



## Gary LaVere Kidman

July 8, 1939 - March 10, 2017

Surrounded with the love of his children, Gary LaVere Kidman passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017. Gary was born on July 8th, 1939 to Lyman LaVere Kidman and Leah O'Brien Kidman. He was the first of four boys for LaVere and Leah. He grew up in Cache Valley and Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from Olympus High School in Salt Lake City in 1957. He served a Brazil North mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 1958 to 1961. He graduated from Brigham Young University.

Gary met Donna Dastrup at a church activity and married his eternal soulmate on December 20, 1962 in the Manti, Utah temple. They had 7 children together. Gary was active in the LDS church, held various callings and served the Sunset 6th Ward as bishop. The family lived in Provo, Salt Lake City, and Sunset, Utah; Foster City, CA; Spanish Fork and St. George, Utah. Gary's choice of employment would always be one in direct contact with people. He owned a restaurant, sold solar panels and worked in payroll and human resources. Gary and Donna served together in the California, San Jose mission from 2011 to 2013.

Gary loved people. His family would say, "He could walk into a room full of strangers and walk out with a room full of new friends". Gary gave his smiles and hugs freely. He was warm and accepting and will be sorely missed.

Gary is survived by his children: Wendy (David ) Butler, Devin (Jennifer) Kidman, Kareen (Kevin) Warnick, Randy (Rachel) Kidman, Tricia Kidman, Brandon (Lindsey) Kidman, and Tara (Dave) Olsen, 33 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and brothers Richard, Dennis and Brent. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Donna and his parents.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the Foothills Ward chapel, 2079 E. 2450 S. in St. George, Utah. The viewing will be held Sunday, March 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and again prior to the service on Monday from 9:30 to 10:00.

Interment will follow the service at the Tonaquint Cemetery, 1777 S. Dixie Drive in St. George.

Friends and family are invited to share memories and condolences online at [www.SerenitySTG.com](http://www.SerenitySTG.com). Arrangements under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive  
Saint George, UT 84770

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Foothills Ward Chapel  
2079 East 2450 South  
St George, UT 84790

## Viewing

MAR 20. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Foothills Ward Chapel  
2079 East 2450 South  
St George, UT 84790

## Service

MAR 20. 10:30 AM (MT)

Foothills Ward Chapel  
2079 East 2450 South  
St George, UT 84790



# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was a Priest in the Sunset 6th ward, Gary Kidman was my bishop. We both shared a love for golf and burgers. We would go golfing together and he would interview me while we were golfing. I had no idea that was what he was up to, but it was so fun! After golfing we would go get burgers at his restaurant that were served by cute high school girls. It doesn't get any better than that! Golf, burgers and cute girls all while hanging out with my Bishop. I will never forget him and his wisdom and love for me. I will miss him.

*Nathaniel Morrell*

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**Nathaniel Morrell** - March 20, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gary LaVere Kidman.



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March 18, 2017 at 12:11 PM

FG

“ From The People Group purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Gary LaVere Kidman.



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**From The People Group** - March 16, 2017 at 07:27 PM

FM

“ From Regina & Grant Meicho purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gary LaVere Kidman.



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From Regina & Grant Meicho - March 16, 2017 at 06:58 PM

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“ I work for The People Group and Mr. Gary as I fondly called him is my boss's Devin's dad. He would always make us smile and laugh telling jokes whenever he visited the office in Portland, OR. He had that warm, friendly smile that put you at ease right away. We will surely miss him. Fly away home Mr. Gary...

Regina

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Regina - March 15, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Gary LaVere Kidman.



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March 15, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary LaVere Kidman.



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March 14, 2017 at 09:28 PM