



## David Henry Garner

January 9, 1935 - January 31, 2024

David Henry Garner, passed away on January 31, 2024, in St. George, Utah. He was born January 9, 1935, in Driggs, Idaho to Henry Andrew Garner and Ruth Mace Waddell. He married his sweetheart Marcia Jean Evans in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 11, 1958. She passed away February 5, 2014, after 56 years of marriage and five children. He later married “his Verda”, Verda Russell Manning, on November 13, 2015.

David was raised in the shadows of the Teton Peaks, in Alta on the state line of Wyoming and Idaho. As the oldest child he learned the value of hard work while farming shoulder to shoulder with his parents, milking cows, and cutting lumber. He was devoted to the Lord at an early age. He served a mission as a young man to the Northern California Mission and later with his wife Marcia in the California, Carlsbad Mission.

He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Physics and a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from Brigham Young University.

In 1962 David was hired to teach Seminary. With over 34 years of employment in Seminary and Institutes, he was a master teacher and scriptionist. He taught seminary and institute in St George, Logan, and Ogden, Utah; Afton, Wyoming; Alta Loma, California; Billings, Montana, and Vancouver, Canada. He also wrote curriculum at the Church Office building in

Salt Lake City. In between his work and raising a family he conducted tours to the Holy Land, Egypt, Jordan, Greece, and Italy. In 1980 he directed a BYU semester abroad to Israel.

He served in many capacities in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including, Sunday School teacher and President, Bishop, High Councilor, Counselor in the Stake Presidency, Stake President, and Temple Sealer.

David is survived by his wife Verda; his sister Irene Schiers; his sister in-law Jenae Garner, his brothers in law John Evans and Fred Staker, and his children Brian and wife Ann Garner of Kaysville, UT; Dean and wife Lisa Garner of St George, UT; Jan and husband Paul Merideth of Eagle Mountain, UT; Joan and husband Jason Cardinet of New Castle, California; and David and wife Rochelle Jensen of Rigby, Idaho. He had 20 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren.

David was preceded in death by his wife Marcia, his parents Henry and Ruth, his siblings Jay, Mary, and Dell.

The family would like to thank the many neighbors and ward members who have served and helped David and Verda over the years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the humanitarian fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Funeral services and celebration of David's life will be held on February 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the LDS chapel located at 1282 West 500 South Circle, St George, Utah. A viewing will be held at the same location from 9:30 to 10:30. Interment will be held at the Ivins City Cemetery following the funeral.

To Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94736286678?pwd=ajQvSnRSSWJkODRaRUdoTFpvREJRZz09>

Meeting ID: 947 3628 6678

Passcode: 209256

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at [www.SerenityStG.com](http://www.SerenityStG.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ivins Cemetery

200 West 400 North  
Ivins, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Green Valley LDS 3rd Ward  
1282 West 500 South Circle  
St. George, UT

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

Green Valley LDS 3rd Ward  
1282 West 500 South Circle  
St. George, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of David Henry Garner*



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - February 02, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DB

“ *Brian, Ann, and Dean. Please KNOW HOW SORRY i WAS TO BE INFORMED OF THE DEATH OF DAVE!!!! He was indeed, "one of the GREAT ONES." I will ALWAYS treasure his friendship and words cannot express how grateful I am to him for ALL he did for me. He will be GREATLY MISSED. Don Beesley.*

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**Don Beesley** - February 09, 2024 at 04:21 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - February 08, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SK

“ I was very privileged to know Dave and Marcia when they lived in Padre Lakes. She was a darling and he was the very best gospel doctrine teacher I ever had. They were both very much loved and admired and missed!

Sandra p Koski - February 06, 2024 at 02:52 PM



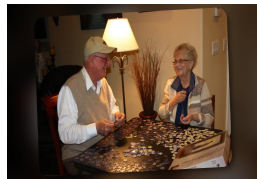
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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - February 05, 2024 at 04:35 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - February 05, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SR

“ My condolences to the family, along with peace that accompany one who lived a wonderful life.

Scot & Shauna Reid

Scot & Shauna Reid - February 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MB

“ Grandpa David was a gentle giant. We are so grateful for the love and companionship he showed our Grandma Verda. He performed our temple sealing in the Las Vegas Temple and is the reason I started to play the ukulele. He never missed an opportunity to give a hug and tell you he loves you. He will be missed dearly. We love you!



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**Marquel Baxter** - February 03, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ I remember that David was working on the farm and a tractor tipped over and trapped him beneath it. His father, Henry lifted it off him by himself. David was badly injured and was in serious condition for some time. We all wondered how Henry had the strength to lift the tractor but knew he had Divine intervention. We all felt David had been saved for something special and his life lived proved that to be true. He spoke at the funerals for my parents and always provided peace and comfort for us. Our family will miss his gentle spirit. Jay Sant

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**Jay Sant** - February 02, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JB

“ JR and Kellie Bylund planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Henry Garner.

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**JR and Kellie Bylund** - February 02, 2024 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ JR and Kellie Bylund purchased the With Distincti  
on for the family of David Henry Garner.



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**JR and Kellie Bylund** - February 02, 2024 at 03:03 PM