



James Bruce Densley

October 27, 1935 - March 24, 2022

On March 24, 2022, Bruce Densley graduated from this life and reunited with his wife, Karen. James Bruce Densley was born October 27, 1935, to DeVone Oliane Densley and William Melvin Densley in Salt Lake City where he spent his younger years. While a Senior at South High he enlisted in the Utah Air National Guard and proudly served in the guard and Air Force Reserves. Bruce served a Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to Northern California from 1955-1957. After returning from his mission, he continued his studies at the University of Utah. During this time, he met and married Sara (Sally) Jane Merrill in January 1960. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Upon graduation, Bruce accepted a position in retail management and was transferred to northern California where they resided until the early 1970's when he requested a transfer back to the Salt Lake area.

Bruce and Sally had four wonderful children, Destiny, Shelley Jane, Julie Oliane, and James Merrill. They divorced in May 1983. On November 16, 1984, Bruce married his best friend Karen Bowen Wall. This marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Karen was his constant and caring companion until she passed away on March 11, 2021. When Bruce and Karen married, Bruce gained two more wonderful daughters, Wendy Marie and Tonya Kaye.

Bruce stated that he loved all six unconditionally and with all his heart, that his family was his heritage in this life. To Bruce and Karen their family was their

life and they received great joy from them.

In 2002, Bruce and Karen had a home built in Virgin Utah. He said it was “easier to shovel sunshine than the cold white stuff”. They both loved Virgin and said they never wanted to live anywhere else.

In 2004, Bruce was elected to the Virgin Town Council where he served for 10 years and was then elected Mayor for 4 years. He said he loved this job (most of the time).

While living in Virgin, Bruce served on the local fire board for many years and loved his job. He served proudly and patriotically and was a friend to all local law enforcement.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father and mother, his wife, brother Paul and wife Leanore, his brother Art, a brother-in-law Shiogi Sugaya, a sister-in-law Sandra Beddes. He is survived by their 6 children Destiny, Shelley (Steve), Julie (Curtis), Jim, Wendy (Damon), and Tonya (Wes), 11 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Also, by brothers Steven (Cheryl), Don (Bonnie), Sister-in-law Elaine Densley, brother in-law Gary (Vida) Bowen, sister-in-law Marica (Dennis) Wilson, brother-in-law David Beddes.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Springdale Ward Chapel. A viewing will be held prior to service from 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. at the same location.

A viewing will also be held on April 1, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. at Lindquist Mortuary, 1867 N Fairfield Rd, Layton, UT 84041 with graveside services following at the Farmington City Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah and Lindquist Mortuary of Layton for their services.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Viewing

APR 1. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Lindquist Mortuary
1867 N Fairfield Rd
Layton, UT 84041

Graveside Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

Farmington City Cemetery
500 S 200 E
Farmington, UT 84025

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Bruce was a man above the rest. He taught me to love unconditionally and his actions were proof that he loved unconditionally. He will live on in the hearts and lives of all those who's lives he blessed. We all love him and will miss him.* ”



Shawn and Gwenda Beddes Family - March 29, 2022 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Our dear friend Bruce will be missed by so many for a long time. I loved working with Bruce while he was on Town Council and while he was Mayor and I was Town Clerk. I know he's happier with Karen and not fighting health issues but I wasn't ready for either of them to go. Love you both, Monica & Kent Bowcutt* ”

Monica Bowcutt - March 28, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of James Bruce Densley.* ”



March 28, 2022 at 04:08 PM