



## Lawrence E. Bagby Jr.

July 2, 1947 - October 24, 2020

Washington, UT- Lawrence E. Bagby Jr. passed away on Saturday October 24, 2020 in St George Utah from complications related to Covid-19. Larry was born July 2, 1947 in Alhambra, CA to Violet Gertrude Hall and Lawrence Elmet Bagby. He met Nancy Kay Moore when he was 13 years old and married her in the Los Angeles Temple on November 26, 1969. Larry was raised in Los Angeles CA, and served a “Southern States” mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints. He graduated from UCLA with a Bachelors in History. He served as a Captain in the Air Force and later became a Certified Financial Planner.

Larry was an intentional husband and father who loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all his heart. He was extremely diligent in his discipleship of Jesus Christ by being a great missionary , family history and temple work enthusiast and serving unceasingly. He was loving, kind, a peacemaker, and an amazing leader. He served as Bishop for 5 years, High Council for 10, and he was the Interfaith Public Affairs Director for 8 years for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Thousand Oaks, CA.

He had a talent for writing in his journal and Book of Remembrance and a gift for speaking and teaching. He was a friend to everyone and had a happy contagious personality full of zest for life!

He was an accomplished musician in accordion, piano and singing. You could find Larry singing and entertaining as often as he had the chance and

especially loved singing and performing with his family.

He was an avid sports fan and athlete and loved watching and cheering for the Dodgers, Lakers and BYU Cougars! He and Nancy celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Kay, children, Kristi (and Craig) Gardiner, Lawrence E. Bagby III, Kerri Bagby and Dustin Bagby. He has 10 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandson and is also survived by his brother Richard Bagby.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to his wife Nancy through <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-loving-larry-bagby-jr>

Larry's Celebration of life will be held on Oct 31 at 11 am in Washington UT. Interment will be held at Tonaquint Cemetery. Military honors provided by the Air Force.

You can join the celebration and stream the funeral live at home:2

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97723538984?pwd=OFd6S2oxeIFSSXUxTE9RdFVGTK05QT09>

Meeting ID: 977 2353 8984

Passcode: 455525

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



# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (MT)

Sienna Hills Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
1500 East Ridge View De.  
Washington, UT 84780

## Graveside

OCT **31**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Tonaquint Cemetery  
1777 S. Dixie Drive  
Saint George, UT 84770

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence E. Bagby Jr.*



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - November 02, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RL

“ *I first met Larry when I came down to Thousand Oaks for Craig and Kristy's wedding. Craig and I are good friends from BYU. From the moment I walked into their home, Larry made me feel like I had been a part of their family for years. It was an amazing weekend full of fun and laughter. I really could feel the Lord's spirit anytime I was around Larry. I would see him one or two more times afterward but will always cherish that weekend in So Cal. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the entire Bagby family. God Bless an amazing man who is smiling down on us all from Heaven.*

*Ryan Lopossa*

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**Ryan Lopossa** - January 25, 2021 at 05:54 PM

KB

“ Dear Nancy Bagby, and the family of Larry Bagby Senior,

*I am shocked by the sudden passing of my dear friend, Larry Bagby Sr. He was an*

*awesome friend, and I will never forget what a great person he was..*

*Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. You will all be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely, Kent Bascom, Burbank, California*

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**Kent R Bascom** - November 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM

GL

“ *I was so saddened by the news of Larry's passing. A more cheerful and optimistic man I have never known. An immediate friend to all strangers who met him. A brother to us in the Thousand Oaks Stake. Musically talented and, better yet, willing and eager to share his talents upon need and request (and sometimes without request!) A good bishop. A devoted and faithful missionary who influenced countless lives. I am so sorry for the heartache the Bagby family is going though; but I know that your faith will sustain you and the warm memories of your husband, dad, and granddad will give you comfort till you meet again in the beautiful place where he is now actively engaged in good works, just as he was through his entire life; His was a life well lived. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him....*

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**Graig Larsen** - November 01, 2020 at 04:39 PM



*Thank you for your kind message and we know he will continue to watch over us !*

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**Larry Bagby** - November 01, 2020 at 07:08 PM

JS

“ We are sadden with the sudden loss of Larry. We have known and loved Larry and the Bagby family. Our families have crossed paths many times when they lived in the TO Third Ward. I have always admired his boundless energy. He was a man on the move. I too recall the many times he shook my hand and sincerely said, "sure Love you." We will missed him but our lives are better because of him. We pray the Lords peace to rest with his Family. Jeff and Karen Sycamore Thousand Oaks CA

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**Jeffrey Sycamore** - October 31, 2020 at 11:06 PM

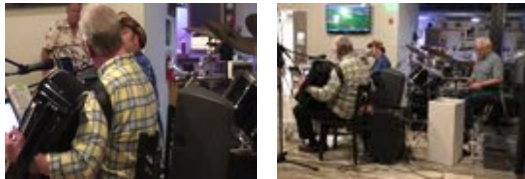
BE

“ I just saw Larry at a live performance on August 15, 2020. I fully expected to see his vivacious smile again before the year was through. We met in Thousand Oaks while doing some missionary outreach in that area 22 years ago, but his fame preceded him; Larry III and I met in college and served full 2-year missions to Argentina and Colombia, respectively, and my then-single mother raved about Larry's musical chops after returning from a singles function he performed for.

He was kind, energetic, friendly, outgoing, and looked everyone in the eye with an authentic smile. He loved Christ, and that love allowed him to love everyone else. He was anything but a "Nowhere Man", but I loved hearing him play it, alongside his son, just two months ago. He could MILK the accordion! I'm guessing he's putting harps in cloud storage and plugging amps in now....

Video I attached was shot when my shoulder was in a lot of pain, and the house was crowded, but you can hear the enthusiasm behind the mic'.

Until we meet again, may God be with us, as you certainly are with Him.



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**Bill Ennis** - October 31, 2020 at 09:02 AM

JB

“ Larry was the first person who greeted us in the summer of 2018, when we first walked into the Sienna Hills Ward. We felt loved immediately because of Larry’s warm and generous greeting. We enjoyed talking to Larry and hearing him share his great testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The light of his spirit shined through in every word and action. Heaven received a great soul in Larry Bagby. He will be sorely missed.

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**Jeanne Bradley** - October 30, 2020 at 12:48 AM

  
Melissa  
Ryther

“ One of our first weeks in TO 1st Ward was the Christmas party. Larry was the MC and went from table to table caroling and having us all sing along. His beautiful voice and shining personality made everyone feel like family. Best Christmas party ever!

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**Melissa Ryther** - October 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM

KC

“ He was Bishop when I was a teenager. I remember him really being a part of our group! He took an active interest in sharing his love as well as the love of our savior to others. one of my favorite Christmas memories is going caroling with the young men and young women group and he showed up and joined us with his accordion. The one and only Time that I ever went Christmas caroling with an accompaniment :-)  
You could always feel his genuine love whenever you spoke to him. He will be loved and missed dearly, but I can only imagine how ecstatic Heavenly Father is to have him home.

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**Kendra (Collings) Santa Cruz** - October 28, 2020 at 11:22 AM

DC

“ We are sending our love and appreciation for Larry Bagby our Bishop and friend. He is a true example of a charitable loving and loveable servant of Jesus Christ. He lives with his Savior now and we can expect he is closely guarding over his Nancy and the family they share. Oh how much we will miss him, but only until we see him again. Good bye for now our accordion playing friend, Bishop Bagby.

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**Deby Cross** - October 28, 2020 at 04:33 AM