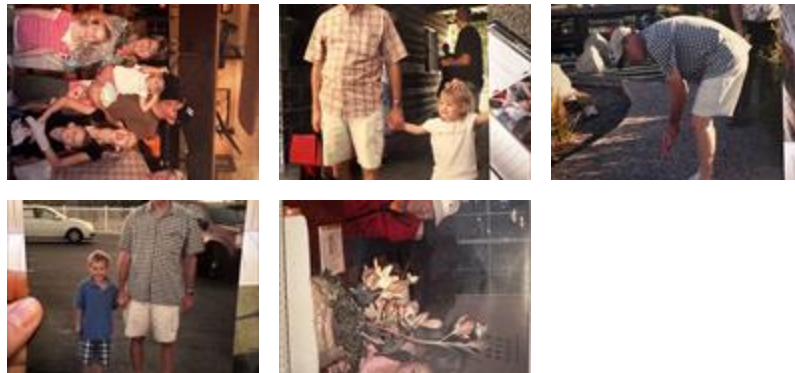
TP

“ *One of the truly great guys! Countless memories. You will never be forgotten, my friend.*

Tom Potter - March 05, 2024 at 07:21 PM

ME

“ *We love you Rand and cherish all the memories! He was always willing to color and teach the little ones his skills. We were even able to capture him taking care of Janice by carrying her purse for her. 🙌 such a kind and fun guy. We will miss your smile. Love you tons! Thanks for letting us be apart of your adventure in life. 🧡*



melissa - March 04, 2024 at 08:28 PM

RS

*Rand was truly a good person, all I have are good memories of him. I worked with him for 27 years in Arizona, he was my boss during some of that time. I respected him, valued his opinions and received impactful guidance from him. He will be missed. ❤️*

Richard Shipman - March 08, 2024 at 10:59 AM

LR

*“ I knew him since Elementary school he was always a good person. Sad so much time went by that our paths never crossed. My heart goes out to his family. Rest in peace old friend.*

Lori Rupp - March 02, 2024 at 11:13 PM

BR

*“ My Bro, I'm remembering many great times at Royal Greens golf course. Our best year we golfed 150 rounds. We took a trip to Island Park and laughed so long and hard our stomach muscles hurt. Love you Bro 😭*

Brad Russell - March 02, 2024 at 08:23 AM

KB

“ Rand,  
I will always remember and treasure how helpful, patient and kind you were to me when we both worked at Smiths. I know I drove you crazy, but you never let it show. Even when it wasn't your job, you still lent a hand or steered me in the right direction. I would call and the first thing you would say is, what did you do now? Then chuckle. I relied on you for so much, you never made me feel stupid, you never got mad, if you did, I did not know it.  
You were always calm, cool and collected. I admired that so much and appreciated it.  
You married Janice, perfect choice by the way, as she became my dear friend. I thank you for that too.  
I will miss you Rand. It's been a few years since I've seen you, but you will never be forgotten. Forever in my memory is, your salty sense of humor, your kind heart, your love for Janice and your family and your never ending guidance for me.

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**Kim Beck** - March 01, 2024 at 12:09 AM

BH

“ Goodbye for now my friend and classmate I will always remember the parties we enjoyed together with all the Roy Boys hitting marshmallows with a driver from your backyard Bear Lake and many more special times see you on the flip side Rand....

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**Brian Towers aka Hallman** - February 28, 2024 at 03:54 PM

GV

“ I was lucky enough to meet Rand in Canada of all places. It was quite a first day and I'm sure we didn't quite know what to think about each other. However after a couple drinks I knew I was fortunate to have met him. That was about 17 years ago now and he was one of my dearest and closest friends. I will miss his quirky sense of humor and quiet generosity terribly. Cheers to you brother!

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**Greg Vick** - February 25, 2024 at 10:12 PM

DV

“ I have such fond memories of Rand - the potato gun on the golf course, all the bbq's, dinners, and management outings. You both were so caring of Emily and Sam, especially when we were so far from our own family. I remember him playing Lincoln Logs with the little frogs with them in Canada. He was a dear man who was loved by many and will be remembered fondly. Praying for peace and comfort to you today and in the future.

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**Deborah Vick** - February 25, 2024 at 07:59 PM

JU

“ Rand was a true legend during his time in Ontario! Today, some of the 'Ajax gang' reunited on a virtual get together to raise a glass in memory of our fearless leader. It was long overdue and we were sad it wasn't under better circumstance, but the sharing of stories and reminding each other of our time together with Rand was priceless! Some of his signature 'one liners' include "you're all fired up!", 'he's all happy', 'don't be a quitter', 'how do we get rid of the geese?', 'one picture limit on everyone's desk', 'no eating at your desk', 'Randy, move that s#%T into the skip' :) he will be missed dearly xxx

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**Julie** - February 25, 2024 at 07:10 PM

PK

“ Dear Janice,

*Bob and I are so sad to hear of the loss of your Rand.*

*We have such fond memories of our times together. Especially the interactive board games we played, the silly dancing & singing, the meals we shared (you're an amazing cook), or just sitting on the back patio enjoying each others company & sharing stories.*

*You two were a hoot the way you played off each other. A solid relationship of true love & devotion!*

*May this living tribute bring some peace & comfort to you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Rand will not be forgotten!*

*With deepest condolence's,  
Bob & Pam Kupfner*

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**Pam Kupfner** - February 25, 2024 at 02:39 PM

TS

“ So very sorry to hear of Rand's passing.  
*Praying for the family. May wonderful memories carry you through the days. Peace to you all.*



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**Trudi Sines** - February 25, 2024 at 07:56 AM

JR

“*Rand you were the love of my life and i can't imagine life without you, we had 35 years together. I have so many fond memories of our time together, you were quite the character. My heart is broken*



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**Janice Russell** - February 24, 2024 at 06:22 AM

JM

“*You always loved to build Lincoln Logs with the kids when they were little, even building a Lincoln Log cabin for a chipmunk you aptly named “Chippy” who used to visit you in Canada. I’ll always remember the pure joy when you spent an entire weekend building a “life sized” Lincoln Log fort with the kids. They loved helping cut down trees and engineer the entire structure. You were always up for putting together these fun moments.*



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**Jenny Malmberg** - February 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM