



## Wendel Walton

January 25, 1931 - August 1, 2012

Wendel K. Walton, age 81, died August 1, 2012, of leukemia. He was born January 25, 1931, in Berkeley, California, the son of Owen K. Walton and Delsa Brydson Birch.

After graduating high school in Albany, California, he served the LDS Church as a missionary in the New England States and then served his country as a soldier in the U.S. Army. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State University and a PhD in audiology and speech language pathology from The University of Washington in Seattle. He had faculty appointments at Fresno State University and The University of Washington, and he finished his professional career as a consultant for the State Department of Education in Connecticut. After retirement, he was productive in helping his wife Elaine with her various academic research projects and in writing four books of family history memorializing the lives of his ancestors.

Wendel married Carma Lynee Collett on June 8, 1954. They were the parents of six children: Kyle, Carol, Wendy, Sean, Marc, and Bruce. Carma was killed in an automobile accident in 1986. He married Elaine Fish Southey on May 22, 1987, creating a blended family with her four children: Mary Anna, Kevin, Sarah, and Susannah. In addition to the 10 children, Wendel is survived by a sister, Diane Grimaud, 29 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Wendel was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Throughout his life he served in numerous church callings including Bishop (twice), stake high council (three times), MTC branch president, and temple ordinance worker. He was a gifted teacher and speaker.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Edgemont 9th Ward Chapel, 4300 North Canyon Road, Provo. Friends may call at the church on Sunday evening from 6 until 8 and on Monday morning from 9:30 until 10:45. Interment will be in the Eastlawn Memorial Hills Cemetery. Condolences may be sent through his obituary at [www.bergmortuary.com](http://www.bergmortuary.com).



# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Edgemont 9th Ward Chapel

4300 North Canyon Road, Provo, UT, US, 84604

**AUG** **Interment**

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East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East, Provo, UT, US, 84604

**AUG** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:45AM

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Edgemont 9th Ward Chapel

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**AUG** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ "Bishop" Walton was one of the kindest men I have ever met. When I was just a teenager, he and his family took me under his wing and made me feel loved and a part of their family. We spent many hours talking about pretty much everything! And we certainly had some interesting experiences.(Think water...head...font...ouch!)

He will be missed. But we will meet again.

**Lorraine Lafrance Soria - Newington, CT - family friend** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bishop Walton will be sorely missed. As a Bishop to a young 17 yr boy, he took me under his wing and showed me true compassion and love. He took time out of a very busy schedule to attend my High School Graduation and gave me a hug and guidance as I embarked on my path of joining the Army and into manhood.

My heart goes out to his family and friends at this time.

He was a true saint and a man amongst men.

Rest comfortably Bishop in knowledge that your lessons where learned well.

Peace.

**Clay Hewson - Fort Worth, TX - I considered him a father** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To all the Walton Family,

I wish i would have known of this before today. Your dad was (still is) a great man. He left an eternal blessing on me, probably without even knowing it. I sincerely love and respect him. My heart is with all of you.

Richard Lynch

**Richard Lynch - Bountiful, UT** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just had a feeling, seldom felt, check the Herald obituary page... And I saw a dear friend... Wendel.

Pini, the girls and I remain for ever thankful for the opportunity to learn to love the best neighbors ever. Wendel is, and remains, a bright lesson learned on our path. How thankful we are for the Gospel, and the eternity we know  
We will miss him.

Our prayers are with You,

Pini and Jussi and family

**Jussi Kempainen - Pikkala, Finland - Friend, neighbor** - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Walton Family. Wendel has left an enduring legacy in the lives of so many, his family not least. I was blessed to know him. May your hearts be eased by the knowledge of a life well lived.

Wayne

**Wayne Reading - Jacksonville, FL - Friend** - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Im sorry i could not make it to the funeral Uncle Wendel was a good person and we will miss him.

**Terry Howard - Las Vegas, NV - I am his sisters son** - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM