



Duane Gunnar Wallin

May 3, 1959 - September 18, 2018

Enterprise, UT—Duane Gunnar Wallin, age 59, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 18, 2018. He met his eternal companion, Caroline Ferguson, in Centerville, UT, and was married for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on May 16, 1986.

Duane grew up in Salt Lake City where he went to Brighton High School. He played his favorite sport basketball on the varsity level and continued playing collegiate ball at Snow College and BYU-Hawaii. In his words, “He never saw a shot he didn’t like.” He was an enthusiastic sports fan/participant (Go Enterprise Wolves, BYU Cougars, Philadelphia Eagles, Utah Jazz, and LA Dodgers)! He served a faithful two-year mission to the people of Philadelphia, PA., and continued to be a devoted LDS Church member throughout his life.

Duane’s real and abiding passions were his family and friends, especially his 13 grandchildren. He loved family vacations and any chance he had to be with the ones he loved. Duane was able to coach each of his children in one capacity or another providing that one-on-one time that will truly be cherished forever. He spent most of his working life as a Severe Special Education Teacher at Enterprise High with various coaching positions in basketball, football, softball, and track. He was a major contributor to the Enterprise community; coaching, teaching, and/or impacting thousands of lives. He has been known by his large stature—a big teddy bear with a heart of gold.

Duane is survived by: his wife, Caroline; his children, Adam (Felicia) of Ivins, UT, Amanda (McKay) Jones of Enterprise, UT, Samantha (Scott) Toomey of Enterprise, UT, and Isaac of Enterprise, UT; grandchildren Aubrey, AJ, Tallon, Dayne, Korbyn, Joslyn, Carter, Baylee, Owen, Camille, Ellie, and Stockton; parents, Rune and MelvaRene Wallin of Salt Lake City, UT; siblings, Gary (Faith) of South Jordan, UT, Kathryn of Salt Lake City, UT, Nancy (Gene) Smith of Maineville, OH.

Duane is preceded in death by: his wife's parents, Adrian and Beverly Ferguson; his brother, Bryan; and his granddaughter, Hadlee Jones.

The family would like to thank his Doctors and the medical professionals who assisted in his care, past/present students and athletes, faculty/staff at Enterprise High School, most importantly Friends and Family, and nameless others for all the kindness and devotion shown at such a difficult time.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Enterprise Stake Center, 80 Center Street, in Enterprise, UT. A viewing will be held on Friday, September 21 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, September 22 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Enterprise Stake Center, 80 Center Street, in Enterprise, UT. Interment will be held at the Enterprise City Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Enterprise Utah Stake Center
80 S. Center Street
Enterprise, UT 84725
(435) 878-2425

Viewing

SEP **22.** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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Service

SEP **22.** 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wallin family - We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Kyle and Lindzie Head

Lindzie - September 25, 2018 at 12:20 AM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Duane Gunnar Wallin.*



September 22, 2018 at 07:08 AM

FC

“ Thanks for the Facebook friend request last year Duane. Sorry I took so long to share my recent feelings. I hope you understand my difficulty. Catching up has been fun. I have so many fond memories of our school days.

More recently, thanks for the great recipes. I have enjoyed quite a few of them actually.

I have also enjoyed your other posts (Your team's stories, Bird, Jordan and what bears actually do in the forrest).

The biggest enjoyment I have had my friend are your adult life posts. Thanks for sharing!!

You have obviously surpassed the successes you/we had in our younger years with your successes in life as an adult.

Your promotion of God, your devotion to family and your influence on the youth as their coach and teacher are amazing!

I am posting this so your family can add me as another person you have positively influenced (by the way, Patric Ewing may have swatted your shot out of the arena, he holds nothing to the number of Wilson's you tattooed on my forehead).

My condolences Wallin family,

Fred Courier, a Duane Wallin fan

fcourrier - September 22, 2018 at 12:12 AM

KA

“ To the Wallen family, we are so very sad for your loss. We looked forward to seeing Duane in church every sunday, he was always so pleasant no matter the circumstance with him. He was truly a gentle giant with a huge heart. Our kids always thought it was pretty neat that he had to duck when he'd come into the chapel because he was so tall. What a great example he was to us and all the youth, he was the best you could get in everything and he will truly be missed by all. Heaven always gains the best and Brother Wallen is and was the best. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time and if you ever need anything please let us know.
Love to all,
Cletus and Karen Adams

Karen B Adams - September 21, 2018 at 09:08 AM

GB

*Dear Caroline and family,
Know that our prayers are with you. We are sorry we are out of town at the time of his passing and funeral but are thinking about you all. May you find peace and comfort during your time of mourning...
With love always
Wayne and Gerri Bunker*

Gerri Bunker - September 22, 2018 at 09:41 AM

LH

“ I will never forget his favorite saying of "**HAPPY TO BE HERE.**" and the wonderful memories of the love to us. Gunnar and the boys were a blessing to Len and Paul and I. God bless



LOIS A HUFFMAN - September 21, 2018 at 05:58 AM

LW

“ *The Walker family Loved the Wallins. Growing up in the first ward on butler hill and knowing Duane and his family was such a blessing.*

Duane was always a very friendly and kind friend. Always thinking of others. He will be missed, Lowell , Helen, Lamont , Luana, Corry, Faith, Rachel, Nico, Nathan, Missy Walker

LaMont Walker - September 20, 2018 at 07:42 PM

MT

Duane was my friend. He excepted me where no one else would. He use to come to my house and borrow one of my bow ties when he went on a special date . I will remember the last time I saw him was when I was working at ALSIDE SUPPLY IN SALT LAKE. He worked for a delivery company delivering water. MOUNT OLYMPUS WATER. That was in the mid 80's. Today while I was working at HOME DEPOT in Tooele Utah another friend CURTIS BECKSTROM told me about Duane. My heart is broke. We were in scouts, in ward softball. Went to BUTLER ELEMENTRY AND BUTLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL. WE LIVED AROUND THE CORNER FROM EACH OTHER. To the Wallen Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My life will never be the same. I miss you buddy. Mikel Tolman.

Mikel Tolman - November 06, 2018 at 09:09 PM

YS

“ *Your loving sister & brother in law Nancy & Gene Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duane Gunnar Wallin.*



Your loving sister & brother in law Nancy & Gene Smith -
September 20, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Duane Gunnar Wallin.*



September 20, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ *I attended high school with Duane and played varsity basketball with him. Duane was a good friend, always a gently giant. We shared some fun times with teammates, all good clean fun.*

I am sorry to hear of his passing. I moved out of state after finishing college at the University of Utah and lost track of most of my high school friends. I regret that I will be unable to be at Duane's funeral services as my wife and I are on a full-time mission in the Utah Orem Mission, and travel is restricted.

We send our deepest sympathies to the family. I remember Duane as a genuine, happy and pleasant soul. I am sure he will be missed by all.

*Jeff Shaw
Brighton High School Class of 1977*

Jeff Shaw - September 20, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Duane Gunnar Wallin.*



September 20, 2018 at 01:33 PM

GT

“ Gary, Faith, and Thomas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Duane Gunnar Wallin.



Gary, Faith, and Thomas - September 19, 2018 at 03:31 PM