



John Barnes Van Ausdal

July 21, 1934 - July 18, 2015

Ivins, Utah.

John Barnes Van Ausdal 80, passed away peacefully July 18, 2015. He was born 21 July 1934 in Leland Utah, son of Julius Arthur Van Ausdal and Othelia Bradford.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Ann Jolley, children: Norma Jean Morrow, Michael (Lynette) Van Ausdale, Peggy Van Ausdal, Dennis Van Ausdal, LeAnn (Mark) Browning, Brett (Trisha) Van Ausdal, Necole (Ron) Babcock and Janice (Rod) Detterich; sisters, Joan (Sherl) Petro and Rhoda Ann Strasburg; a brother, William (DeAnne)Van Ausdal; sisters-in-law, Ida Van Ausdal, Cheryl Van Ausdal, and Sharon Van Ausdal; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Shirley Skinner, Rowenia Openshaw, Elizabeth (Beth) Larsen, and Jean Kaze; and his brothers, Kenneth Dean and Julius Max Van Ausdal.

John grew up in Santaquin, UT and attended Payson High School. He joined the Navy spending time in Midway Island, Hawaii, and California where he met his first wife Jean Shubert (Div). He was also a Navy Seabee. After leaving the Navy he moved to Utah working at various driving and

construction jobs. While paving roads near Bryce Canyon UT, he met his forever companion, Shirley Ann Jolley.

He was a gunsmith and loved to talk about makes and models with any who was willing to sit down and talk awhile. He retired from Hill Air Force Base as a vehicle operator and moved to Ivins Utah in 1994.

John loved children. He liked to sit on the back row in church just so he could see all the little children as they came in. John was well known for his excellent bread. He loved to give it to others. It was a privilege for him to provide the sacrament bread last year.

John loved good music, especially piano and Cello. He loved the outdoors. His favorite job was a hiking guide at Red Mountain Resort. He enjoyed interacting with guests from across the country and telling them about the amazing scenery here. He became an avid organic gardener, making compost tea to spray on the lawns and garden. He was always trying out new ideas.

We express our deep appreciation to Southern Utah Home and Health Care and Hospice (Encompass) for their dedicated and compassionate service and to the many friends and family who came by to cheer him up.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Ivins 1st Ward Chapel, 290 E. 1060 S., Ivins, Utah. A viewing for family and friends will precede the funeral from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Ivins City Cemetery.

You may share memories and condolences at www.serenitystg.com.

Cemetery Details

Ivins Cemetery

200 West 400 North
Ivins, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Ivins 1st Ward
260 E. 1060 S.
Ivins, UT

Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Richard and I love John and you Shirley. You were such great neighbors for 15 years. I remember when I was putting in my lawn. I was not doing a really great job and John came over and helped me. He showed me how to level it using string and he worked along side me. I think he is a great man.*

I am so sorry that he has been so sick for so long. I had a really hard time when we moved out of our Ivin's Home. I cried like a baby. It wasn't the house necessarily, although I loved it too but, my neighbors. my Ward. the people I loved. I cannot believe how easily you get out of touch with the people you love dearly just because you moved 36 miles away, or because you are no longer in the same ward.

Shirley, I just need you to know that I look up to you. I feel sad for your loss. You are a wonderful person and have always been a good friend. You are so strong in the Gospel and in everything you do. You are one of my Hero's and I love you. I will forever!

Love, Jodie and Richard Herpel

Richard and Jodie Herpel - July 22, 2015 at 10:37 PM