



Robert Thomas Pratt

December 22, 1934 - March 8, 2024

Robert Thomas Pratt, 89, passed away on March 8, 2024, in St. George, Utah.

Son of Leona (Maxfield) and Victor Thomas Pratt, he was born on Dec. 22, 1934, in Inglewood, California. He graduated from Compton High School in 1952 and entered Compton Junior College. He studied industrial arts and received an associate degree in 1954. He then attended Brigham Young University for a year, studying mechanical engineering.

Robert was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint, which he cherished, and which formed the basis of much of his life. He served as a missionary from 1955-57 in the Central American Mission. Later in 2002, he served a mission with his wife Mary in the Nauvoo Illinois Mission at the newly reconstructed Nauvoo Temple. Over the years, he found much joy in serving others and the Lord. Some of his callings included scoutmaster, bishop, stake president, gospel doctrine teacher, and temple ordinance worker.

After his first mission, he also served his country in the Army National Guard.

Robert was a hard worker and held a variety of jobs over the years. During his college years, he found work in a small machine shop, an oil refinery, and at

North American Aviation Company. Over time, he began developing advertising materials and sales catalogs. He found his way to Lockheed Electronics and other companies, where he was successful in bringing in accounts for printed circuit boards. Later, he worked in sales for a company which produced giant wind turbines. For the last decade of his professional career, he worked in real estate sales.

During retirement, he enjoyed traveling around the world with Mary. They visited Japan, China, Europe, Central America, Israel, and Egypt. He loved his journeys, preparing thoroughly beforehand, exploring historical sites, and taking many pictures.

He was preceded to heaven by his wife Mary (Deason) Pratt, mother and father, aunts, uncles, and his sister Joyce Hyatt. He is survived by his children, Nancie Pratt of South Jordan, UT, Amy {and Steven) Durney of Broomfield, CO, Matthew Pratt of West Hollywood, CA, and Peter (and Paula) Pratt of Henderson, NV; 17 grandchildren: Samuel Metro, Jolyn Metro, Benjamin Metro, Daniel Metro, Joseph Metro, Kitt Metro, Andrew Durney, Michael Durney, David Durney, Jacob Durney, Jared Durney, Hannah Durney, Elijah Pratt, Joshua Pratt, Isaac Pratt, Luke Pratt, and Rachel Pratt; 17 great-grandchildren; and sister Joan Hill of Springville, UT.

Robert was a deeply beloved father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, brother, and friend. His passing was sudden but not unexpected, preceded by a year of declining health due to age.

While we lost our beloved dad, many have lost a friend and loved one in him. He has been a rock to many, a helping hand to those in need, and a master of humor with a decades-long repertoire of jokes, including the nicknames Jocko and Elvis. There was so much more to him than just dad, though to us that was his greatest role - he was also a woodworker, handyman, gardener,

tennis player, swimmer, artist, author, and the list goes on.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Sun River Chapel located at 4461 South Country Club Drive, St. George, UT. A visitation with family will be from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. prior to services at the same location.

To join services via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91220397256>

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (MT)

Sun River LDS Chapel
4461 Country Club Drive
Saint George, UT 84790

Memorial Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Burial

MAR 16 (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Robert Thomas Pratt*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM

RE

Brother Pratt was my temple prep instructor when I was a young single adult in the Ontario 1st ward. He was quiet and gentle but he was firm in his faith. His love of the Lord and His gospel has been an inspiration to me still to this day. I'm sure he continues the work on the other side of the veil.

Rebecca Ellis - March 14, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Audio Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 18, 2024 at 12:49 PM

TS

“ Brother Pratt was our neighbor in Sun River for a year . He made us the best banana bread . Just talking to my husband a few weeks ago, wondering how he was. Then I went on this site for another friends obit and saw Brother Pratt’s name. Sorry, I didn’t know sooner .

Theresa Sampson - March 17, 2024 at 02:11 PM

KE

Bro Pratt was the Sunday School President in Redlands California and I was his project, the Gospel Doctrine teacher. We called him our uncalled general authority because of his profound kindness, his great wisdom and his keen Intellegence and memory. After he moved to St George he sent me a pamphlet that he wrote entitled, "The Infinite Atonement". I still read it because of his simple but thoughtful presentation on a loving atonement made for all. I looked for Bro Pratt hoping to drive to St George and visit with him as we did in Redlands and found his beautifully written obituary. I looked too late and for that I am repentent. Bro Pratt, you owe me meeting and I will be collecting.

Kevin Edwards - February 23 at 04:58 PM

LH

“ While I was a bishop (1984-1988), serving in the Southgate, California ward, President Pratt was my stake president. I had a monthly interview with him. I would go in to the interview, feeling like the weight of the world was on my shoulders, considering how many problems we had With ward members. At the end of our interview, I would leave with my burdens lifted, and my hope renewed. I will be forever grateful for his wise counsel!

Lyle Hill - March 16, 2024 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ Bob was a fine example of a true "Saint". I spent many hours with Bob and Mary in their home in Ontario, CA. What a privilege to know and love them. Bob's testimony was foremost in his art, writings, teachings and walk of life. Thank you..... JoAnn Hornberger, Orem, UT

JoAnn Hornberger - March 15, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JL

“ I'm very saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Bob. I am Gene and Joan Hill's oldest granddaughter, Jessica. I have so many fond memories of Uncle Bob growing up. I'm grateful for having had him as an influence in my life and for his humor and example. I remember seeing him at family reunions when I was small was a big highlight because he'd show us (his many little grand-nieces and nephews) a magic trick and hand us a quarter. He also always seemed to have treats on hand (I remember frosted animal crackers on my me occasion) and was a gracious and lovely host with Aunt Mary when we'd visit California on vacation. One of my favorite memories is learning that some of my Dad's (Brian) favorite and long running jokes actually originated with Uncle Bob telling them to him as a kid. My heartfelt condolences go out to his children and grandchildren at this time. Sending much love from Minnesota. - Jessica Hill Lane (Craig)

Jessica Lane - March 14, 2024 at 12:39 AM