



Lamar Wallace Koford Jr

December 18, 1932 - June 5, 2019

Lamar Wallace Koford Jr was born on Dec. 18, 1932, at Physicians Surgeon's Hospital in Glendale, Calif. to the proud parents of LaMar Wallace Koford and Luella 'Blue' Bickmore and older sister, Helen Luella Koford AKA Terry Moore.

He attended Richardson D. White Grammar School, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School and Glendale High School. In kindergarten, he liked to play marbles. His young friends, Dick Callister and Ashley Jones, helped raise his pigeons, go to the movies and play miniature golf. Later he worked as a swimming pool lifeguard. His loved the boysenberry pies that his father would bring home from work. In 5th grade, he learned to play the trumpet and occasionally played it the rest of his life.

In 1954 he graduated from Brigham Young University, majored in Political Science and minored in Sociology. He was a member of the Val Hyric social club. Peter DeParma was a friend. His freshman year he got his first car, a 1941 Ford.

After college, he served on a mission at the Texas Louisiana Mission. Duane Richin's was a companion who he kept in touch with throughout his life. He baptized Cynthia Lewis who later married and had a family of ten children. He also helped baptize Brother Johns who became a Stake President.

After the mission, in 1956 he was drafted into the Army for 2 years. He served in Toul, France and was a clerk. After the military service, he worked for Security Bank in the Escrow Department when worked for Ducommun Metals & Supply for 5 years in Sales. He later worked for Benjamin Metals in Los Angeles, California for 30 years in Sales and Purchasing.

He attended a church single's group meeting where he met his good long-time friend, Jack Wilson and his wife, Ginny.

Wally and Ginny married June 25, 1982 at the Los Angeles Temple. They lived in Norwalk, California with a parrot, Pasha and little dog, Puff. In January 1996, they retired to Saint George, Utah. They both enjoyed being active members of the church and served as church librarians. They enjoyed picnics, hikes, bicycling and watching BYU football games on TV together. Wally has always had a strong testimony of the Savior and Jesus Christ. He studied and defended his belief in the church many times.

He was loved and adored by his wife, Ginny, of 36 years, and his 5 dogs (Bo, Puff, Tilly, Brit, and Toby) who were as faithful to him as he was to the church. Bless you, Wally.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Wally was one of our Home Teachers for several years. He always made sure to visit every month. He and Ginny often attended our family’s musical performances and productions. He had fun memories to share of growing up near Hollywood and of seeing the beginnings of Hale Center Theater’s first productions in a home seated around a table. He shared his love for animals and loved our little poodle Milo. We appreciate Wally and all of his kind support. We’re so sorry for your loss Ginny.

Lori Myers - June 06, 2019 at 01:33 PM

MC

“ I met Wally at his home in Brentwood CA in 1956. He was a BYU friend of my friend, Sherrie Washburn. We were visiting the LA area on our way to Hawaii. He treated us both to a seaside dinner at Malibu CA. He was very generous to us both then. I remember a time when Andy and I were performing with the S.C. Mormon Choir in LA at the Memorial Cemetery, speaking to his sister, Terry. She told me then that Wally had recently moved to St. George. Ten years later we moved here in the same ward as he and Ginny. We love you, Ginny and are concerned about you at this time of indescribable grief. Only the Gospel message of life eternal can overcome that. Love, Mary & Andy Christensen

Mary Christensen - June 06, 2019 at 01:24 PM

DH

“ Wally and I were home teaching companions for several years and I enjoyed his wit and sense of humor. He was a dedicated home teacher and kept us on track each month. I had a chance to see him in the hospital the night before he passed away. I asked how he was doing and he told me he was going to see his father in heaven. He will be missed. David Houston

David Houston - June 06, 2019 at 12:09 AM

LC

“ Ginny oh, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm sorry I never got to meet Wally. I wish I could be there for you. You take care of yourself. Love you. Miss you. ❤️❤️🌻🌻🎯

Linda Coleman Ashton Carruth - June 05, 2019 at 07:33 PM