



Stearns Layton Kilfoyle

May 21, 1924 - April 19, 2017

Stearns Layton Kilfoyle - 92, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, while in the Southern Utah Veteran's Home in Ivins, UT. He was born May 21, 1924, in Layton, UT, to Reuben W. and Cora E. (Layton) Kilfoyle.

As a young child, the family lived in Tuscarora, NV, on the Ellison Ranch where his dad managed the ranching operation. He attended grades 1-4 in the 1-room schoolhouse at the ranch before the family moved back to Layton. He had a life-long love affair with the piano, learning to play at a young age and continuing to play thru-out his life.

He graduated from Davis High School in 1942 and married his high school sweetheart, Donna Parker, on June 25, 1943 in the Salt Lake City temple.

Stearns served in the US Army Air Forces for four years during World War II. He served in England, the South Pacific, and landed on Tinian Island 4 days after the dropping of the 1st atomic bomb. After the war ended, they lived in Verdland Park where son, Gregory Stearns, was born and 1½ years later daughter, Karel Ann. In 1950 the family moved to Clarkston, WA where son, Jerry Parker, later was born.

While in Clarkston, Stearns managed Smith's Frozen Foods until it closed in 1976. At that time they moved back to Layton, UT, and Stearns was the

manager of the newly built Freeport Cold Storage Warehouse, which was on the same piece of land where he started his career.

Throughout his life Stearns was an active member of the LDS church where he served as a Bishop two different times as well as many other positions. He was the Treasurer for the Layton Heritage Museum for 20 years; Chairperson of the Clearfield July 4th Parade for 15 years; and President of the Clearfield Chamber of Commerce.

After Stearns retired in 1988, he and Donna built the first of two houses in St. George, UT and traveled there every winter for 25+ years. They also took several cruises and trips to many different countries.

In 2013, the family held an Open House in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary. The party was held at The Victorian House in Layton, a house that was originally built by Stearns' grandfather and his mother, Cora, was born in.

He is survived by: his wife Donna of 73 years; his sons Greg (April) of Scottsdale, AZ and Jerry (Lyndee) of Ivins, UT; and son-in-law Richard Linford of Centerville, UT. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his daughter Karel; his brother Russell; his parents; and aunts and uncles he was very close to.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 11:00a.m. at the Summerwood Ward LDS Chapel located at 1410 E. Gentile St. in Layton, UT. A visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday evening from 6-8 pm and again on Saturday from 9:30-10:30. Interment will follow at the Kaysville City Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenitySt

G.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, 435-986-9100.

Previous Events

Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Summerwood LDS Ward
1410 E. Gentle Street
Layton, UT

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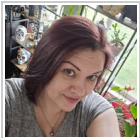
“ Dear Greg, my wife and I saved the clipping from the newspaper re: your dear father. We have remarked on it daily with the utmost gratitude. Truly our experience with all of you at the Victorian was the highlight of our entire 15 years we worked there. What magnificent parents you have. Please give your mother and family our love and respect. Bob and Kathy wood. Your father resembles elder Christopherson in image and character.

robert wood - May 11, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ I have worked with Lyndee at SkyWest for 10 years. I have gotten to know Jerry, Stearns son over time. My thoughts and my prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories and love for your Father. God Bless and Keep you today and always! Love and Light, Vickey Knuckles

Vickey Knuckles - April 27, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ I remember shopping with Stearns and him wanting to buy the biggest, golddest framed mirror, and being serious about spending a few thousand dollars on it because it was "beautiful"....no one else thought so. We didn't take the mirror home but he did buy me a very cool pair of shoes that are still talked about to this day. I didn't get to spend as much time with Stearns as some but all the times were memorable. He always made me feel welcome and loved. He will be missed.

Tara Murillo - April 25, 2017 at 04:01 PM