



Jay Brent Nielsen

May 3, 2026

On May 3, 2026, Jay “Brent” Nielsen, 74, of Washington, Utah, passed away after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Brent was born in Rexburg, Idaho, to J. Eldred and Leah Nielsen and was raised in Sugar City. A lifelong aviation enthusiast, he graduated from the Ricks College Aviation program and spent 40 years maintaining aircraft in the Salt Lake City area. Brent often said that work never felt like work because he loved what he did. Aviation ran deep in his family, and early on Brent earned his pilot’s license and owned an airplane. When his family outgrew the 2-seater plane, he pivoted and used his mechanical talent to spend time with his family on the water instead, fixing-up and maintaining sail boats and motorboats, instilling a love of water in all his children.

In September 1976, Brent married Janie Munns. Together they raised three sons while living in the Salt Lake/Bountiful area. A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Brent served in Scouting, Young Men’s programs, and the Bishopric. In retirement, he and Janie returned to Idaho for several years enjoying the projects their fixer-upper property afforded them before heading south to Washington, Utah.

Brent was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Ladean Nielsen and Sharon Porter. He is survived by his wife Janie; sons Jayson (Rachel) Nielsen of Pace, Florida; Ryan (Amber) Nielsen of Las Vegas, Nevada; and McKay (Alise) Nielsen of Bountiful, Utah; along with 11 beloved grandchildren and many extended family members.

“A mile of highway will take you one mile, but a mile of runway will take you anywhere”. Brent will be missed, but we know that he has left the runway into the next chapter of life.

A graveside service will be held on July 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sugar City Idaho Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sugar City Cemetery

Sugar City, ID 83448

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was do sad to hear about Brent's Passing. He was such a great classmate. Always so happy and positive all the time. He was the life if the party! We will miss you dear friend.
MARY TKACHYK (CLASS IF 1970!)

Mary Tkachyk - May 10 at 10:08 AM

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“ We have so many fond memories of Brent and Janie and the boys when we all lived in the Rose Park neighborhood. Brent was a wonderful friend to us. We have great memories of his family. Love and prayers. Rusty and Flossie Latta

Florence Latta - May 08 at 12:26 AM

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“ The Herbert Benson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jay Brent Nielsen.



The Herbert Benson Family - May 06 at 01:28 PM

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“ Brent Nielsen was singularly kind, warm and gentlemanly. I have many fond memories of when we were neighbors with Brent and Janie and their young family. These gentle people are a blessing in our lives!

I imagine Brent soaring in the next life like an eagle, unencumbered by the metal , noisy shell of an airplane and its engine.

Anne Martinez - May 06 at 09:51 AM

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The many years of Friendship came flooding back of the news of our dear friend Brent. From the good time coaching our boys in jr jazz, to meeting up at chubby's for so good Mexican food. To the scout camps and all the service we did together. I will never forget that sheepish grin. Thanks for the friendship Brent. Until we meet on the other side.

Dave and Sharon Durr

Dave Durr - May 10 at 01:04 AM

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“ *Carmen Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Jay Brent Nielsen*



Carmen Gutierrez - May 06 at 12:47 AM