



## "Ted" James G. Kezos

February 10, 1937 - May 26, 2025

James G. "Ted" Kezos, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2025 at his home in Santa Clara, Utah surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 10, 1937 in Enid, Oklahoma to James and Lorna Kezos. He married his sweetheart, Gloria Hafen, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 21, 1960, and was later sealed in the St. George Temple on December 27, 1962.

Shortly after he was born, his family moved to Bell, California. During his childhood, he learned the value of hard work from his parents working many hours in the family market. He also learned to love and appreciate his Greek heritage.

Ted graduated from Bell High School in 1955. Ted served in the Army from 1957 to 1959. He was stationed in the Presidio in San Francisco and was part of the Honor Guard.

He worked for Certified Grocers of California for over 30 years starting in the warehouse and eventually becoming the Transportation Director. Shortly after retiring, in 1988, he fulfilled his sweetheart's lifelong dream and moved to Santa Clara.

Ted loved many activities including fishing, traveling, gardening, watching TV (especially sports and news), playing cards, and going to his favorite restaurants. His favorite sports were softball and bowling, which he played throughout his life. He participated in over 32 years of Huntsman Senior Games accumulating over 60 medals. His final gold medal was earned last year.

Ted was actively involved in the community and in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ted volunteered with Huntsman Senior Games and served on the City Council in Santa Clara. He served as Bishop of the Chino 3rd Ward from 1979-1984. He served faithfully in various callings throughout his life. Many people's lives were impacted in a positive manner by his selfless acts of service. Specifically, Ted's neighbors, friends, and family often received kindness, a smile, a listening ear, and sometimes a loaf of "Ted's bread."

Ted's greatest joy was being around his family and friends. His gentle kindness, humility, love, and service blessed the lives of his family and friends. He is survived by children Kevin (Freedom) Kezos, Shauna (David) Polatis, and Kyle (Melanie) Kezos; grandchildren Travis Polatis, Greg (Kim) Kezos, Jordon (Mary) Polatis, Faith (Kenny) Banner, Ryan (Kaitlen) Polatis, Zachary (Emily) Polatis, Chad Kezos, Tessara Heredia (Abe), Kourtney Kezos, Ashley Kezos, and Kylie Kezos; and great grandchildren Teddy, Lennyn, Mack, Molly, Maxwell, Lydia, Monroe, Henry, Daisy, Jensen, Calvin, Rudy, George, Aria, Archie, Josie, and Nico.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Kezos; parents, James and Lorna Kezos; brother, George Kezos; nephews, Wade Hafen, Troy Hafen, Trent Hafen; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 31, at 12 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Santa Clara Valley Chapel, 3040 Santa Clara Drive. Visitations will be held on Saturday prior to services from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Interment will be held at Santa Clara Cemetery with military honors.

The family would like to thank the medical providers at Intermountain St. George Regional Medical Center and Applegate Home & Hospice for their kind and dedicated care. Special thanks to Natalie Larsen for many years of loving care.

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

Zoom Meeting:

[zoom.us/j/97561872921](https://zoom.us/j/97561872921)

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Clara City Cemetery

3900 Ancestor Way  
Santa Clara, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Santa Clara 3rd Ward  
3040 W. Santa Clara Dr.  
Santa Clara, UT

## Funeral Service

MAY **31**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Santa Clara 3rd Ward  
3040 W. Santa Clara Dr.  
Santa Clara, UT

## Graveside Service

MAY **31**. 1:15 PM (MT)

Santa Clara City Cemetery  
3900 Ancestor Way  
Santa Clara, UT



# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Zoom Funeral Service Broadcast in memory of "Ted" James G. Kezos*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - May 30, 2025 at 05:01 PM



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



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - June 02, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of "Ted" James G. Kezos.*



May 30, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of "Ted" James G. Kezos.*

May 30, 2025 at 09:31 AM

YF

“ Your Thurber Ward Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of "Ted" James G. Kezos.



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Your Thurber Ward Family - May 29, 2025 at 09:21 PM

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“ Your Thurber Ward Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of "Ted" James G. Kezos.

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Your Thurber Ward Family - May 29, 2025 at 09:21 PM

KS

“ Ted and Gloria became great friends when we moved into Santa Clara in 1986. They remain great examples of life well lived and loving God and their neighbors. We honor Ted and will remember him fondly.  
Ken and Barbara Sizemore, currently serving at the Presidio of Monterey as Military Relations Missionaries.

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Kenneth Sizemore - May 29, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of "Ted" James G. Kezos.



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May 29, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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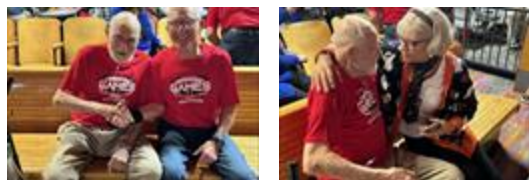
“ *Condolences to the family. I have such fond memories of Ted and of course Gloria too. They were such good friends to my mom and dad for so many years, Monte and Maureen Thomas. I used to babysit for Kevin and Shauna when they were little. Ted always was so kind and funny. I know how much he will be missed. Love to you all from Malad, Idaho, Annette Thomas Williams*

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**Annette Williams** - May 29, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Ted was a treasured friend. My husband and Ted bowled together for many years at the Huntsman Senior games. We always looked forward to seeing him every year when we came. Dinner at Pork Bellys! Ted Bread was the best. Totally loved it. May Ted RIP and enjoy heaven, where he is with his beloved Gloria. The photo is from after team event last October. A treasured photo for me. Prayers, hugs and love from your friends from the State of Washington  
Nancy and Harlen Ward*



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**Nancy Elmore-Ward** - May 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM

LT

“*Ted and Glo were the best! I like to think of them now reunited. I picture Gloria wanting to catch up on everything and Ted quietly listening with that little grin on his face. They had an inspiring love story that we all could see.*

*Everyone I would talk to Ted he was "fantastic", then I would hear that he was recently in the hospital or struggling. He also told me about his "Ted Bread". He really loved doing that. It certainly was an outward expression of his love for people. He was a great Bishop in Chino Third Ward in California. He truly drew people together and we are still a family after all those years. We will miss him at our reunions which he tried to attend every year. I feel like I've lost a big brother. I am comforted knowing he and Gloria are together again and he can breathe more easily. Love, Leslie Trosper*



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**Leslie Trosper** - May 29, 2025 at 12:56 AM

CB

“*Ted was such a kind, positive force. He looked for people who needed cheering up, and did it so well with his Ted bread. The bread was an outward manifestation of the kindest caring heart, the ability to make others feel good. We will miss him, and send our love to his family - thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us in our Santa Clara neighborhood.*

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**Chris Beacham** - May 29, 2025 at 12:11 AM

BN

“*Ted was such a great man. I was on the receiving end of many loaves of his famous “Ted” bread. I was always amazed at his service even when he was on oxygen and could barely walk he would still find a way to drop off a warm load of bread. He was a great man and will very much be missed in the Santa Clara 3rd ward.*”

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**Brooke Neumann** - May 28, 2025 at 11:25 PM