



Orlando "Bert" Wareham

August 2, 1935 - September 9, 2024

Orlando "Bert" Wareham, 89, a Truck Driver, Cowboy but most of all a comedian, rode off into the sunset for one last time on September 9, 2024, at his home surrounded with family by his side, in St. George, Utah. Bert was born on August 2, 1935, in Ferron, Utah to Lynn Wareham and Shirley (Hubbard) Wareham.

Raised on the La Sal Mountains east of Moab, Utah near Gateway, Colorado. Attended school at Gateway High School. Married Sylvia G. Brock in 1956, had two sons, Steven Lynn Wareham and Lamar Kay Wareham, and were later divorced.

He left the ranch when he was just 18 years old and started driving a truck, hauling uranium ore. Then at 21 years of age went over the road to drive for P.I.E Tankers, Uinta Oil Refinery. He continued his career in trucking through owning his own company, Wareham Trucking, for 8 years then decided to sell the company and went on working for Yellow Freight Trucking. Where he was a proud member of the Teamsters for 33 years and then retired. Because of his strong work ethic and his love of the open road he couldn't stay retired for long (7 days!) and went to work for FedEx Ground, where after 8 years he officially retired.

Later in life he met the love of his life, Grace S. Candelas. He gained 3

stepsons (Joe, Jesse and Thomas) and a stepdaughter (Alvina). Although they were young kids, they accepted his cowboy loving ways. Being the happy medium, they all needed. They built a life and family together with love and laughter. Throughout the years he has been known as Pops or Papa Bert and had a newfound love of being a grandpa (Papa) to his 12 step-grandchildren.

During his retirement he loved to be surrounded by his family and friends. He would sit on the bed of his red Ford pickup truck and stop neighbors and even strangers and share his lifelong childhood memories, love of the open road and life lessons. He had a sense of humor that was unmatched. Always teasing and bringing smiles and laughs to all those around him. He had a sweet tooth like no other person in this world. Always bringing something sugary home he knew he'd get in trouble for.

Pops, thank you for being our favorite cowboy, love of our mother's life, father and grandfather and impacting our lives the way you have for so many years. We will continue to keep your legacy alive and not feel sadness in our hearts when we remember you but remember the corny jokes and laughs, we've shared throughout the years because we know you'd want nothing more. We love you!

Bert is preceded in death by his Parents Lynn & Shirley Wareham, Brothers Gerald L. Wareham and George W. Wareham. Survived by his love, Grace S. Candelas; his Sons Steve Wareham (Linda) and Kay Wareham (Sheri); Granddaughter Alicea Wareham; Stepchildren Joe Gunter; Alvina Hardy (Nick); Jesse Candelas (Lacey); Thomas Candelas; his 12 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren; Siblings Linda Jordan (Jim) and Orson Wareham (Larae).

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 11am at the Clubhouse located at 1732 West 540 North, St. George, UT 84770.

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

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (MT)

The Clubhouse
1732 West 540 North
St. George, UT 84770