Rex Delbert Burton, was born on April 8, 1954 in Cedar City, Utah to Charles Franklin & Norma Smith Burton. Rex was the fourth child born to Charles & Norma. He has one sister, Charlene Harrop recently deceased, three brothers, Frank who is also deceased, and David & Lawrence. Rex is a life-long resident of Parowan, apart from the two years he spent in England serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has three ancestors that came with the original pioneer party to Parowan in 1851, so his roots run deep in Parowan. He has a great love for the Mother Town. Rex speaks fondly of the summers he spent in the mountains growing up herding sheep with his family. His father taught him how to work hard, working on the family farm when there were only irrigation ditches before the advent of hand lines, wheel lines, and pivots.

In 1973 he left home to serve a mission in the England North Mission which soon became the England, Leeds Mission shortly after he got there. It was a big culture shock for him, serving in many big cities, but he soon grew to love the culture, the food - especially the candy, and most importantly the people. It was while serving in the Stockport ward, he would meet his future wife, Christine Toni Havercroft. He taught Chris and her sister the gospel and they became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Soon after, Chris’s parents joined the Church. Chris, came over to the States to visit twice, before they got married in 1975. Rex & Chris have five children, Theresa, Heidi, Nichole (Nikki), Kristen, and Stephen and they are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren. They have four wonderful son-in-law’s and one special daughter-in-law. Rex’s family makes his world go round and he would do anything for them.

Rex loves being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and he loves serving within the Church. He has served in various capacities and is currently serving as the Stake Patriarch. He also serves as an ordinance worker in the Cedar City Temple which is such a blessing for him. He loves both of his assignments! Rex loves to shovel snow, so it is not unusual to see him walking down the street with a snow shovel over his shoulder, to shovel driveways. He has the odd quirk of wearing a beany under his baseball cap, so it is not hard to pick him out. He also loves to ride his bike, even though he manages to get many flat tires. Rex also loves to run, but unfortunately he doesn’t have much time to do this. Besides being a school teacher, he also works three evenings a week for a few hours in the Parowan Market. He has worked there for a number of years. Between the school and the store, he gets to know many people.

In 1978, he became a teacher for the Iron County School District and he is now in his fortieth year of teaching. His first year was spent teaching third grade in South Elementary and then he transferred to Parowan Elementary and he has been there ever since. Rex himself, was in kindergarten when the new Elementary school was first opened in 1961. He obviously loves being a teacher and feels it is such a privilege to teach these young children. He is now teaching multiple generations of his students and he takes a great interest in the students he has taught, both past and present. He is kind of famous in the school for his love for the Christmas song, “White Christmas,” and most of his students know he has a love for cherry pies. For many years the third grade have put on a program called, “Westward Ho,” which celebrates the pioneers who founded Parowan, and Iron County. He loves going on field trips with his class to various parts of Iron County as well as an annual trip to Bryce Canyon. He calls himself blessed to live in Iron County and especially to live in Parowan.