



Jerry Rulon Pace

February 24, 1955 - November 21, 2020

Jerry Rulon Pace, age 65, was eagerly welcomed back to his heavenly home on November 21st, 2020 where his precious daughter Brittany was the very first angel to receive him with her lovingly open arms.

Jerry was born on February 24th, 1955 to Rulon Albert Pace and Angelina Kourianos Pace in Price, Utah. Jerry spent his childhood alongside his big sister Joanne Pace Carpenter and his baby brother David Albert Pace. During his youth Jerry enjoyed working with his Father delivering coal and freight to the local coal mines. Jerry also participated in the marching band and madrigal choir at Carbon High. Jerry was blessed with a strong bass voice that would many times quiet the crowd as he sang to them. This singing phenomenon lasted his whole life.

When Jerry turned 19 he was called to serve an LDS mission in Osaka, Japan. He acquired a deep appreciation for the people he connected with and their culture. It was during his mission that his friend Gina Bell started writing him. Once Jerry came home from his mission this small start of a friendship was able to develop into what would become a truly astounding love story.

Jerry and Gina Bell Pace were married for time and all eternity in the Manti, Utah temple on December 17th, 1976. Jerry was working at H & J Supply in Price, Utah but later was offered an outside salesman position at Rhinehart Oil

in Salt Lake City. He was always fond of the small town that held so much of his Greek heritage but this new venture moved him, his wife and five small kids to Sandy, Utah where the central part of his life was spent. At this time he and his wife Gina added two more children to the total?? Jerry spent 17 years with Rhinehart Oil. Towards the latter part of this career move Gina decided to explore doing shelter care...which turned into Foster Care...and in turn resulted in the adoption of four more children. Jerry's family was now complete and so was his time in Sandy where he had cultivated such meaningful relationships with neighbors and long lasting golf buddies. He finished his job at CCI Mechanical and moved south to Hurricane, Utah to continue his life with Gina and start yet another adventure with S & S Mechanical as a sales manager.

Jerry and Gina truly enjoyed bringing up their family in the LDS faith. The gospel principals gave their family a foundation that would be so important in ways they could not have known at the time. Jerry has always had an unwavering testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Atonement. He was never shy about sharing the things he knew to be true and only ever wanted others to share in the joy of his faith that he so fully believed in.

In February of 2019 Jerry suffered a spinal cord injury due to stage 4 liver Cancer and he found himself wheelchair bound but so very determined to walk again. He was, at this time, inspired through a talk given by Jeffery R. Holland to have patience. Jerry, the most patient man on the planet, found himself desiring to become more patient!! He received countless blessings for his efforts to have increased patience and forged ahead to walk again unassisted and play his beloved game of golf.

Jerry is preceded in death by his beautiful daughter Brittany, his Father, Mother and little brother David. He is survived by his eternal sweetheart Gina Bell Pace and their children; Jeremy (Suzette), Adam (Marianne), Alison,

Trevor (Whitney), Caleb (Kelsey), Trent (Krista), McCall, Sadie, Ethan and Mason. He is also survived by nineteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Jerry's children and grandchildren wish for you to know and understand of the importance that this great man had in their lives. He was a gentle Father and an even kinder "Papou" who taught us all by his consistent example the concept of hard work, compassion, positivity, integrity, service, humility, gratitude and respect. He wished for each of their lives to be fulfilling and watched in awe as they found out in their own ways how to accomplish that.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 27. 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Colonial Building
658 W 1500 S
Hurricane, UT 84737

Funeral

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Colonial Building
658 W 1500 S
Hurricane, UT 84737

Graveside Service

NOV 27. 1:00 PM (MT)

Hurricane City Cemetery
200 E. 600 N.
Hurricane, UT 84737

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Rulon Pace*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 24, 2020 at 02:08 PM

“ Dear Pace Family,

Mary and I are so sorry that our dear friend, Jerry, passed away. What an amazing man, father, grandfather, incredible music talent, golfer, and faithful member of the Church. We have so many wonderful memories as we all grew up together along with our children, especially the early years when Adam and Michael were always “guests” at each other’s houses.

I remember when the Pace family arrived in our Ward and I was assistant Cub Master. Jerry was so supportive then and all through the scouting years of young sons. As you may later recall, Jerry was Teachers Quorum Advisor and I had the privilege of serving with him. Jerry was so fun to be around, at the same time a great example and teacher to our young charges. I learned many Gospel principles from his well-prepared lessons. Camping with the scouts was always a blast, whether in the torrential downpour at Amethyst Lake in the Uintas or learning the “geologic art” of rolling rocks in Price River Canyon! Jerry knew how best to manage and keep in check energetic 14- and 15-year-old boys in the wilds of Utah. He would allow them to play poker as long as he could play with them! Jerry would always have a weekly activity planned for the young men and do it whether ten showed up or one – it would happen. I’ll never forget all of the boys gathering in the Pace family room to watch a movie in 1993. I asked Jerry what we were going to watch to which his response was “Jurassic Park,” of course!

As you may recall, later I had the honor of serving as the Pace family home teacher. It was always easy to schedule an appointment to meet with the family and Jerry made sure that all the family came in the room for my visits and lessons. Jerry was always insightful about any topic we discussed.

One of my great regrets is that I only got to golf with Jerry once. I knew it was something he loved to do and I felt like a kid as he attempted to help me learn the game.

When I first saw Jerry in his wheel chair, it was difficult to keep my emotions in check. Having lost my dad to cancer, then my sister at age 53 also to cancer, and now my friend Jerry suffering with that insidious disease, it was especially hard. However, Jerry was like a

rock and assured me that everything was okay. What a special person. We will miss him but take solace that he is in a better place, pain free, singing hymns, telling stories surrounded by his loving family members that have gone before, including his sweet daughter. He may be even playing golf!
Love, Tom and Mary

Tom Chidsey - December 01, 2020 at 11:26 PM

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“ *When I think of my dear brother in law Jerry, I am reminded of the line from a Tina Turner song-"Simply the best, better than all the rest" Jerry exemplified the Savior's characteristics as well as any mortal man can. Love you my friend and brother. Rest with your loved ones.*

Bob Wood - November 26, 2020 at 12:23 AM

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“ *We welcomed Jerry into our family when he married my little sister, Gina, in 1976. Our life has been blessed by this tall, dark Greek who cherished and loved our sister all his days. His ready smile and genuine kindness made it easy to welcome him in. He was always cheerful and ready to meet life's challenges as well as it's joys. We will miss him but know that his personality and zest for life continue to draw others to him beyond this veil.*

Our prayers and thoughts are with my sister and all her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchild.



Sheila Madsen - November 25, 2020 at 05:05 PM