



## G. Boyd Robinson

October 31, 1928 - January 29, 2021

Gilbert Boyd Robinson passed away in his sleep, Friday, January 29, 2021 after a life well lived. He was born in Panguitch, Utah on October 31, 1928 to Gilbert and Erma Robinson.

He attended schools in Paragonah, and graduated Parowan High School, before attending Southern Utah University (formerly BAC). He was drafted after the Korean war, and served on the island of Okinawa, and was recognized for good conduct. While in the service, he completed his bachelor's degree by correspondence through Utah State University.

He married his childhood friend, Hazel Jean Davenport, who sent him a Christmas card while serving in the Central States Mission. He told his companion "This is the girl I'm going to marry." He and Jeannie were married May 24, 1951 in the St. George Temple. They were blessed with a son, Alan (D.Anne) Enoch, UT; and daughters Wendy (Val) Simmons, Providence, UT; Dianna (David) Robinson, Lehi, UT; Holly (Laurin) Ashby, Mesa, AZ; Tammy (Donald) Hulet, Paragonah, UT; Beverly (Dallin) Sawyer, Cedar City, UT; Penny Robinson, Cedar City, UT; and Shelly (Michael) Felix, Hyde Park, UT.

He taught Elementary school in Kanab, Paragonah, and Parowan, retiring after 30 years. He served as Bishop of the Paragonah Ward, two different times, served a full time mission with Jeannie to Cape Town South Africa,

spending most of their time in Namibia. He served for years as a Patriarch in the Parowan Stake. He was famous for his one line quotes, including: “Sit on the front row and volunteer for everything”, and “Eat up, you may starve tomorrow.”

He was known for his work ethic, his thriftiness, and his patriotism, as evidenced by the large map of the United States he created in his yard. He had a deep love, and firm testimony of the Savior. He was proud of his family, and loved to brag about his 41 grandchildren and 103 great-grandchildren. Music was important to him as he played the drums in a dance band with his wife, played the harmonica, and sang with his family. He is preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Jean Robinson, brothers Verdell (Pat), Max, and Sister Lucille (Dee) Conder.

He is survived by two sisters-in-law Ruth Ann (Dalton) Robinson, and Margaret (Davenport) Hansen. He lived by this verse in the Book of Mormon: “Do not spend money for that which is of no worth, nor your labor for that which cannot satisfy” (2 Nephi 9:51).

A large posterity will continue to honor his name by living a good life, appreciating fresh produce, living frugally, and remembering the sacrifices that bring the blessings he enjoyed. Because of the pandemic, the family will have a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, be like Dad and share a Book of Mormon.

Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at [SerenityStG.com](http://SerenityStG.com).

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Loved teaching with Boyd in Parowan. I remember he would ride his bicycle to school when the weather was good. When the weather was bad he would drive his VW, turning off the car at the corners on Main in Parowan then coast to Enoch Elementary. He was pretty proud that he could save gas that way. He lead a great live. Sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Trudy Savage** - February 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM

KC

“ Beverly and Dallin: My condolences on your loss; may you find peace and comfort in your memories. Kareen Porter Chamberlain

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**KChamberlain** - February 02, 2021 at 08:45 AM

RB

“ Words cannot express our love for this special man and his family. I had the blessing, privilege, and live changing experience to teach with Boyd for a few years at Parowan Elementary. Mine was the wonderful experience to tech with him his last year as a third grade teacher. It was such a wonderful experience. It would take books and books to recall all the stories he related to me as we taught together. He loved his family. The greatest tribute to his is life is his wonderful children and grandchildren. Thank you for having such a special father and grandfather. He has left you to continue his and your mothers legacy. Thank you Mr. Robinson!!!!

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**rex burton** - February 01, 2021 at 05:23 PM

DA

“ We were looking through old photos at the house. Here’s some we found of grandpa :)



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**darren** - February 01, 2021 at 12:15 AM

BS

*Thanks for sharing Darren. Love these pics, and you!❤️*

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**Bev Sawyer** - February 01, 2021 at 07:17 AM

LZ

“*Boyd Robinson was a special man in our lives. I had the pleasure of teaching with him for 12 years at Parowan Elementary. He was famous for his Christmas crafts, especially wooden rocking horses. He was also famous for his overnight campouts, boys one night and girls another night, with plenty of parent support. Boyd came and helped me on our house. The basement was totally unfinished. He taught me how to fir up the cement walls so that finish work could be done. Then he taught me how to do every aspect of a garage and worked side by side with me for much of it. He wouldn't accept pay for all of this. I did go help him build a house in Paragonah, but whereas his work was skilled, mine was not. I did try to give him a few apricots from Hurricane each spring. I also had the privilege of teaching his youngest daughter, Shelly. She was one of the most enjoyable students I ever had. Then I was privileged to teach Shelley's two oldest children by request. They were delightful as well. Boyd served a mission to South Africa. He was our stake patriarch for many years. Our youngest two children received their blessings from him. His wonderful wife, Hazel Jean, passed away many years ago from cancer. We will surely miss visiting him.*”

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**Liz & Tom Zaleski** - January 31, 2021 at 10:26 PM

BS

*Your friendship has been a blessing for the whole family. Thank you for your love!❤️*

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**Bev Sawyer** - February 01, 2021 at 07:14 AM

AR

*I always love and cherish the memories me and my siblings had @ Uncle Boyd & Aunt Hazel's farm and visiting with the whole family. They were always so kind and loving to us all. Uncle Boyd will be greatly missed. What a Beautiful Legacy he has left. Much love to my Cousin's and their families. April Robinson-Elsbury 💕💕*

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**April Robinson-Elsbury** - February 01, 2021 at 11:08 AM

DJ

*I have so many memories of Boyd and Hazel, they were dear friends to mom and she had many stories of the things she and Hazel Jean did as young girls.*

*Boyd was my teacher in the Paragonah Elementary School, in Parowan Elementary and was my Bishop as a young girl. He gave Patriarchal Blessings to my younger children.*

*I remember many hours spent at the Paragonah band practices. It was so enjoyable to watch them laugh and play the music they all loved.*

*Mr R did fun things in school to make learning enjoyable and he also put a practical element to everything so we could use the lessons in our lives. The class trips to Veyo swimming pool, and many bike rides are some I remember. They were wonderful people and they raised a talented, loving family.*

*It was a blessing to have Boyd and Hazel part of my life.*

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**Debbie B Johnson** - February 02, 2021 at 06:22 AM

PD

“ 1 file added to the album Boyd



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**Pamela R. Durfey** - January 31, 2021 at 06:01 PM

BS

*This is beautiful Pam! Thanks so much!*

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**Bev Sawyer** - January 31, 2021 at 06:11 PM

ER

*Well done sister, my sentiments exactly! Love to all the Boyd Robinson family, as well as Ruthann & family and cousin Homer (Brent)*

Emily Robinson - February 06, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bev Sawyer - January 31, 2021 at 03:44 PM

DR

*I love the music connections. It comes from the heart. Thank you for sharing.*

D Anne Robinson - February 01, 2021 at 08:53 PM

BS

“ 4 files added to the album Boyd



Bev Sawyer - January 31, 2021 at 12:25 PM

LH

“ Hi dear family. So loved that Uncle Boyd! He was a honey of a man for sure. Love and blessings to all of you. So very grateful he slipped peacefully away. Love , Jerry and Linda Hayes

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**linda hayes** - January 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM

BS

*Thanks! We love you cousins!*

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**Bev Sawyer** - January 31, 2021 at 08:07 PM

VH

*Mike and I so much enjoyed our visits with Uncle Boyd. We have so many wonderful memories of his stories and kindness. Thank you for giving him the great tributes at his grave service. We will miss him. Your parents are the best! Much love to all of you.*

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**Vicki R. Hill** - February 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

SP

*Hear so many wonderful stories from my sister about al the class reunions and the closeness of you class. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and the family. Sandra Orton Pittenger*

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**Sandra Orton Pittenge** - February 02, 2021 at 09:50 AM