



Wendell V. Miller

December 21, 1933 - July 27, 2018

Wendell V Miller was born December 21, 1933 in Provo, Utah to Elliott VanZant and Lila Margaret Fullmer Miller.

He was found dead from an accident Friday, July 27, 2018. Wendell had apparently been feeding his beloved dogs, when he fell into a large hole that one of his dogs had dug out. Friends had missed him for days but had not been able to locate him. A friend, who noticed that the dogs had not been fed or watered, started to care for the dogs when he found the body lying in the bottom of a hole. Wendell had apparently lost consciousness in the fall as there were no signs of a struggle to get out of the hole.

Wendell leaves behind a family and friends. He is survived by his 6 children: Curtis (deceased), Clinton, Cory, Charisma, Christopher, Charie and Chiara; 23 grandchildren and sisters, MarjO'lee and Marilyn.

Wendell served in the Navy for a few years in the mid 1950's, prior to his marriage and starting a family. He enjoyed his service in the military on an aircraft carrier, where he had started his training for pilot school. After serving in the Navy he took Firefighter training and was employed with the Provo City Fire Department where he served the City of Provo for 25 years. He retired from his service as a firefighter due to symptoms from an injury that prevented him from performing the demanding physical requirements. He lived in Utah County from retirement until about 5 years ago when he moved to Lund after purchasing some land there.

After buying his Lund property in Southern Utah, Wendell got some dogs to keep him company and began to build a new home and life for himself there. He would frequently go into Cedar City to get supplies and to get acquainted with the townspeople. Lots of people recognized Wendell, the man with a smile and beard that reminded them of Santa Claus. Wendell was interested in everyone and everything it seemed, and soon he had a group of people who looked forward to seeing him on his weekly visits.

Wendell was very active and self-sufficient for a man in his 80's. Wendell had plans to build a modern farm utilizing aquaponics and other high-tech methods to help provide a healthier food base for Southern Utah. He also returned to his roots in the LDS church, becoming very active in his local ward and eventually serving as a temple worker in the new Cedar City Temple. The people he ministered to knew he really cared about them, and they cared about him in return. Wendell left many friends there in his passing, that are better for having known him, and though they will miss him, they know he has gone to a better reward.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2018 at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 E. Center Street, Provo, Utah. Friends may visit with the family from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 S. Camp Williams Rd., Bluffdale, Utah. Condolences may be expressed at www.bergmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **3**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Berg Drawing Room Chapel
185 East Center Street
Provo, UT 84606

Funeral Service

AUG **3**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ I was a neighbor next to your parents. I am sorry to read this. It was a pleasure to meet your family, you siblings and especially your parents. Hug them for me. Bless your children.

Sherry Scott - August 03, 2018 at 01:26 AM

JI

“ Your sister, Marj O'lee, and I are grateful for introducing us. Sixty years ago this September I worked with you selling an all purpose clearer door to door. And you had a sister who was wonderful. You set us up and 59 years , 12 children and numerous grandchildren and grate grandchildren later we are truly indebted to you! We will miss you terribly especially the twinkle in your eye!

Jim & Marj O'Lee Irvine - August 02, 2018 at 08:52 PM

IL

“ We will miss Wendell in our ward and in the temple. We pray the family will have peace and comfort from the Lord. Ike & Sonia Leavitt

Ike & Sonia Leavitt - August 02, 2018 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ Sweet Uncle Wendell. We are so heartbroken at his passing. We didn't get to spend as much time with him as we would have liked. But we are truly grateful for the great time that we spent with him at Mom's place in Austin, UT in May of 2016. It was the last time we got to see him. Please remember, none of us are promised tomorrow so hug your loved ones often and let them know you care. We will miss you Uncle Wendell and Thank you for being you.

Randy & Shannon Cary - August 01, 2018 at 10:50 PM

GB

“ I've had the pleasure of being a friend of Wendell for the last seven years. He was a special person in my life. It was a joy to visit with him. It was a privilege to work closely with him in the Cedar City Temple. He carried with him a wonderful Spirit, I look to as an example I hope to reach. The Thursday early shift at the Cedar Temple Loved and will miss our Brother Miller. Grant Bagley.

Grant Bagley - August 01, 2018 at 09:28 PM

TE

“ *This just Broke my heart. Wendell, you are such a dear friend to me, I am so Grateful to have had you in my life for so many years. Your Love for Life was such an inspiration, and we shared our Love for our animals. I promise, I will keep you in my heart and prayers for Ever. Bridgett just had puppies. I have been going to call you and tell you.*

Thank you for 15 years of Friendship, Love, and Laughter. Rest in Peace my Dear Friend. May you watch over us and be Happy.

Love You ForEver!!

Tawhnye

Tawhnye Evans - August 01, 2018 at 12:19 PM

CM

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Cory Miller - July 31, 2018 at 11:56 AM