



Kent Van Tassell

January 8, 1948 - November 9, 2022

Our loving and humble Dad, Kent Van Tassell, 74, passed away 9 November 2022 in St. George, Utah, of natural causes.

He was born 8 January 1948 in Heber, Utah to Carl M and Elda Van Tassell, the second of five boys: Boyd, Rulon, Carl Jr., and Chad. Dad grew up in Roosevelt and the Uintah Basin area. He worked hard and learned about the dairy business on the family farm while working side by side with his family every day.

Dad graduated from Union High School in 1966, participating in wrestling and football.

He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Southwest Indian Mission. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he served in many church callings throughout his life. He joined the Navy upon his return from his mission, during the draft of the Vietnam War. During his service he was deployed for a year on the USS Enterprise Aircraft Carrier.

He met the love of his life, Amalia Hernandez, while stationed in Lemoore, California. They were married 16 April 1970, in the Oakland Temple for time and all eternity. They have seven children: Ruth Van Tassell of Mt. Pleasant, Utah; Don (Jodie) Van Tassell of Woodland Hills, Utah; Vivian (Cory) Hanks of Burley, Idaho; Alonzo Van Tassell of Hurricane, Utah; Mindy (Ryan) Robertson

of Paul, Idaho; Kristy Hicks of Payson, Utah; and Colleen (Shawn) Sheppick of Herriman, Utah. He has 28 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Dad attended Snow College and played football there. He graduated from Brigham Young University, in 1977, and was on the wrestling team. He took his first job at Manti High School where he taught for three years and also coached football and wrestling. He decided to milk cows with his father and brothers, moving to Oakley, Idaho in 1980. Milking cows started a career that lasted a lifetime.

In 1982 his wife, Amalia, passed away after battling cancer. He married Beverly Hilterbrand in 1986. They later divorced. He moved his family to Rupert, Idaho in 1989 after losing his house to a fire. Dad loved coaching wrestling and especially loved coaching his sons. He contributed to the success of many high school athletes and the development of kids wrestling in Oakley and Rupert, Idaho.

He later lived in Dietrich, Geneva, and Challis, Idaho.

Dad is preceded in death by his wife, Amalia Hernandez Van Tassell, his parents; Carl and Elda Van Tassell, parents in law; Trinidad and Emma Hernandez and his great grandson, Calvin Van Tassell.

Viewing will be Thursday, 17 November 2022 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Morrison Payne Mortuary 321 East Main Burley, Idaho. Funeral will be Friday, 18 November 2022, 11:00 am. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 96 South 200 West, Burley, Idaho. A viewing will precede the funeral from 10:00-10:45 am. Burial will follow at the Marion Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Morrison Payne Mortuary
321 East Main Street
Burley, ID

Viewing

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
96 S 200 W
Burley, ID

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
96 South 200 West
Burley, ID

Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Kent Van Tassell.* ”



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