



Jay Rowland Young

July 20, 1950 - November 19, 2025

Jay Rowland Young, a man who embodied the carefree spirit of the Beach Boys and a lifelong love of adventure, returned home to our Father in Heaven on November 19, 2025. Born on July 20, 1950, in Provo, Utah, to Marva May Saunders and James Ira Young, Jay lived his 75 years with the same wide-open enthusiasm as the California coastline he adored. He grew up alongside his siblings, Jim (Ann), Louise, Steve (Karen), and Elaine (Bruce), and he was preceded in death by his Hopi brother Gerald Lomatewaime.

Music was the rhythm of Jay's life. Whether carving across glassy water on skis, cruising winding highways on his Harley, or spending quiet moments with his animals, there was always a melody behind the moments he loved most.

He shared that love for music with his family, finding his greatest joy in their laughter and the memories they created together. Jay is survived by his wife, Karen; his children, Jennifer (Troy) McNeil, Jeremy (Lauren) Young, Jonathan (Jessica) Young, and Joy (Dan) LeRoy; his stepchildren, Raylene, Donetta, and Laura Scribner; and his step-children, Jared (Josie) Worthington, Aaron (Maria) Worthington, Matthew Worthington, Melissa (Tim) Miller, Spencer (Shanay) Worthington, and Nathan (Kami) Worthington. He was preceded in death by Jacob, Rachel, Alma, and Izzy Worthington. He treasured every

moment with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family. Jay will be remembered for popsicles and snow cones, his love for BYU, his beautiful handwriting, rafting in Jackson Hole, hunting above Grandma's Grove, and boating trips. One of his family's favorite traditions was spotting temples on road trips.

Jay proudly served in the Army Reserves for eight years, reflecting his deep love of country. As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served a mission in the Northwestern States from 1970-1971, a foundation of faith that shaped his life. His passion for horses began in his youth and grew as he owned many over the years, including his prized CW Painted Dream, with whom he won the US Nationals. He also served his community for 10 years with the Utah County Sheriff's Posse.

Jay's legacy of adventure, faith, and love will live on in all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 12:30 pm at the Washington LDS Chapel located at 807 Capilla Rd, Washington, Utah. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, November 29 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, before the service. Burial will follow at the Centerville City Cemetery located at 650 east 400 south, Centerville, UT on Tuesday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you to Atlas hospice for their kind and tender care of Jay.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Veterans American Legion post in Washington county, Utah, Hope Reins Healing <https://www.hopereinshaling.com/>, or Purple Heart Foundation <https://purpleheartfoundation.org/don>

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Condolences and memories may be shared at www.serenitystg.com.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97572050179?pwd=ofLiYeMu5zz4IVSAbHUbarZi0uaPVR.1>

Cemetery Details

Centerville City Cemetery

650 east 400 south
Centerville, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Capilla Rd. LDS Chapel
807 W Capilla Rd
Washington, UT 84780

Funeral Service

NOV 29. 12:30 PM (MT)

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807 W Capilla Rd
Washington, UT 84780

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (MT)

Centerville City Cemetery
650 east 400 south
Centerville, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Zoom Funeral Service Broadcast in memory of Jay Rowland Young*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - December 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Jay was a Life Member of Salt Lake Motorcycle Club. We enjoyed getting to know him and learning of the Club's past rides, history, and culture. Jay will be missed. SLMC sends our love to Karen and the rest of the family.*



Tiffiny Porter - December 02, 2025 at 10:04 AM

LA

“ Linda A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Rowland Young.

Linda A. - November 28, 2025 at 11:17 PM

RW

“ Jay you'll be missed, as young boy's we spent many good times together, cruising, wandering, and exploring the streets of Centerville Utah. We also worked, when we got a little older, at the Lagoon Amusement Park, he on the Grounds Crew and I on the Picknick and Ride crew. We didn't make a lot of money but we had a great time.

Jay moved to Southern Utah with his wonderful wife Karen and later when my wife Bev and moved south as well, I was able to reconnect with Jay. The past few years we've been able to share old memories and experience each other's company. I knew Jay was going through a major health challenge, which he seldom spoke about, except when his medications affected his abilities to function normally. He faced his diagnosis with a great deal of courage and determination. Jay was determined not to let his diagnosis slow him down. He pushed through a lot and was an example to us all about how to never give up.

I'll miss you Jay, until we meet again at a future time in a place the human eye can't see. Carry on and enjoy your newfound freedom. You'll be missed but not forgotten. Your Buddy Ray W.

Ray Workman - November 27, 2025 at 11:32 AM

JM

Ray, I never knew he worked at Lagoon. Thank you for sharing that memory.

Jennifer McNeil - May 05 at 12:25 PM

LM

“ Love Marsha, Connie, Jerry, David, Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Rowland Young.

Love Marsha, Connie, Jerry, David, Mary - November 26, 2025 at 05:57 PM

LM

“ Love Marsha, Connie, Jerry, David, Mary purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jay Rowland Young.



Love Marsha, Connie, Jerry, David, Mary - November 26, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jay Rowland Young.



November 26, 2025 at 04:24 PM

KN

“ Grateful for courageous and faithful men like Jay who brighten our lives.

ken and Joanne Nunley - November 26, 2025 at 08:57 AM

TR

“ True R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Rowland Young.

True R. - November 25, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MJ

“ Dear all,

I knew Jay for many years. We spent a lot of time together both personally and professionally. He had a zest for life that certainly was contagious. I will always remember Jay fondly and I hope that he has peace.

Mark S Jonaitis

Mark S Jonaitis - November 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SN

“ Dear Karen, We are so sorry for the passing of Jay. You and Jay gave such a good fight for his continued life on earth. Through it all, you stayed positive. You and Jay were always so kind to us and so fun to be around. We wish we could be in St. George to give you a great big hug of support. Our prayers are with you as you go through the days and weeks ahead. We know you know, that you will be supported by the Holy Ghost and our Heavenly Father. Please know that you are loved by us. Sally and Richard Nicholls

Sally Nicholls - November 24, 2025 at 10:53 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



chelsea stark - November 23, 2025 at 01:41 PM

GB

I will miss you my friend. Your kindness to my family and your smile will always be remembered. God bless you. Gary Brouse

Gary Brouse - November 25, 2025 at 09:22 AM

LR

I will miss you, dear cousin! Thank you for your friendship and kindness to me and to Randy. I'm glad we got to visit you and Karen a couple of times in St. George. I had hoped to come now that we are back from a trip, but, sadly, I am too late. Know we love you!

Linda and Randy Ripplinger - December 08, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JB

“ James B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Rowland Young.

James B. - November 22, 2025 at 09:31 PM

TM

“ A pang of sorrow passed through me as I learned of Jay's passing. Jay and I got acquainted as young boys when our families lived in Burlingame, California. We revelled in the fact that we were both born on the same day in the same year in the same hospital in Provo. After our respective families moved away from Burlingame we had only occasional, sporadic contact. However, through the years Jay and I would sometimes wish each other that happy, shared birthday. Jay will always have a tender place in my personal history. Happy trails, Jay 'til we meet again.

Tony Morley - November 22, 2025 at 03:29 PM

MR

I served with Elder Jay Young in the Northwestern States and then the Oregon Mission. He was an outstanding missionary. I loved serving with him. We continued our friendship when I moved to Eagle Mountain in 2004. We both loved horses and we had a nice ride on my horses, which he enjoyed. There is no one like Jay Young. He is the best. May Heavenly Father bless and comfort all the Young Family.

Michael Robinson - November 22, 2025 at 08:13 PM

CK

Jay will be missed for a few short years, we have been friends since High School. Many Institute Classes together and other classes at Viewmont High. I loved the way he always called me his little sister, and I always called him my Big Brother Jay. He and I lost each other after High School and then I was on the find the lost people committee for the 40th reunion. I looked forever and ever, but then I found him under a different name. Thinking what the heck, I tried the number and finally found him. One day at work at Zion's bank I thought is this line ever going to end? I looked to see how many more people were in the line, low and behold there was my BBJ! I turned off the computer and ran to the back of the line and gave him a big, big hug. Oh how grateful for finding my Big Brother Jay again. It won't be long til I see you again Jay. Til' we meet again!

Cathy T Kirkham - November 29, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LF

“ *Love-The Richard & Joan Young Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jay Rowland Young.*



Love-The Richard & Joan Young Family - November 22, 2025
at 12:40 PM

LR

“ *Jay was a great friend to my husband Bruce Rasmussen. After he passed away, every time Jay was up to northern Utah he would call to see if I needed anything. Always concerned about the welfare of others. He was a Great Guy.*

Linda Rasmussen - November 21, 2025 at 03:33 PM

VF

Jay was my very good friend and I knew him at Viewmont High where we went to school. He was a brother to me and an Uncle to my children. Love you big brother . Vikke Joseph Fox

Vikke Fox - November 22, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JY

We just learned of Jay's passing. We didn't get to know Jay well, but every time we saw him he was so pleasant, upbeat and kind to us. He was a strong and positive man. We send our warmest condolences to his sweet, loving wife, Karen. May God be with you.

Bruce and Judy Young

Judy Young - December 01, 2025 at 11:18 AM