



# Donald Wesley Dennett

December 1, 1943 - August 1, 2023

– Donald Wesley Dennett, Age 79, passed away on August 1, 2023, in St. George. He was born December 1, 1943, the same day as his twin brother, in Springdale to Wesley and Virginia Dennett.

He married Arleen Halsey in 1966 and they had four beautiful daughters: Jill Taylor, Kelli Nelson, Heidi Price, and Reagan Adair. After their divorce, he met and married Karolee Young in Springdale on February 1, 1986, and they were sealed in the Las Vegas Temple, on February 1, 1995. They had six more beautiful children together: Tiffany Miller, Wesley Dennett, McKell Pilcher, Kayla Bettfreund, Kira Rollins, and Lawrence Dennett.

Don was born and raised in Springdale. He graduated from Hurricane High School and then attended College of Southern Utah (SUU), where he obtained his Bachelors of Science and participated in the Shakespeare plays sponsored by the college. He continued to University of Utah where he obtained his Master of Business Administration. He then moved to Boulder City, Nevada where he owned many businesses ranging from gas stations and ice-packing companies to several construction companies. His passions included working, taking care of all those around him, hunting, camping, fishing, boating, skiing, gardening, dancing, storytelling, candy making, being a short-order breakfast cook, chick-flick movies, playing cards, Christmas lights, spoiling his children and grandchildren, and spending time with his eternal companion. His dream job was raising elk, which he did for 12 years. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loved to share the gospel and took every opportunity to introduce people to the Savior.

Preceded in death by parents, Wesley and Virginia; brother, Tyrone Dennett; father-in-law, Lawrence Young; brother-in-law, Nick Stevenson; niece, Kylee Gerken and her infant son (Whipp).

Survived in life by: wife, Karolee Dennett; mother-in-law, Alma Young; sisters, Jannette Peace, Ginger Bradford (Don), Shelley Cox; sister-in-law, Lynette Dennett; twin brother, Daniel Dennett (Kim); children, Jill Taylor (Rick), Kelli Nelson (Karl), Heide Price (Greg), Reagan Adair (Cam), Tiffany Miller (Ty), Wesley Dennett (Nicole), McKell Pilcher, Kayla

Bettfreund (Tallin), Kira Rollins (Wyatt), and Lawrence Dennett (Sydney). Grandchildren: 29 (and 2 on the way) and great-grandchildren: 3.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff of the St. George Regional Hospital for their compassionate care. They also thank the ward, community members, friends, and family who prayed, fasted, called, and visited.

Don's family would like to continue his love of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ by requesting, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Missionary Fund at the following link:

<https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/donations/church/missionary-fund?cid=MemoriaMissionary&>

A viewing will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 6-7 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1584 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84767.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1584 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84767. A viewing will be held prior to services from 9:30-10:30 am.

Interment will be held at Springdale Cemetery following the funeral.

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

Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100

# Cemetery Details

## Springdale Cemetery

Paradise Road  
Springdale, UT 84770

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Springdale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel  
1584 Zion – Mount Carmel Hwy  
Springdale, UT 84767

## Viewing

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Springdale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel  
1584 Zion – Mount Carmel Hwy  
Springdale, UT 84767

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (MT)

Springdale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ My 21st birthday was spent with Don, Arlene, and Dan (my husband). Don was driving and some guy kept tailgating him. Don suddenly turned the car sideways in the middle of the road. Dan and Don jumped out of the car to confront the driver. When the guy saw those two headed his way he went up over the median and sped away. Those two thought they could do anything. Needless to say, we went on to dinner and had a good time at Nick's Supper Club.

Kimberley Dennett - August 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM

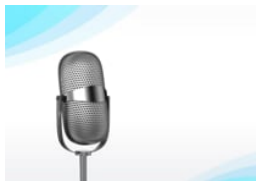
BT

“ Hi Carolee, so sorry to hear of Don's passing - you have my deepest sympathy. So glad we got to know each other when you were in Boulder City and I'm grateful we have kept in touch all these years and for the few visits we enjoyed at your place. Enjoy your big family, take care - love you Barbara Turner Tippetts.

Barbara Tippetts - August 07, 2023 at 08:35 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - August 07, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BS

Very lovely tribute. God Bless Don's family.

Bonnie Suerig - August 27, 2023 at 02:03 PM

RL

“ We knew Don and visited him several times during their years our sons were friends from Hurricane High! Ron was very kind and caring and wanted to do so much with his elk! We are glad he is at peace now and wish his families much grace and comfort at this time! May you have wonderful loving memories!

Richard & Cori Lundgreen - August 06, 2023 at 06:58 PM

LD

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Lawrence Dennett - August 05, 2023 at 02:46 PM

JB

“ Here's a song for my cousins at this time: <https://share.singsnap.com/play/903253>  
Jay Beacham

Jay Beacham - August 04, 2023 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ I grew up knowing Don Dennett, Jill and I are the same age. He had an infectious smile and he loved his kids.

*Do was our Sunday School teacher when we were seniors in high school. He had great lessons and he would send Jill to get hot fudge sundays to help encourage our attendance! While he was unconventional at times, he knew the gospel and he understood people.*

*Sending love to his family.*

Kim Booth - August 04, 2023 at 01:42 PM

VB

“ Don was the kind of man that made you feel that he truly cared about you. He served as our home teacher and it was always a joy to have him in our home teaching and sharing the gospel. He was always available to help in your time of need. We will miss you Don, rest in peace.

*Terry and Vicki Bell*

Vicki Bell - August 04, 2023 at 11:52 AM

SS

“ Samila S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Wesley Dennett.

Samila S. - August 03, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Don would stop by my house in Rockville....'Just checking in on ya'. He was always working hard and taking care of others. I will miss him. Rest in love Don.*  
*Tracy Dutson*

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**Tracy Dutson** - August 03, 2023 at 08:05 AM