



Lester Kay Jepperson

May 16, 1945 - September 12, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Lester Kay Jepperson (79) announce his passing on September 12, 2024. Les was born in 1945 in Orem, UT. He was the son of Ford Jepperson and Susie (Gordon) Jepperson and brother to Gordon, Ronald, Susann, Dennis, Rebecca, Dan, and Darlene. He was married to Joleen in 1964, and they had 3 sons. He later married Vickie in 1987 and gained another son and a daughter.

He grew up helping in the orchards and farming for Merrill Kitchen and Dave Kirk. He said he always enjoyed working with them. He earned his Eagle Scout and participated in the Order of the Arrow as a young man. He graduated from Orem High School in 1963. He then joined the Army Corps of Engineers where he helped build the Laughlin bridge and the road from Hobble Creek to Provo Canyon. He was a member of the Army National Guard from 1966 to 1967. He also worked at Geneva/US Steel for 19 years. He was skilled as a heavy equipment operator of all kinds, truck driver, mechanic, and all-around handyman. He could fix almost anything.

Les and his wife Vickie were very fortunate to spend many years working alongside each other as they managed Star Valley Ranch Resorts (Wyoming/Arizona), Rivers Edge Resort (Alaska), and Pueblo El Mirage (Arizona). They were blessed to get to see and experience so many beautiful places and made many lifelong friends.

He loved watching birds and wildlife as well as hunting and fishing with his friends and family. He was always most happy to go on rides out in nature and

enjoy the beauty of the earth. His greatest treasure in life was his family. He loved every moment he got to spend with his kids and grandkids. He is loved and missed dearly by his wife, 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

An informal Celebration of Life will be held at The Salem Community Center (151 W. 300 S., Salem, UT 84653) on Sunday October 13th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We will be sharing our favorite memories while enjoying some of Les's favorite sweet treats. Following the celebration the family will be releasing lanterns on the pond to send our love to him. You are welcome to come along.

The loss is immeasurable but so is the love he left behind!

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

The Salem Community Center
151 W. 300 S
Salem, UT

Tribute Wall

PA

“ Patricia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lester Kay Jepperson.

Patricia A. - October 13, 2024 at 07:28 AM

PW

“ There aren't enough kind words to describe Les! I met Les & Vicky at Pueblo El Mirage in Arizona when they managed the 55+ community. There was nothing Les couldn't fix -- from the large equipment that was used in the community to a small water leak in a friends house. He was always busy helping people and teaching his skills to others. He always had a smile for you and a hug when needed. This world lost a great example of what it means to be a friend and to be kind to others. He will be missed.

Patti Wittig - October 13, 2024 at 07:23 AM

JM

“ Judith M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lester Kay Jepperson.

Judith M. - October 10, 2024 at 01:14 PM

MM

“ Les was a no nonsense kind of guy. It was a joy to be at Pueblo El Mirage when he was there. It seemed to me he could do anything you could find him on heavy equipment, fixing Sat breakfast, and in the restaurant when not enough help he was busing tables or waiting tables. My kind of guy! Good legacy left for his family

Mary Miller - September 24, 2024 at 07:17 PM

VJ

Thank you Mary! He was definitely a Man of Many Talents! To me he was my marshmallow! Just a toasted one. That was his defense but his heart was gold! Vickie

Vickie Jepperson - October 02, 2024 at 01:24 PM

FL

“ *From ALL OF US at Access Gates LLC purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Lester Kay Jepperson.*



From ALL OF US at Access Gates LLC - September 24, 2024 at 05:28 PM

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From ALL OF US at Access Gates LLC - September 24, 2024 at 05:28 PM

KB

“ *One of my favorite memories about my uncle was the wet Willis he would give me every time I seen him. He was always picking on me and I loved it. I will forever miss him.*

kami Bartlett - September 24, 2024 at 03:31 PM

MP

“ One of my fondest memories of Les is working in the kitchen with him at Pueblo El Mirage. We, Gary and Marci, were work campers and we got to do the Saturday morning breakfast with Vicki and Les. One of my fondest memories of Les was standing next to him while he did the griddle. He was making French toast and stepped away from the grill. One of the other work campers came by and said the French toast is burning. I said “don’t touch Les’s French toast”. He did it anyway. Les came back and screamed at him: “ GET the F*** out of my kitchen!”.
I warned him!! Ha ha. Gary and I enjoyed working side by side with Vickie and Les at PEM. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to Vickie and the family.

Marci Pohle - September 24, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JH

Les was one very special person. We loved working with Les and Vickie and being next door neighbors. I think of Les as being a roasted marshmallow. Crispy on the outside with the sweetest yummy inside. We loved him and will miss him so much. Hugs to Vickie and all the family. One of the best men we have ever known. Bob and Jackie Hays

jackie hays - September 24, 2024 at 10:28 PM

VJ

Thank You! We enjoyed you guys so much! And he was my toasted Marshmallow! You will forever be in my heart! Love you, Vickie

Vickie Jepperson - October 02, 2024 at 01:30 PM