



Jerome Glenn Gourley

September 20, 1941 - February 3, 2026

Our loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jerome Glenn Gourley, born September 20, 1941, SLC Utah, was welcomed back to his heavenly home on February 3, 2026. He died peacefully in his home in Toquerville, Utah, after a long struggle with cancer.

Jerome's early years were that of a child facing uncertainty with a birthmother and being placed into the foster care program until March of 1947. At that time, he was adopted from the Welfare Dept of the State of Utah by his beloved parents, George and Adena Nell Gourley, of Holladay, Utah. Along with his older brother, Michael, he enjoyed a wonderful childhood of friends, pets, play and chores. His parents taught him the value of work, and he learned to love literature and poetry at his mother's knee.

Upon completing Jr. High School, he graduated from Olympus High School in the spring of 1959; whereupon he completed U.S. Army Basic Training at Ft. Ord, California, where his love of country and service took root. Returning home, he began his journey towards completion of the four major goals he had set for himself: 1) Join the army; 2) Graduate from college; 3) Serve a mission for the LDS Church; 4) Marry in the temple. Jerome successfully served a 2.5 yr mission to Sweden and in March of 1964, married his

sweetheart, Judy Murray, in the Salt Lake Temple and they were blessed with 62 yrs together.

Jerome and Judy raised three wonderful children: Keirsten (Frank King); Eric (Lindsey); and Gregson (Colette Gourley Crandall). He loved seeing his children serve in the military, serve missions, and marry in the temple.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Gregson; and his granddaughter, Kennedy Grace King.

Jerome was an active scouter, National Guard career man (20 yrs), member of Post 100 American Legion, Command and General staff instructor for the 96th ARCOM (16 yrs), a 20 yr member of the Mormon Battalion Association (including two terms as President), Toquerville City Planning and Zoning, Branch President of the Salt Lake YSA, Gospel Doctrine and High Priests Group Instructor, Temple Square guide and host, Temple ordinance worker and long-time Home Teacher. But his most prized title was that of a grandfather "papa" to his 12 grandkids and his most recent great-grandchild.

A quote from Jerome, "A great many people have blessed my life, far too many to try to mention, but allow me to leave with you Edwin Markham's perfect, little concluding poem: "There is a destiny that makes us brothers; None goes his way, alone: All that we send into the life of others; Comes back into our own."

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 12th, at the Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park, 17111 1700 W, Bluffdale, UT 84065. Visitation from 11-11:30 a.m. with chapel service from 12-1 p.m. followed by the military honors at gravesite thereafter.

Cemetery Details

Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park

17111 1700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 254-9036

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Audio Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - February 13 at 11:32 AM

HB

“ He was my Bishop in the Union Fort Ward. I was a new member of 2 years and had started smoking again. As he was mentoring me through this he called me to be his Exec Secretary, knowing that I was still smoking. As I left the Stake Presidents office that morning, not having smoked that day, I finally got ahold of Pres. Gourley. He said "Did you take the Call and Have you smoked today", I responded "I did and I haven't" He responded "Get your --- in here, we have work to do". I've never smoked again and resumed a relationship with Karen, later to marry in the MT Timp Temple. As most of my family are not members, Pres Gourley presided over a ring ceremony after the Temple Sealing. We have 3 kids, one being a return Missionary and twins that are about to serve this fall. The Ripple effect of kind actions are eternal. To say that this man has impacted my life is a huge understatement. Eternal love for your Brother!!! HR

HR Brown - February 11 at 09:04 PM

GT

“ Jerome will be missed in the Toquerville community. His example of service will continue to inspire. My thoughts are with the Gourley family.

Greg Turner

Greg Turner - February 11 at 05:25 PM

FN

“ From April, Elizabeth & Noelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Glenn Gourley.

From April, Elizabeth & Noelle - February 11 at 10:15 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jerome Glenn Gourley.



February 11 at 10:15 AM

VC

“ Brother Gourley, you know how much I love you and Judy both. What a blessing it is that you came into my life and I got to know the both of you. You were such a good man you will be greatly missed.

Valerie Compton - February 10 at 02:38 PM

JH

“ *My Dear cousin Judy,
May you find comfort in knowing your sweet Jerome is now pain free and safe in the arms of his loved one in the heavens above. I could never thank him enough for visiting my mom in the care center several times, even bringing your brother Ralph when he was in town.
Remembering in my head the pain and broken hearts when you lost Greg in Iraq.
I will remember our fun lunch date with you 2 that lasted at least 2 hours.
Kiersten and Eric, memories will get you through these tough days.
Love you all💔☐
Rhea Yates Hyde/ Jim*

Jim/ Rhea Hyde - February 10 at 08:35 AM