



Joseph Eugene Baird

November 13, 1937 - October 27, 2018

St George, UT – Joseph Eugene Baird of St George, UT, was born to Joseph Baird and Erma Hadley Baird on November 13, 1937 in Provo, UT. He died on October 27, 2018, at the age of 80. His wife Sandra Gaudio Baird was by his side as he peacefully passed. They were married December 31, 1971.

Joseph was raised in Provo, UT and lived there all his life. His father opened “Joe’s Spic-n-Span Café” in 1937. His father taught Joe and his brother Ron all of the recipes for a successful business. They fed the BYU football players for over sixty years. Everyone ate at “Joe’s”!

His interest for years was trap shooting. He received the 500 straight patch and traveled to many cities to shoot, and won many awards. Joseph’s hobby was baseball and he loved it with a passion. He was even approached by a professional team to try out. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He spent many days on his Harley motorcycle with his wife behind him. Together they took their boat to as many lakes as they could, and they loved going to Lake Powell with family and friends.

Joseph is survived by: Sandra Gaudio Baird (wife); Ronald Baird (brother), Bonnie Baird (sister); his children: Chris Littlefield of Lehi, UT, Liz Barlow

(Ron) of West Jordan, UT, Louise Munson (Donn), of St George, UT, Joseph Steven Baird (Angie) of West Jordan, UT; his step-children: Chantel Hamlin of St George, UT, Charles Johnson of Dallas, TX; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

The mother of his children was Cecilia Edward Mildenhall.

The family would like to thank Chantel Hamlin for the years of love and tender care she gave him, Dr. Leigh Boeckle, Dr. Jason Swigert, and many family and friends. Thanks to Pastor Rick and Pastor Jerry from Calvary Chapel who witnessed a beautiful passing under their hands.

A service will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Chapel located at 3922 Pioneer Road, St George, UT.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by the Cremation Center of Southern Utah, 986-9100.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (MT)

Calvary Chapel St. George
3922 Pioneer Road
St. George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *My memory is of his wife. I worked with her some at Modern Shoe Repair in Provo many years ago. Many great memories of fun at work with Charlie, Dorothy and Sherry!!! I hope you remember. My condolences to you at this time. Please know of my expressions of love to you now even though I am late I hope this gets to you!!!*

John Johansen - November 02, 2018 at 06:10 PM

RJ

“ *Ron, Michelle, Ron Jr., Kelly Jo purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joseph Eugene Baird.*



Ron, Michelle, Ron Jr., Kelly Jo - October 31, 2018 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ WE LIVE, LEARN, AND FORGIVE...

These are the thoughts I've pondered the last few days. These things fit with me and my dad. First, he did plenty of living. He worked hard and played harder, sometimes probably more than I knew. But what's important about this is that we learn from the things we do with our life. He took a different path than some would agree with, but he loved life and was happy with what he was doing. My dad always told me to mind my p's and q's. I think he tried to instill this in us kids because he had learned from his experiences and wanted us to be better and strive to do better things with our lives. After all we all want our kids to be improvements of ourselves. I know I have pushed my son to be better and make better choices than I have and he is an improvement of myself and will do great things with his life.

I loved my dad and looked up to him as a child. I know he worked hard in his life, so when I visited him on the weekend I would help him with the duties at the café so we could end his work week and go play. We would play hard, we would go to the lake and water ski, go to the rec center to swim and to the bowling ally. He worked hard on getting me in that nasty green lake to water ski, and I finally did. I'm grateful for the time I spent with him. There are some who choose to not spend time with their parents and some who had the opportunity taken away from them at a young age. So I feel fortunate to have been a part of his life.

One of the things I learned from him is there is no easy way. You need to take care of your body and mind and not take it for granted. When it breaks down you need to rehab it and not rely on a magic solution to fix it. These last couple of years were not good to him. His body and mind were giving up. I'm grateful he's not struggling anymore.

It will take some time to heal for all of us involved, and we will need to allow ourselves go through the process in our own way.

LIVE, LEARN AND FORGIVE!!!

I love you Dad and I hope you find peace!!!

Love: Your Son Joe

Joe Baird - October 30, 2018 at 10:45 PM

NG

*Saundra, Chani and family,
Paul and I would like to offer our sincere condolences to you, after hearing of Joe's passing. When I was a teenager, Joe and Saundra welcomed me into the family, as my birthday-sister Chantel & I, became caring, loving, lifelong friends.
My heart is breaking for the entire Baird/Johnson Family. May Joe have the peace he so deserves and may you all be able to find the strength to endure this painful time of sadness.
Many prayers and all my love,
Niki*

Niki Guzman - October 31, 2018 at 12:46 PM

ZO

*Dear Saundra and family,

We loved being your neighbors for 12 or more years every winter. Gary would look out to see if Joe and Quito were outside and then run over for a visit, sometimes a very long visit. They seemed to have a lot in common and understood each other. It was always sad to see him bound to a wheelchair for so long but we admired how well he accepted it and how well Saundra took care of him. We left St. George 3 years ago and have missed the association but we were able to have a great visit last year and grateful for that. Sorry, we couldn't come to the Memorial for Joe but we don't get around much because of health problems. We loved the thoughts of son, Joe, to his dad. Praying for all of you and for a peaceful, comforting funeral today. Love you, Gary and Zona Dayton*

Zona - November 01, 2018 at 12:18 PM

TB

Saundra, We are sorry to hear of Joe passing. You have our deepest condolences. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Ron & Trish Behrmann

Trish Behrmann - November 02, 2018 at 09:08 PM