



Joseph Eugene Blackburn

January 23, 1939 - March 22, 2018

Joseph Eugene Blackburn passed away on March 22, 2018, at his home in St. George, Utah. He was born to John Ellis Blackburn and Nellie Josephine Eberle on January 23, 1939, in Sasakwa, Oklahoma. He was the eighth of 11 children. He married Roberta Jones on June 30, 1963 in Downey, California and sealed in the Los Angeles Temple on March 4, 1967.

Joe acquired a love and appreciation for hard work in his younger years of life working on their family farm. After graduating from Sasakwa High School, Joe joined the Navy and served his country for four years on the USS Mathews AKA 96, and two years on the USS Eversole. After his service in the Navy, Joe married Roberta Jones and had three daughters and one son.

Joe worked for BF Goodrich for over 30 years in their chemical division and retired in 1994. Upon retiring, Joe moved to Star Valley, Wyoming where he raised cattle for a few years before settling to St. George, UT in 1998. He continued working in Southern Utah for McDonald's as a maintenance technician for ten years. Joe loved to work, serve and help all of those in need. Joe was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he served in many capacities throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife Roberta, daughters Jerilynne (David Bell), Teresa (Sam Heaps) & Tracy (Scott Milne), son Robert; 11 grandchildren; two great

grandchildren; a brother Jesse; two sisters, Irene and Eula Mae; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents John & Nellie Blackburn, his brothers Donald, Eutah, Lloyd Douglas and sisters Inez, Bessie, Alvenia, Baby Blackburn and grand-daughter Rhiannon.

Funeral services will be held on Friday March 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Cotton Acres Ward building on 2583 East 350 North, St. George, UT. The viewing will be held on March 29th from 6:00-7:00 PM at Serenity Funeral Home located at 1316 S. 400 E., Suite A3 St. George, UT. and on March 30th, 2018 from 10:00-10:45 AM at the Cotton Acres Ward Building.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **29**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Service

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Cotton Acres LDS Ward Chapel
2583 E. 350 N.
St. George, UT 84790

Tribute Wall

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“ he was the best grandfather anyone could ask for. he always picked me up from school
made me chicken nuggets, we would sometimes go to dinner. he was the sweetest man most honest man in the world. her never ever told a lie. i miss him so so much. love you grandpa, thanks for everything

paige (cameron) blackburn - May 24, 2018 at 03:43 PM

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“ Joseph Blackburn was my Bishop in Pitman Ward in New Jersey. He married me and my wife Margaret in 1985. He was a trusted adviser to us in our lives. Love and prayers to his family. - Ron Drinkwater

Ron Drinkwater - April 06, 2018 at 01:18 PM

 Kristen Carson

“ This man was the most thoughtful, selfless man, I have ever met. He was full of charity and love for all. He would give the shirt off of his back if he had to. He was loved by so many. He was the best grandpa. He was full of stories and love for everyone of his grand kids. He was full of wisdom, jokes and a story for every occasion. It was always such a pleasure and honor to sit with him and hear tales of his childhood...or just for advice on life. Boy he had a sweet tooth too. I am blessed he was my father in law. He will be so missed. If any man could be exemplify Christ, it was this man. Forever in our hearts you will be.

Kristen Carson - March 29, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Blackburn.*



March 28, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting this beautiful man, but have heard many stories about his kindness and love for his family. From what I know, his was very instrumental in shaping many lives with value and love. Prayers for the family and loved ones. Love and Deepest Condolences. Aunt Hope*

Hope Gillis - March 27, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *I remember so well his smile, his kindness, the spirit of the Lord he carried with him. I loved him as a friend and as my bishop.....Sister Joan Collier. I shall always remember Bishop Blackburn, he was my Bishop, my neighbor and when going by my house when I was working on old tree stumps, Joe always offered to help with a bag of termites. He will be missed. Brother John Collier*

john collier - March 27, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Prayers go out for you all! A Family Friend and a very loving Family to us all in Sasakwa!*

Hiram Roulston & Family - March 27, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Ralph Waldo Emerson said that the secret of the world was that all things subsist and do not die, but instead retire a little from sight and afterwards return again. I think this will ring true for this man, whether in the form of a voice in our ear or a whisper to the soul. Certainly I can say there is a void left in my heart for now that will take a little while to mend. Mostly I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him not just as a decent human being but as a man of wisdom, of love, passion, and as my grandfather. If there is a model to how I should shape my character, I should see it in him. I love you, grandpa. Rest in peace.*

Ethan - March 26, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Blackburn.*



March 26, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Blackburn.*



March 26, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph Eugene Blackburn.



March 26, 2018 at 04:39 PM