

Ricks Institute Alumni Association

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RIAA mourns the sudden passing of our Former National Chairman, Board Member, Chapter President and one of our most committed dragons, Mr. Wesley Bailey of the Panthers class of 1974.

This shocking event occurred Tuesday morning (7/25/17) in New Jersey after a very short period of illness. We are devastated, hurting and perplexed and may never understand the will of God. We commend in prayer, especially the family, for consolation and the peace of God that passes all understand.

We realize that the passing of our dear brother and friend will put a big void in his family, our personal lives, and the entire Ricks family, but we encourage each of us to keep the faith and lean on the Lord for “His yoke is easy and His burden is light”; we have every confidence in the Lord that this too shall pass gradually as we look up to Him.

Although disappointed and in sorrow, we will forever rejoice and celebrate the life and legacy of this great fallen dragon. We honor and accept the peaceful will of the Lord that has prevailed. We praise God for the time He lend him to us and the impacts he made on our lives. His service and dedication was immeasurable. We thank the family, especially Mrs. Louise Bailey for sharing him with us all these years.

RIAA will continue to lift the Bailey family in our daily prayers, give them our unflinching support in standing with them through this life’s darkness. May God bring comfort to their souls, and give them strength through this difficult time.

We will forever miss Wesley and his candid talk, encouragement, sense of humor, sincerity to service and his concern and love for people; he will always live in our hearts. May Wesley’s soul rest in God’s perfect peace and perpetual light shine upon him. Take your rest, brother, Wes; we will see you in the morning. Well done, well done our good and faithful servant.

“O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory.....?
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Cor. 15:55. 57)

Yours with Hope in the Resurrected Christ,

Deacon E. R. A. Paulus
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“Not for self but for others”