



Wade Olson Wardrop

October 21, 1950 - October 14, 2018

Our dear husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend died at his home Sunday, October 14, 2018. He was born October 21, 1950, to Calvin Wardrop and Dorothy Olson in Murray, Utah. They later moved to Holladay, Utah where he attended Olympus High School. He met the girl who would become his wife, Vicki Jones, there. They dated four years and were married August 28, 1970. He attended the University of Utah then transferred to Utah State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree. In 1975 he and Vicki moved to St. George, Utah where he taught Woodshop at Dixie High School. After eight years he opened his own business, Wardrop Cabinets. He had the opportunity to be a part of the tremendous growth of our area and was proud that many of his students went on to be successful in the construction business as well.

From a very young age Wade was always busy with many hobbies. He started out raising pigs and chickens in Murray with Sid Godfrey. This led to many projects — raising doves, racing pigeons, rabbits, lizards, snakes, the mice to feed them and a deep involvement in entomology. He loved to fish and hunt. A trip to Sun Valley, Idaho introduced him to fly fishing. He loved it and he began to study the bugs and tie his own flies.

After selling the cabinet shop in 2014 he was restless and found himself interested in quilt making! He approached it like all previous interests - 500% in. His skill increased and he has made countless beautiful quilts for family and friends. As a member of the Dixie Quilt Guild he was part of the Philanthropy Group. His quilts are being enjoyed by many in our community. This has brought him many special friends as well.

Wade was fortunate to have wonderful friends including a group of local businessmen who had lunch five days a week for thirty years! Membership in the St. George Lions Club brought more friendships that have continued to this day.

Wade was able to attend lunch with his friends, meet with his quilting group and have a reunion with his brothers in the weeks prior to his death.

Wade is survived by his wife, Vicki (Babe), daughter Tracy (T-Babe), Scott (Bud), daughter-in-law Melissa (Melbaby), granddaughter Evy and grandson Caleb. Brothers Todd (Brooke), Brett (Cathy), and Lane, all in Salt Lake City, Utah and Chad(Alina) in Florida. Sisters-in-law Nina (Kevin) and Barb also in Salt Lake and many nieces and nephews. And loving dog Max. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, nephew Tyson Wardrop and sister-in-law Polly Wardrop. Wade was extremely proud of the wonderful, loving people his children have become.

Life was never boring with Wade! His favorite saying was “the rules don’t apply to me”! He and Vicki have had many adventures and lots of fun. It’s been quite the ride!

Vicki and the family wish to express love and gratitude to their friends and family, the wonderful nurses and aides at the hospital and in Hospice, and the many doctors who took such great care of him over the years.

Wade was a supporter of those in recovery. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations that will be given to our area fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=FCVQQY2R84EF2.

Per Wade’s request, he will be cremated. He did not want formal services, so please join us at an open house as his home (3684 S 1470 W, Bloomington) Saturday, October 20th, 2-4 pm. Wade wants this to be a casual, fun time. For those who are so inclined he would like you too BYOB.

At a later date the family will be taking Wade to his final resting place, Antimony Creek, Utah, where he loved to camp and fish with his family.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by the Cremation Center of Southern Utah, 986-9100.

Comments



“ I knew Wade from his days on cornsnakes.com, he always made me laugh. I will truly miss his unique sense of humor. The world has lost a true individual, indeed!

Stephanie Thomas - October 25, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ Sincere condolences, from one of Wade's old snake-breeding pals across the pond. Wade was one in a million.

Janine Evan aka 'Diamond Lil'

Janine Evans - October 25, 2018 at 04:56 AM



“ Vickie I am so sorry for your loss, I only just found out. I didn't know your husband but he sounded like a great guy and I know you loved him very much.

Jean Smith

Jean Smith - October 23, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ Ahhh Vicki I'm so sorry to hear about Wade. Those Wardrop boys were especially loved by my Grandad Sid back in their Murray days. I hope for nothing more for you and your family than peace and the joy of fond memories.

Russ Godfrey

Russ Godfrey - October 20, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Vicki and family...I am so sorry to hear about Wade. You have so many fun and wonderful memories of him, as do I, and I am smiling thinking about some of our adventures that we had. Hugs to you and your family. Kris Horlacher Nielsen

Kris Nielsen - October 20, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ An amazing dad, friend, companion, classmate, best man, teacher, craftsman, on-and-on and on

He had an unending thirst for knowledge and a reciprocating value of excitement for sharing what he'd learned

Before there was YouTube and Google there was Wade, his problem solving input will be deeply missed! I'm very thankful for all the knowledge and tools he's given me to tackle what comes my way and to also pass onto my kids - what a guy!!

Love you dad!

Scott Wardrop - October 19, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ Wade's grandchildren's comments:
Evy” He was intelligent, soft-hearted and funny. When he taught me something, he always did it in a fun way!” He would always sing and he has a good voice, which is why I have a good voice and when he smiled there was always a nice pretty, bright light.”
Caleb ” Papa, I love you . My dog Lucy is up there In Heaven from eating poison pie and Allie because she was so old, they are both WITH YOU. I love your holy heart. My most favorite memory of you was when you caught a yellow and white spider in Medera Canyon- Love Caleb”

Melissa Wardrop - October 19, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ When it comes to 'dadad ' I am moved to the expression of gratitude. I look at the legacy he has left behind and I'm completely moved. My life as it is would simply not be without him. Honestly, when I met Scott I was NOT just drawn to him in class at Dixie College but to dad as well. In the past, dadad has taken all the credit of Scott and I's relationship by reporting that he told Scott” Now that's the girl you've got to get to know”. Regardless of how it happened, I have no doubt there was great purpose the day I walked into class and saw them both sitting in the very front row. I was completely taken by the two of them, TOGETHER!
Scott represents and is in so many ways dad at his absolute best. He sees beauty in things that go unseen. There's no project he won't tackle, there's no hobby that can't be mastered, and there's no insect that's not worthy of catching! There's always a 'correct' or 'better' way to do something and OCD is a gift worth waiting for; believe me you want to be on the receiving end! There's not much that can shake him and there's no end to his love.
I look at my life and see all the many ways dadad has deeply touched so many facets. Though he's moved on, I still will continue to see him in and through my sweet hubby, Scott and in our beautiful children. I know just how very lucky I am to have been a part of it all! I will forever have gratitude for his complete love and

acceptance of me, for him making me his very own 'Melbaby'.
Love always,
Melissa

Melissa Wardrop - October 18, 2018 at 12:27 AM



“ I miss my Quilting Buddy already. There is no one to take that Innova apart now and give me an excuse to come over. Thank you Wade for sharing your quilting journey with me. You added so much color to my quilts and laughs to my life. Thank you Vickie for tolerating our quilting adventures and being a good friend. I love you both.

Teryl - October 17, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ We only met Wade one time at the marriage of his son, Scott, to our granddaughter, Melissa Updyke. His many interests and abilities were very impressive. We wish God's comfort on Melissa, Scott and their children and the rest of the family. He will be missed.

shirley Updyke - October 17, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ We'll miss Wade so much. He was our walking encyclopedia and fact checker. We believed he knew everything. Thanks to him for his friendship. We'll never have another friend like him.

Val and Marjorie Hafen

Marjorie Hafen - October 17, 2018 at 04:52 PM



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Serenity Home - October 17, 2018 at 03:45 PM