



## Leslie Robert Stimpson

December 17, 1944 - January 3, 2026

Leslie Robert Stimpson, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and lifelong servant to his community and his faith, passed away peacefully at his daughter's home surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Les was born on December 17, 1944, in Rupert, Idaho. After spending several years with his family in California, he returned to Idaho as a young boy and settled in Heyburn. It was there that Lana Jeanne Cherry welcomed him as the “new kid on the block.” That simple act of kindness grew into a lifetime of love. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on July 28, 1966, and shared 58 devoted years together. After Lana’s passing last year, Les spoke often of his hope to be reunited with her, a hope now fulfilled.

Les served faithfully in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout his life. He served a mission in the Great Lakes area and later held various church callings, including serving as a counselor in the bishopric of both his family ward in Idaho Falls and the BYU–Idaho singles ward. His service was never about recognition, but about love. He genuinely cared for people and made friends wherever he went, always eager to talk, listen, and connect.

Les devoted his life to service, both to his family and to his community. He served over 30 years in law enforcement, beginning his career in Shoshone,

then with the Burley Police Department and later as a Sergeant with the Idaho State Police. Finally towards the end of his career, he was an investigator for the Idaho Bureau of Investigations. At home, his children knew him as a calm, reliable presence who carried his responsibilities with humility and integrity, creating a sense of safety and stability. Those same qualities defined his public service, where he was respected for his professionalism, fairness, and sound judgment.

At home, Les found joy in simple blessings, family camping trips, scenic drives through Yellowstone, Island Park, Jackson Hole, and the Grand Tetons, and meaningful family reunions in West Piney. Above all, he cherished time with his family and grandchildren, taking a sincere interest in their lives and always offering encouragement and guidance.

Les is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Tolman Stimpson, father, Robert James Stimpson, brother Randy Stimpson, and wife, Lana Jeanne Stimpson. He is survived by his eight children: Sheri (Larry) Hansen, Mark (Kathie) Stimpson, James (Richelle) Stimpson, Dan (Melanie) Stimpson, Wendy (Aaron) Murdock, Jared Stimpson, Sarah (Shawn) Birch, and Kody (Lisa) Stimpson; and leaves behind a legacy of 48 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 10, 2025 with a viewing at 10:00 a.m. at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (MT)

Hansen Mortuary  
710 6th Street  
Rupert, ID 83350

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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710 6th Street  
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# Tribute Wall



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - January 13 at 02:37 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - January 13 at 02:32 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - January 13 at 02:29 PM

LW

“ *Les and Lana were wonderful neighbors. They were also faithful Church members and loved and served the Lord throughout their lives. Their strength of testimony will always be remembered in our hearts. Udell and LeAnn Webb*

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**LeAnn Webb** - January 12 at 12:32 PM

CT

“ *Brother and Sister Stimpson were great people and friends! I am so happy for them to be reunited and no doubt serving in heaven as they did on earth.*



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**Candace Toman** - January 09 at 03:30 PM

DR

“ *David Rich lit a candle in memory of Leslie Robert Stimpson*



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**David Rich** - January 07 at 03:54 PM

DR

*I worked with Les at ISP. Wonderful man. Always an encouragement. Always a smile on his face. Rest in Peace my friend!*

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**David Rich** - January 07 at 03:55 PM

MH

“ *Les & Lana blessed our lives! They always shared warm smiles, helpful hands, and hugs with Christlike kindness! They were always willing to help others in whatever way they could!*

*One day not so long ago (I see it was December of 2023), Lana sent me a text with a picture of Les two steps up on a ladder helping my father-in-law, who lived across the street, change a light bulb on the front of his house. Her charismatic note joked about who was worse to be up on that ladder. That is just how they have always been, a happy, helpful team willing to do whatever they can to bless the world and bring light to all around them!*

*We love your parents! We are grateful they are together! That is their most happy place! We will rejoice when we find them again! We know they will be smiling, helping, and always so Christlike and kind!*

*Sending you, their family, love and prayers at this difficult time. We are Grateful for the blessing it is to call Les & Lana Dear Friends!*

*May God Be With You, until you meet them again!*

*Sincerely, Brad & Märta Harr*

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**Marta Harr** - January 07 at 03:37 AM

RY

“ *Raymond York lit a candle in memory of Leslie Robert Stimpson*



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**Raymond York** - January 07 at 01:01 AM

LD

“ Layne and Katie Drollinger purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Leslie Robert Stimpson.



Layne and Katie Drollinger - January 06 at 09:04 PM



“ Larry Hansen lit a candle in memory of Leslie Robert Stimpson



Larry Hansen - January 06 at 03:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leslie Robert Stimpson.



January 06 at 10:20 AM

DA

“ Deaconess Hospital Administration planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leslie Robert Stimpson.

Deaconess Hospital Administration - January 06 at 10:20 AM