



M. Randall Tea

March 12, 1949 - June 21, 2016

M. Randall Tea, 67, of St. George, UT, passed away peacefully at Dixie Regional Medical Center surrounded by family following a brief bout with cancer on June 21, 2016. He was born March 12, 1949 in Alva, OK, to Milford and Mona Tea. He married Lorraine Farnsworth August 18, 1970, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Randall was raised in Guymon, OK, and moved to Santa Fe, NM his junior year of high school. He then attended and graduated with a master's degree in music from Eastern New Mexico University, where he met and married Lorraine, together they raised seven children. He was an active member of the LDS Church where held many callings. His most passionate service in the church was as guest service missionaries with his wife on Temple Square.

He is survived by: his wife, Lorraine; children, Jody (Phoebe) Tea, Monique (Tom) Opdahl, Destiny (Chad) Williams, Cameron (Susan) Tea, Marche' Zepf, Geren (Megan) Tea; daughter-in-law Sydney Tea; 29 grandchildren; mother Mona Tea; brother Robin Tea; and sister Melinda King. He was preceded in death by his oldest son Kevin Don Tea; father Milford Tea; and granddaughter Addison Opdahl.

The family would like to thank the staff and doctors at DRMC, and the River Ridge Ward family, for their professional and compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the River Ridge LDS Ward Chapel 1740 E. Foremaster, Dr., St. George, UT. Visitations will be held Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., prior to the service, both at the chapel. Interment will follow at the Tonaquint Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Foremaster Ridge Chapel
1740 E. Foremaster Drive
St. George, UT

Visitation

JUN **25.** 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (MT)

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Service

JUN **25.** 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Tea family. We didn't know Randall well, but he raised a very righteous son, Geren, who served the Aztec Nm 2nd Ward as one of the best bishop's ever. He was very young but did an excellent job. They say children reflect the things their parents taught them. That is a great tribute to have a father raise such a righteous, Christ-like son. Sincerely, Larry and Ginna Sanders

Larry and Ginna Sanders - June 26, 2016 at 05:31 PM

WY

“ With love, from friends throughout Yakima purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of M. Randall Tea.



With love, from friends throughout Yakima - June 24, 2016 at 01:37 PM

NH

“ What a shock to hear of Randall's passing. He was a wonderful man and his wife Lorraine is a wonderful woman. They were such a fun couple to work with as Guest Service Missionaries at Temple Square. He was always smiling and so friendly and easy to talk to. He will be greatly missed by all. May our Father in Heavens choicest blessings be upon you Lorraine and your family. My heart felt sympathy to you .
All my love and prayers. Nancy Hayes

Nancy Hayes - June 24, 2016 at 01:09 AM

LV

“ There's not many people like Randall. Kind, patient, talented, firm, thoughtful and full of spice! He liked his spices HOT! Last year he brought peppers out of his garden to share, I was not brave enough. When he first started working at Sunrise I felt bad emailing him that we needed something fixed. He was quick to let me know he was glad to be busy, as did his lovely wife. I'm so thankful to have known this great man. He touched my heart. I will always remember how happy he was and how warmly he would greet me. My heart hurts for the loss we share, but even more so for his dear family. I will keep you in my thoughts. I'm so sorry.

Loro Vincent - June 23, 2016 at 09:07 PM

AF

“ Randall was always so thoughtful and willing to lend a helping hand. Just one of many examples was when I was trying to rebuild a garden at the place we worked at (Sunrise). Randall helped me build the trenches and pull weeds. I ended up breaking my Dad's shovel. The next day I noticed it was fixed. I never asked for any help. I just thanked him for being kind. A few days later, he had talked to his son and was able to get quite a few plants at no cost to us. He was always doing nice things for others. He was also a great conversationalist and could talk to anybody about almost anything. He definitely felt a part of our little Sunrise family at the fields. I know he had a strong sense of spirituality because he talked about his experiences and beliefs a number of times. I'm sure he is rejoicing to be with his loved ones who passed before him. My heart goes out to his family, as the hard part is missing that person until you meet again.

Alysha Farr - June 23, 2016 at 06:53 PM

RM

“ It is with a heavy heart that I read this news. My heart goes out to the Tea family. Such heartache that has happened in the last few weeks, but God can give you peace and .comfort during this time. You are in my prayers. Fond memories in Kirtland, NM! God's blessings to each of you!!

Retha Moore

Retha Moore - June 23, 2016 at 02:40 PM

KK

“ So saddened by your loss of Randall, husband, father and grandfather of such a wonderful family. I didn't get to spend any time with him or his family during our adult years, but was forever grateful for his help when our daughter Kristi moved to Ganda, AZ after graduating from college. He was able to help her out a couple of times, since he lived closer to her location than we did. His kindness was greatly appreciated. Our prayers will continue for Lorraine and all their family. Love, Pat & Kay Kincaid

Kay Kincaid - June 23, 2016 at 11:20 AM

LT

“ Randall was not only a great employee but he was a great friend. He was always willing to build, fix, or do anything you needed and he would do it so well. He was always so friendly and willing to lend you an listening ear.

His spirit was always happy and jubilant. He never was angry or frustrated but he was always laughing with you.

His influence will always be missed at Sunrise as well in the hearts of those who knew him.

Leilani Terry - June 23, 2016 at 10:41 AM