



William "Bill" James Palmer

January 9, 1937 - March 31, 2025

William "Bill" James Palmer left his earthly existence to go fishing in a heavenly place on March 31, 2025, surrounded by family that loved him.

Bill was born January 9, 1937, the oldest son to Lenard Franklin Palmer and Mary Winifred Greenfield in Midvale, Utah. He was raised in Bluffdale, Utah where he mastered the art of hunting and fishing with his father, brother and many friends. He graduated from Jordan High School in 1955 and began his work career at Kennett Copper Mine, alongside his dad and a few family members.

Bill married Sherron Marie Todd in the Salt Lake City LDS temple on August 5, 1957. They raised five children, but their son, James Todd Palmer, Janet's twin, returned home to his Heavenly Father after a few short months. Bill and Sherron divorced in 1980. Bill enjoyed a long-term relationship with Barbara Kobs.

Bill was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had a passionate belief in genealogy and temple work.

Bill attended BYU and had a lengthy career working for Deseret Book in Salt Lake City. He never shied away from hard work and did what needed to be done to support his family. He worked second jobs at Lynn Wilson's, Garrett

Freightlines and as a postman in Draper on weekends where he mastered driving and delivering mail from the passenger side of the car.

Bill loved camping, fishing and enjoying the mountain air. He often took his family to Astoria, Oregon to visit his sister, Judy, and her family, and camping Utah's canyon scenes. From a small boy to a senior citizen, Lagoon Amusement Park was a huge joy in his life and loved taking his family there yearly. Fishing was a regular occurrence. He also loved a good Chinese buffet, awarding nicknames to those he worked with, and family and he always ensured his children had a wonderful Christmas, complete with treasured toys. He mastered the art of creating packaging with cardboard and packing tape due to his warehouse work. Bill loved gardening and providing fresh vegetables for his family. His rose garden was immense. He also worked with his hands repairing, building and fixing things up. He referred to these projects as "Palmer Specials," and special they were. Everybody loved his work. He enjoyed amateur coin and stamp collecting, but his camera was his treasure. We are blessed with many family slides because of his love for taking a good picture. He also enjoyed listening to Neil Diamond and ensured his children knew how to play a musical instrument.

Bill will be missed for his giving and caring ways and being such a generous person to those in need, including abandoned animals. We, as a family, will cherish our time with him and look forward to our eventual reunion with him. His grandson, David, was a huge part of his final years, very often visiting him and noticing needs that he took care of.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lenard and Mary, his son James, siblings Judy, Colleen, John, and Denise and son-in-law Kelly Sondrup (Suzanne). He is survived by his siblings Shauna and Trina, daughters Suzanne, Janet, and Angelique (Michael), and son David (Stephenie). He is survived by 20 grandkids, 33 great grandkids and 1 great-great grandkid.

The family would like to thank Autumn Park Assisted Living and Canyon View Hospice Team.

There will be a graveside service Friday, April 4, 2025, at the Midvale City Utah Cemetery, 471 6th Avenue, Midvale, at 1:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Midvale City Cemetery

471 6th Avenue
Midvale, UT

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 4. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ Suzanne, Janet, David and Angelique Denny and I are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Because your dad was so soft spoken we really didn't know much about him. But we sure learned a lot from the obituary and it surprised both. Your uncle Denny's Dad worked at Kennecott for years but we had no idea that your dad worked there as well. The fact that he loved taking his family to Lagoon was another surprise and we love it!
Sending hugs through this difficult time. We love you all so much. □

Kathy and Denny Webster - April 04, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JA

Auntie Kathy, you are absolutely amazing! I love the fact that you and Unca Danny were there! I know what you're saying about Dad. He was a very shy person. Yeah, Lagoon was his absolute favorite place. The sepia picture we have in the memory section was actually taken from a family photo in 2002 where David, his wife, Jeek and I got together with all our kids and had that picture taken. It was the one time Dad was OK with that. I am so glad we have that. It is a treasure! Love you so much and hope to see you soon!

Janet

Janet - May 29, 2025 at 10:54 PM

KS

“ Bill Palmer was a close friend of my father, Nolan Smith. My mother, Kay Smith, was a close friend of Sherron. It was through Bill and Sherron that my parents met and were married. Bill, Sherron, and my parents even went on a combined honeymoon / trip to the Yellowstone area. I remember going to their house as a child and playing with Angelique.

Kevin Smith - April 04, 2025 at 09:34 AM

JA

Kevin, your parents were/are wonderful! Your dad is absolutely amazing! I love that our parents had that history. I remember going to your house, Suzanne and Steven used to hang together. I think you also had a brother named Randy? It was so good to see your dad at the funeral. Thank you so much for your memories!

Janet

Janet - May 29, 2025 at 10:48 PM

A)

“ *I want to send my condolences to Uncle Bill’s children: Suzanne, Janet, David, & Angelique and their families! I have a lot of nice memories when I was growing up and spent time with Angelique. Uncle Bill would pick me up at grandma’s house & I got to have sleep overs at their house in Draper a lot of weekends and in the summer sometimes. I also remember when Star Wars 1st came out in 1977 & Uncle Bill took me with his family to see it at a movie theater! Uncle Bill was always sweet to me. I know he is with his parents & siblings in Heaven! Rest Peacefully Uncle Bill! We will miss you! I love you ❤️*



Anne Barney (Niece) - April 02, 2025 at 11:12 PM

JA

Lanie, thank you so much for your beautiful comments! I know that you have been through so much and I’m amazed at your spirit and strength! Take care of yourself, OK? Love you!

Janet - May 29, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JA

Annie, not Lanie, my stupid phone did that! Auto correct is the worst thing in the world! 😂 and I’m even dumber for not correcting it before I submitted it!

Janet - May 29, 2025 at 10:56 PM

LF

“ *Lyn Kimball Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" James Palmer.*



Lyn Kimball Family - April 02, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" James Palmer.*



April 02, 2025 at 02:44 PM

BA

“ *Barbara purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of William "Bill" James Palmer.*



Barbara - April 02, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - April 02, 2025 at 11:34 AM