



Blain Saunders

March 30, 1946 - August 10, 2021

Blain Saunders, age 75, passed away peacefully and painlessly in his home on August 10, 2021.

He was born March 30, 1946, in Ogden Utah to Harold and Doris Saunders, the fourth of eight children.

He grew up on a dairy farm in Vale Oregon where he attended and graduated from Vale Union High School.

Blain served a mission for the LDS Church in England.

He married Lynnette Tracy in the LDS Idaho Falls Temple on July 18, 1968.

Blain and Lynnette raised six children together. Lynnette passed away July 25, 2000.

After being a widower for four years Blain married Christina Hutchings in the LDS Jordan River Temple on December 28, 2004.

As a blended family, Blain and Christina, have eleven children, fifty-eight grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Concerning Blain's character and the way he lived his life, the following applies.

"Cowardice is largely predicated upon fear. Don't be cowardly. Don't be fearful. Fear is the opposite of faith. For goodness sake, you're already in the battle! You're already going to be overtaken. The fact of the matter is no one gets out of here alive. Live this life nobly, fearlessly. When you take the wounds that come your way make sure that they come to your front! Don't let them shoot you in the back. Go about your life boldly, nobly, valiantly. Because it is only

through valiance in the testimony of Jesus Christ that you can hope to secure anything. Not valiance in your fidelity to anything other than Jesus Christ. The fact of the matter is that faith must be based in Him, and in Him alone.”

Blain was a gentle courageous soul who decided to forgo degrees, titles, honors, positions, and his good name among men in this world in order to remain true to the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He took all of the wounds from the front.

Blain had a love for the word of the Lord in the scriptures. His knowledge of and obedience to the teachings in the scriptures allowed him to teach and influence the lives of many individuals.

He was an avid gardener and created healthy soil through his composting. It was like Christmas whenever a dump load of manure was delivered to his house.

During the year battling cancer, he never complained, and he approached every opportunity to treat the cancer, regardless of how challenging, with great positivity and cheerfulness. Even at the last, he was gracious and cheerful to everyone he encountered.

The family would like to thank SunTree Hospice for providing comfort to Blain and support to the family during that challenging time. The family would also like to thank Serenity Funeral Home for their tenderness and sensitivity in preparing everything for Blain’s burial.

There will be a public Celebration of Life open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday August 19 at the Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah 1316 S. 400 E. #A3 St. George, Utah. Starting at 7:30 p.m. it will be family time.

There will also be a graveside service and interment at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday August 21 at the Ucon Cemetery in Ucon, Idaho.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Tribute Wall

RB

“ At age 8, being a month different in age, Bishop Harold Saunders would baptize both Blain and me in the Nyssa, Oregon Stake font. A Saturday evening I will never forget!

At age 12 and in the same Deacon's Quorum in the Vale Ward, Blain Saunders found my character was flawed in that I didn't know how to fish! His Uncle (Bishop) Clarence Saunders had been patiently teaching Blain the fine art of fly fishing, but Blain kindly helped me bait a hook and taught me to be patient while we sat quietly together on the banks of the Burnt River in SE Oregon. A time I will never forget!

Blain had a burning testimony of The Book of Mormon - which he shared time and again with anyone who would take the time to be blessed by his vast knowledge of the ancient American Prophets. At my first job at BYU Provo, Blain taught me the law of FULL tithe (on my gross income)! Blain helped Father in Heaven to open the windows of Heaven upon our family.

My wife-to-be, Darlene Barnard, was BYU roommate with Yvonne Tracy and thus I would also meet Lynette, Blain's beautiful, precious and talented bride.

It seems to me that both of these wonderful friends passed-away far too early. I look forward to seeing them again, along with (Bishop) Harold and Doris Saunders in the Resurrection.

May God's peace be with the Saunders (and extended) families.
Rohn Thomas ("Tom") Butler

R. Tom Butler - September 24, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MR

“ I am honored to have known Blain and to have him in my life. He truly was blessed with the spirit of the Lord and carried himself that way for as long as I knew him. He had no problem letting you know his thoughts which usually came right from his heart. He was always trying to help others and share his strong love of the gospel. Rest of peace until we see each other again. Prayers and hugs to his family.



Sincerely,
Michele Chadburn Robitaille

Michele Robitaille - August 19, 2021 at 06:46 PM

TG

I never knew Blaine, but I knew about him from his wife Christina, who loved him very much from my observations. I always loved looking at his garden. He always had a big one. We were sorry to hear of his passing, but glad he had a peaceful one. God be with dear brother, through eternity 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

Tamra Goodrich - August 19, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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“ Doris & Harold Saunders Family purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Blain Saunders.



Doris & Harold Saunders Family - August 18, 2021 at 06:26 PM