



Dr. Jay Cordell Bott

October 31, 1947 - February 19, 2022

It is with heavy hearts we announce the death of a truly great man, Dr. Jay Cordell Bott, who unexpectedly passed away in his sleep, Saturday, February 19, 2022.

Cordell was born October 31, 1947, to Leroy J. Bott Jr. and Blanche Toombs Bott in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the eldest of four children. He graduated as Valedictorian from Highland High School and was also a Sterling Scholar. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the South German Mission. Upon return, Cordell married his high school sweetheart, Janet Matthews, on June 14, 1970, in the Salt Lake Temple. They reared their four children as she put him through school, and he graduated from The University of Utah School of Medicine, with high honors. He specialized in Hematology/Oncology. He served in the Naval Reserve where he achieved the rank of Commander and practiced at Balboa and Camp Pendleton Naval Hospitals in the San Diego area. The family moved and he started the first Hem/Onc program in Utah County and served as the Chairman at Utah Valley Hospital (UVH) in Provo, Utah. Although busy, Cordell and Jani worked side by side with their children to build a cabin, and founded the Oxbow Ranch in Hanna, Utah. Cordell and Jani later divorced. He married Julie Christiansen, in the Manti Temple on September 11, 1992. Julie brought her three children to the family, and he loved them as his own. Together they worked to form a happy family.

Cordell was an early member of Central Utah Clinic (now Revere) where he served on the Board of Directors for over twenty years. He also served as Medical Director. He was President of the Utah Valley Medical Association as well as the Society of Utah Medical Oncologists (SUMO). He was key in obtaining the NAPBC accreditation for the breast cancer centers of excellence at UVH and American Fork Hospital and was a principal investigator for numerous oncology trials. Cordell literally saved thousands of lives throughout his time in practice and extended the lives of many more. A friend and support to all his patients, colleagues, and employees, his work ethic was unmatched. His dedication as a physician was inspiring, and his personal sacrifice lives on through his patients and those who knew him.

Cordell had a love of the outdoors and spent much of his childhood at his family cabin on the Weber River. His father taught him to hunt and shoot. He was an excellent marksman. He also learned to fish, ride horses, and snowmobile. In turn he taught these skills to his children, grandchildren, and many others as well as his love for the beauty of the outdoors. He also taught the value of a hard day's work. He was a father figure to many. Always on an adventure, he took family and friends out hunting, snowmobiling, ATViing, hiking, backpacking, and exploring. When away from Julie, he was happiest leading his children, grandchildren, nephews, and friends on horse packing fishing trips into the Wind Rivers. He loved his horses almost as much as his kids. He believed that time was best spent on a horse. The Oxbow Ranch became one of the largest Quarter Horse breeding programs in the United States.

Cordell loved the fine arts and music. He played the piano and cornet when he was young. He became an extraordinary pianist. Cordell also composed his own music. He loved to play the organ and served as the church organist and in many other capacities, most recently in the Elders Quorum Presidency. Cordell and Julie enjoyed traveling; they visited over 80 countries across the world. They made new friends wherever they went. Cordell was fluent in many languages including German and Spanish. He spent his evenings studying astronomy and gazing at the stars. Cordell and Julie loved spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Cordell is preceded in death by the love of his life, Julie Johnson Bott; stepson, Michael Johnson; brother, Douglas Bott; and niece, Ashley Holt. He is survived by his four children, Jason (Krista), Jeffrey (Amie), Janelle Bott Fenn, and Jeremy (Aubrey); his stepdaughters, Jennifer Tittensor (Zach), and Rebecca Johnson; as well as his sisters, Dianne Bott Adler (Thomas), and Carole Bott Tudor. He leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the church building located at, 114 South 400 West, Orem, Utah. Friends may call at the Berg Mortuary of Provo, 185 East Center Street, Friday, March 4, from 6-9:00 p.m., and at the church Saturday from 9:15-10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment will be in the Provo City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to a cancer charity of your choice such as the American Cancer Society or the National Breast Cancer Foundation. To view the funeral, live online, please use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/95419429771> (Video will not be available after the service). Condolences may be expressed to the family at ww

w.bergmortuary.com.

“You endure what is unbearable and then you bear it.” ~William Shakespeare

Cemetery Details

Provo City Cemetery

610 South State Street
Provo, UT 84606

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Berg Mortuary of Provo - East Room
185 East Center Street
Provo, UT 84606

Visitation

MAR 5. 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

LDS Church
114 South 400 West
Orem, UT 84058

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ Our family loves DR Bott! He treated my son Ed Lunnan who trusted, loved and knew he was their for his hard Battle of stage 4 cancer when they met his words comforted my son immensely. Much love and respect for you all our respects. I am sure my son was in line in heaven to love and greet him. Respectfully Ed LUNNEN S MOTHER MELODIE TAHBO

April Melodie - April 01 at 04:23 AM

LR

“ Cordell and I were friends all through school and had many classes together. He was always a brain and it was fun to be with him. We and our dates went out to celebrate after we gave our speeches the night of our high school graduation. I lost contact with Cordell after that and haven't seen him in years. It was nice to read about him and all of the things that he accomplished during his life. Laurel Parker Rohlfing

laurel Rohlfing - March 12 at 10:39 AM

DN

“ Dr Bott was my oncologist for several years until his retirement. He was one of the best doctors I've ever met. I have an odd presentation of an autoimmune disease that's behaving like a lymphoma and he worked with my other doctors (some even in other states) to help find a solution for me. He helped me through years of chemo and has helped extended my life greatly. Me and my family will be eternally grateful for him and everything he has done for me. I know he did so much for all his patients and was always willing to go above and beyond for them. He was a great doctor and person. My heart goes out to all the family and friends affected by his death and hope you can find peace.

Darren Noble - March 10 at 05:03 PM

LL

“ Dr Bott was my oncologist when I had ovarian cancer in 1999. I will always be grateful for the exceptional care he gave me. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Lisa Liddle - March 07 at 05:39 PM

ES

“ So saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Bott. He was truly a pioneer in Oncology in this Utah Valley. His vast knowledge base and caring attitude certainly blessed many people and families. I learned a great deal from my association with him in the Oncology field. May it be a comfort to your family to know how much others cared and join with you at this most difficult time. Sincerely, Eva Stoneman, RN

Eva Stoneman - March 07 at 03:15 PM



“ I’m a patient of Dr Bott. I had a miraculous meeting I’m only beginning to understand that has connected me to your family.

October 2018 I was riding my bike on the Murdock canal trail. I was an amateur competitive cyclist and it was rare for anyone to pass me. When a woman zoomed past, my husband and I sped up to find out who this was. Come to find, it was an E-Bike ridden by a woman in an IHC kit. I asked if she was a nurse. When she said she was a surgeon, I was amazed and naive; I’d only heard of men in that field. I asked what kind. She said she’s a breast cancer surgeon and we talked about that some, I told her if I ever got breast cancer, I’d call her up.

Just a few months later, in June 2019, I was diagnosed with breast cancer; I’d had it for years and had dismissed the growing lump I had felt. (My primary care dr had felt it and told me that anything soft and squishy was fibrous material from nursing so many babies. So, meeting Jennifer put the idea of breast cancer back on my radar.)

When I got the diagnosis, I talked to my bishop, Dr Rogers, and told him about this woman and said I needed to find her. He told me she was the surgeon working next door to his practice and she is the leading breast cancer surgeon in the West with the highest success rate. How did I happen to meet her just a few months earlier? Coincidence?

So I made an appointment with her. She remembered me. She reassured me I’d be okay and told me to bike through cancer treatments. As she presented possible oncologists I might choose, I felt drawn to Dr Bott. He reassured me. I felt from both my doctors that calming, confident, personality that I needed. I had no idea the personal and academic influence my Dr Bott had on my Dr Tittensor.

Dr Bott took me through chemo. My favorite thing he did for me was tell me I had an easy cancer and we would get this (even though I needed 4 months of chemo, bilateral mastectomy, 28 rounds of radiation, and a year of herceptin and perjeta infusions). He told me the tumor would shrink with the first few treatments of chemo. By the second one it was soft and half the size I was shocked, but he wasn’t. When I couldn’t feel it anymore after my third treatment, again I was shocked and he wasn’t. In a very gentle way he told me, “I told you so; I’ve been doing this a long time, you’re gonna be okay.” What I needed in my life at that time was someone I could trust. When I complained about having to do the other treatments, he explained to me why I needed them, that chemo would take away 99.9% of my cancer but that .1% could come back and multiply. He had a way of making complicated things sound simple and reassuring a fearful patient that didn’t want to go through what she had to go through.

I cried when he retired as quarantine began, before my treatments were over. It is still sad that I don’t have him for my five years of oncology visits after cancer.

I sit here at the funeral, weeping with gratitude for their sacrifice and love of Dr Bott's family, as one of his many, many oncology patients. I live because of them. Thank you. Thank you. For your sacrifice. My thoughts have been, he sacrificed to give me life. I'm so sad he only had 2 more years after we parted. I'm here to express my deep love and appreciation. I hope my story comforts you.
-Wendy Pinson



Wendy Pinson - March 05 at 04:02 PM

BH

“*Cordell, of the many things you were to countless people, you were my friend. I will miss our rides together. Thank you for your kindness, leadership, laughter, mentoring, and friendship. You are one of a kind....a true gentleman and servant leader. Here's to your last ride cowboy.* -Bradley Hawkes

Bradley Hawkes - March 04 at 08:12 PM

LW

“*Dr. Bott was my oncologist starting in 2012, and continuing until he retired. Was that a sad day for me that was! I am grateful for his care and concern, but especially for his unfailing reassurance that I would be OK. May he rest in God's care.*

Lisa Deason Whitehead

Lisa Deason Whitehead - March 04 at 07:16 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.*



March 04 at 02:31 PM



“ Dr. Bott was a gentle and very wise man. He was calm but had a strength about him that I admired. I was honored to work with him in oncology and he was never hesitant to answer questions, take time for others, or share a smile. During any slow times in the office, I would find him reading the Spanish dictionary or other books patients or colleagues had brought him. He was always learning and growing. I will truly miss him and have already missed him since he retired. I am better because of who he was!

Kristina Peterson - March 04 at 12:21 PM

JS

“ I am 32 years old. My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer 30 years ago, nearly my entire life.

"Doctor Bott" was a regular term in our home, and though I only met him a few times, his impact is pierced deep in our family. My mom is still fighting to this day, and she (as well as the rest of our friends/family) owe much of her strength and determination to Dr. Bott.

I would have loved to get to know Cordell better - he seemed to have it all when it comes to admirable qualities and hobbies.

My condolences to your family - thank you for the legacy of a life that you lived, Dr. Bott!

Jordon Sargent - March 03 at 10:34 PM

LF

“ Love Dianne and Thomas Adler and Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.



Love Dianne and Thomas Adler and Family - March 02 at 12:39 PM

CO

“ Dr. Bott saved my life 35 years ago when I had cancer. He was a great man to whom I will be forever grateful.

Charles Owens - March 01 at 11:13 AM

BC

“ Bruce and Alice Christian purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.



Bruce and Alice Christian - March 01 at 10:18 AM

TT

“ The Lilly South Central IH Team purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.



The Lilly South Central IH Team - March 01 at 10:12 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.



February 28 at 02:31 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Cordell's passing. It has only been a few weeks since we reconnected and planned to get together soon. I have known him since the 7th grade where we became instant friends. Even to a then 13-year-old I sensed extraordinary qualities in him. This friendship continued through high school where I admired not only his many talents and abilities, but his genuine friendliness to everyone. As we each went our own ways through college, marriage, and professional pursuits we still remained friends, crossing paths once in awhile. I regret that those contacts were not more frequent. I know he was a man of faith. I have faith that he is well, busy giving service, and enriching the lives of all whom he influences in any way. To his family I express my sincere condolences and my great esteem for this great man.

David Bunker - February 28 at 09:48 AM

RP

“ During our 40 year friendship, Cordell, a true cowboy who knew a thing or two about cutting to the chase, asked me two questions that changed my life and his. “Will you be my dermatologist? I was 30 years old and new to Provo, and his endorsement meant the world to me.

“Do you know anyone who might be interested in dating me?” This second question came four decades later, a year or so after losing Julie. Again, I was flattered, even honored, that a man as fine as Cordell would think enough of me to entrust me with his heart. It so happens that I knew Gay Gay, a beautiful girl who filled his last months with joy and excitement.

It’s my turn now and I have a couple of questions of my own.

“Why now, as his well earned retirement was just getting underway?”

“How can I honor his memory?”

God be with you, dear friend, until we meet again.

Rick Parkinson

rick parkinson - February 26 at 06:41 PM

LR

“ It all started in October of 2012 when Dave and I had the privilege of meeting Cordell and Julie on a trip to MachuPicchu and the Galápagos Islands. Our friendship over the last 9yrs. has taken us all over the world together. We were like the energizer bunny, we just kept going and going. We never met someone like Cordell before. He was always welcoming,generous, kind, respectful, and caring. He was a walking encyclopedia. He always shared his knowledge of everything and anything new that we were exposed to on our travels. The last time we were together in September 2021 I asked him what he was learning since retiring and he said that the only interest left was astronomy; so he bought a high powered telescope and self taught himself about the stars. There was no stopping him from using his intelligence to better himself. We considered Cordell and Julie as family. His passing has left a hugh hole in our hearts. Words can not express how sad we are. Our condolences to his whole family members. It was an honor to have known Cordell. May he Rest In Peace with Gods blessings.

Linda and Dave Rose



Linda Rose - February 26 at 05:39 PM

FT

“ I am sorry to learn of the passing of Cordell. I grew up on Maywood Drive and was a friend to his sister, Carol. I pray the family will find comfort as they morn the loss of their brother.

Flanders Teri - February 26 at 03:34 PM

MP

“ I was lucky enough to work with Dr. Bott for 7 years. He was always kind and compassionate to all he met. He taught me so much about oncology and life. I will always be grateful that our paths crossed. He will be missed.

Marlene Page - February 26 at 03:08 PM

AC

“ Dr. Bott was a friend to our family. We loved him so much as he took care of our Father and then our Mother through their cancers. He was so good with my mom as she went through battle after battle of new cancers popping up or old ones coming back. He was so understanding and was patient when she told him stories about her family or how much she missed my dad. It was a no brainer when I found out I had cancer, to go to Dr. Bott. He even treated my mom and I on the same day once! And Dr. Tittensor and Dr. Bott were family and they were my dream team to get well. He has always been so kind and loving to me. When he retired my hope was that he would have a great time riding horses and taking it easy. I am so sorry for this unexpected loss. I think of my mother, father, and a chemo buddy that I lost all from cancer. I have to think he has lots of friends in heaven embracing him for a job well done with them and with his life. Blessing to your family and all the love I can give to you. Dr. Tittensor- keep up the good work. You are just like him in your ability to make those scared and alone feel comforted.

Love,
Andrea Gamette Crawley

Andrea Crawley - February 26 at 02:24 PM

DH

“ I knew "Cordell", as I called him, when he served as a missionary in Germany. I was the 14 yr old mission president's daughter. He was one of the first missionaries to welcome us to Munich at the airport. He was always fun to be around and a very, very dedicated missionary. Always kind and encouraging. I pray you will feel the Lord with you as you travel this new road without him.

Debi Gunther Holley

Debi Holley - February 26 at 02:02 PM



“ Dr. Bott took care of our mother through 5 cancer diagnosis. He took the most loving care of her. He listened and genuinely loved her. We will never forget him for his kindness and knowledge in treating our mother. She had full faith in him. We are truly sorry for the loss of this great man.
Leontine Gamette Family

Shari Iverson - February 26 at 02:01 PM

AN

“ I worked with Dr. Bott for twenty years at The Cancer Center. I am very sad and shocked at his passing. He was a great man. He was always willing to teach me and listen. He was the hardest worker I know! One day after surgery he was doing rounds. I will always be grateful for his friendship and his willingness to share his knowledge! I always told him I wished he had been one of my professors!

Annette Nielsen - February 26 at 12:02 PM

GL

“ Gloria lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott



Gloria - February 26 at 02:31 AM

SM

“ Yes, we lost a great man. I rubbed shoulders with him a lot over the years at UVH and Revere Health, and enjoyed sending patients to him for oncology consultations and treatment. I will miss him!

Steve Bigler, M.D.

Steve Bigler, M.D. - February 25 at 11:20 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Jay Cordell Bott.



February 25 at 06:26 PM

JB

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Bott. He had been my hematologist/oncologist since 1993 until he retired. I told him, on many occasions, that he saved my life multiple times. I am so grateful for his medical knowledge but especially his kindness and respect. Thank you to the Bott family for sharing your amazing husband/father/grandfather with so many of us over so many years.

Jeri Boyle - February 25 at 05:58 PM