



## Kenneth Ray Peterson

March 15, 1941 - August 23, 2022

Kenneth Ray Peterson, 81, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, with his children at his side.

Kenneth was born on March 15, 1941, in Winnemucca, NV to Clifford and Grace Peterson. Clifford, a lifelong resident of Littlefield, AZ, had gone to Winnemucca for a short period of time to work.

Kenneth (Pete or Big Pete) married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Huffman, in the St. George Temple just seven weeks after graduating from high school. He proposed to her when they were sophomores.

Kenneth was raised in Littlefield, AZ where he learned to work. He spent evenings and mornings planting and picking radishes, watermelons, onions, and alfalfa. He attended school at the tiny one room schoolhouse in Littlefield, sharing the small classroom with older and younger brothers and a few other friends and cousins.

In 9th grade he started school at his beloved Virgin Valley High School where he graduated in 1959. He was a point guard for the Bulldogs basketball team. He was a member of the FFA and had two state champion steers at the Nevada State Fair.

After high school he and Gloria moved to Reno where he attended the

University of Nevada. There he joined the ROTC. The next year they moved to Henderson where he worked for Timet. He was there about two years. He took Gloria and went to Salt Lake City where he went to Electronics school. Upon graduation they moved to North Las Vegas and later to Las Vegas. In Southern Nevada Kenneth went to work for EG&G (later Bechtel). He worked for a time at Area 51 of the Nevada Test Site and later other Areas near Mercury.

His hobbies included flying model airplanes, creating electronic projects (he made his own digital sprinkler clock) and camping. He enjoyed almost any kind of tinkering. He was especially involved in guiding and counseling the youth.

Kenneth was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He had many callings but was particularly humbled and honored to serve as Bishop.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, three children: C. Pete (Beverly), Kelly D. and Terri. (Paul Cahoon), the late LeAnn (Terrell Sloan), 12 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren (with one on the way). He is also survived by all five of his brothers.

He is preceded in death by his sweet daughter, LeAnn; his parents Clifford and Grace Peterson and his baby sister, Virginia Grace Peterson.

The family would like to thank Ward members, his brothers and especially the staff at St. George Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Littlefield Ward Chapel at 3260 E, Old Hwy 91, Littlefield, AZ 86432. A viewing will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Arizona time.

Interment will follow at the Littlefield Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at [SerenityStG.com](http://SerenityStG.com).  
Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of  
Southern Utah, 986-9100.

# Cemetery Details

## Littlefield City Cemetery

Littlefield, AZ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Littlefield LDS Chapel  
3260 E Old Highway 91  
Littlefield, AZ

## Funeral Service

SEP 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

Littlefield LDS Chapel  
3260 E Old Highway 91  
Littlefield, AZ

# Tribute Wall



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - October 03, 2022 at 01:05 PM

MP

“ Ken was 3rd oldest of my brothers. We were very close. He was easy to talk to & we had many long conversations. He was so proud of his children, grandchildren & Great grandchildren. I think this greatest joy was being with & talking about his wonderful posterity. He will be sorely missed. But he has left a wonderful mark on all of us that are left behind. I'm sure he has lots of family & friends who are loving him today. Love you Brother, but I am sure you know that. I will try to love your family as you would want me too! Till we meet again, save a place for me.



Melvin D Peterson - August 30, 2022 at 01:42 AM

JC

Ken was my “little” brother. I will miss him and his humor, kindness, acceptance, love and support. His wife, Jim’s wife Anne, and I all have the middle name Ann! My condition go out to all his family and friends. He leaves a hole in all our hearts to be filled on the other side.

Jacqueline Corey - September 01, 2022 at 02:05 PM

JC

I meant “condolences” not “condition”.

Jacqueline Corey - September 01, 2022 at 02:07 PM

PR

*I had many of the same experiences growing up in Littlefield, but at an earlier time. I remember him having a kind loving big heart. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to his family.*

*Philip Reber*

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**Philip Reber** - September 09, 2022 at 12:32 PM

SE

*Dear Gloria and Family, We mourn with you the passing of Pete, and pray that you will know the comfort that only the Spirit of Christ can bring.*

*Pete was a great friend and assistant to me during the 1970's. While I was bishop of the Las Vegas 40th Ward, he was my Executive Secretary, and not only kept me organized, but helped lead the whole ward in all of our youth and fund raising activities. With his cherry, faith-filled, optimistic personality, he brought the spirit of joy to all our ventures and responsibilities. Your and his whole family meant so much to our 40th ward.*

*All our love, Mahlon and Carole Edwards.*

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**S. Mahlon Edwards** - September 10, 2022 at 01:02 PM