



## Randy L. Stanger

July 18, 1960 - May 20, 2024

Randy L. Stanger, 63, passed away Monday, May 20, 2024, at IU Methodist Hospital. He was born on July 18, 1960, in La Mesa, California, to the late Jay C. Stanger and Vivian (Gundersen) Stanger.

Randy was a graduate of Santana High School and attended Grossmont College in California.

He was married to Linda Gayle (Vannatta) Thorpe-Stanger on July 15, 2009, in Lebanon, Indiana; she survives.

Randy worked for Buy Rite Carpet for many years as a floor covering technician.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lebanon, and Star Motorcycle Group. Randy was also a Boy Scout Leader. He found freedom and joy on the open road riding motorcycles, and he enjoyed shooting sports. A devoted husband and father that enjoyed being with his family as well as caring for the children.

Survivors include his wife, Linda G. Thorpe-Stanger of Jamestown; thirty-one children, William Michael Thorpe of Indianapolis, Casey (Shannon Carter) Thorpe of Indianapolis, Larry Thorpe, Jr. of Lebanon, Eddie Thorpe of

Jamestown, John Thorpe of Gowen, Michigan, Christopher Thorpe of California, Christopher McMillian of Lebanon, Chris Manyak of Jamestown, William Levi Thorpe of Indianapolis, Topeka Thorpe of Jamestown, Brandy (Brad) Schroeder of Indianapolis, Felicia (Verdale Brown) Thorpe of Indianapolis, Angie Thorpe of Jamestown, Mary Thorpe of Jamestown, Ashley Nicole Thorpe of Jamestown, Sarah Jo Thorpe of Jamestown, Debbie (Curtis Roberts) Thorpe of Lebanon, Amanda Thorpe of Terre Haute, Chelsey Thorpe of Jamestown, Hannah Thorpe of Indianapolis, Brianne Thorpe of Jamestown, Breona Denay Thorpe of South Bend, Sarah Renee Thorpe of Jamestown, Ashley Elizabeth Thorpe of Crawfordsville, Laura Shimie Thorpe of Crawfordsville, Joseph Arman Thorpe of Lebanon, Ben Hecht of Jamestown, Bisrat Stanger of Iowa, Blessing Stanger of Rockville, Emily Thorpe–Stanger of Lebanon, and Jaquan Thorpe-Stanger of Jamestown; stepmother, Donna Stanger; brothers, Sid Stanger, Jess (Emily) Goodrich, Doug (Donna) Stanger, and Arthur (Renette) Goodrich; and sisters, Taralynn (Matt) Dene, Jaci (Curtis) Seiler, Kathleen Porter, Marsha (Eric) McAllister, Susan (Garry) Winget, Jenni (Ron) Brannon, and Glenna (Andy) Maras.

In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by ten children, Donavon Thorpe Stanger, Christina M. Thorpe, T. J. Young, Timothy Blades, Jacqueline N. Thorpe, Jasmine N. Thorpe, Robert D. Becker, Aaron Thorpe, Edith Soto, Randy Thorpe, and sister, Cathy Lou Park.

Funeral Services are planned for 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at The Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints, 2291 Witt Road, in Lebanon. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow services at the Old Union Cemetery, rural Jamestown.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to Myers Mortuary to help offset funeral expenses.



# Cemetery Details

## Old Union Cemetery

550 South 500 West  
Jamestown, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2291 Witt Road  
Lebanon, IN 46052

## Funeral Service

MAY 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ I know I already shared but if you knew Randy you would know the man always had music, usually 70-90s rock and roll going and he really knew the artists and titles. When we started working together, he would say "5 bucks if you know who sings this", he knew he was pretty safe with me, and for 5 years we played "name that tune" while we were together. Did I ever get ahead of the game you ask? Not against Randy, But I still play that game with my kids and my wife. When I heard Randy play the piano the first time, it was an Elton John song it blew me away; those meaty man hands could tickle those ivories! BTW (by the way) I did get ahead of the man when we added 50s and 60s to the mix because Randy was not even born then and it was just awesome to one up him on something. His carpet van was another compulsive project for him. Shelves and bins and false subfloor so he could slide metals and stretcher tubes out of the way, everything had a place and he taught me how much easier it was to keep it that way and not look like a train wreck inside. No, I was never as sharp in that department. There was even a special place for snacks and drinks as well. I miss the guy, but look forward to our reunion one day. Hang in there family,  
Steve Wise

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steven Wise - May 27, 2024 at 01:38 PM

SW

“ My memories of Randy started when we were selling carpet together in Salt Lake City while recovering from some surgeries. He was a big strapping young man towering over me but always had that big grin and usually a Dr. Pepper in his hand. After 6 months of healing we decided to go back to installation and I was willing to give this young buck a chance as a partner installing together. What a great choice because Randy had lots of experience and training that I never had and he shared it with me. Randy was strong as an ox and loved to do the heavy work, cutting, carrying and stretching while I was able to lay tackstrip, pad and do the seaming and trimming which fit us both really well. We sometimes had to go golf because the job wasn't ready for us, some times we went to Wendover Nevada where Randy would give me \$100 to gamble with and taught me all sorts of games where I could lose his money. As long as he had someone to go with he was happy to do it. Well, actually he was happy to do it alone but I like to believe he liked me there with him. We worked together for 5 years and built a good reputation and made lots of friends, which is one of Randy's strengths. He had some stubborn streaks in his personality, like being told to get the carpet laid on a job that was not ready and that is just what he did; over the pile of bricks in the center of the living room and the pile of sheetrock on the floor. He would say, " I just did what they told me to do".

Randy also had some OCD characteristics as well. Such as a case of Dr. Pepper in his fridge, and 7 cases next to it, or when he liked Gatorade, 4 bottles a day in the summer was normal but the 40 or 50 he kept in the apartment was something I just laughed and shook my head at. He gave the Swann's food truck driver a key to his apartment so that he could keep his freezer full of whatever Randy wanted but it was seldom 1 or 2 of the item but usually 6 or 12 because when Randy liked something, he really liked it. When Randy got caught by Linda, he became a better Man and Father and finally a good husband. Not always easy for either of them but always an adventure and when you have a really good friend, you want them to find happiness and joy, which is what I saw happen to my best friend. Rough edges began to be chipped smooth, his

*capacity to love increased because it had to in order to handle all of those children that Linda brought into their relationship. I am forever grateful that she could see what he could become if given the chance, Thank you Linda, and I hope to be given one of his bear hugs when we meet again. Until then, I will hold on to sweet memories of great adventure and friendship.*  
*Steven Wise Sandy Utah*

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**steven Wise** - May 26, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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*Thank you Steve*

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**Linda Thorpe Stanger** - May 26, 2024 at 08:32 PM

VG

“*My thoughts and prayers are with Randy's wife, family, and siblings at this time. I have many fond thoughts and memories about Randy. He is my first cousin. I lived with Randy's family for about 8 months when I was 14 and he was about 11. Even then Randy was a joker and a prankster. Over the years Randy always made a special effort to make the time to visit my mother, my brothers and me any time he was in Salt Lake City. I know that Randy has been fighting many medical challenges over the years while he was also fighting pulmonary fibrosis. I know he wanted to live. He stayed with us until it was no longer in his hands. I am glad he is feeling much better now. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children, and siblings during this time of loss and grief.*

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**Valerie Jane Gardiner-Shekarforoosh** - May 24, 2024 at 02:08 PM

CM

“ We met Randy at The Carpet Giant in 1993 when we were building our home. I'll never forget his purple suit, crazy socks & Werther's in his pocket. This salesman became a friend for life & we all know he was full of it! We will miss his laugh, humor, teasing & piano playing. This earth has lost a special person & heaven has gained a true angel. RIP Randy.



Cathy Martin - May 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy L. Stanger.



May 21, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ Brenda Snyder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy L. Stanger.

Brenda Snyder - May 21, 2024 at 06:33 PM