



# Elmo J Van Wagoner

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**E** J Van Wagoner

(Elmo J Van Wagoner, July 7, 1931 – August 5, 2013)

Our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Friend is now fishing with the Great Fisher of Men. He reunited with family and friends in Heaven August 5, 2013. Those closest to him will remember him for his warm heart, big hugs, witty sense of humor, little ditties and songs, and fishing lessons. He loved well and was well loved.

He was born to Dean Delos Van Wagoner and Alta Elizabeth Johnson in Provo, Utah, the fourth of seven children. He graduated in 1949 from South High School in Salt Lake City. He joined the US Navy serving on the USS Colonial during the Korean War. On November 18, 1952, he married Audrey Arlene Monroe while home on leave; in 1954 their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. They celebrated their 60th anniversary last November. Together they created six wonderful children.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, EJ served in many callings and especially loved the scouting program. He wanted most for his posterity to know of his love for them and of his testimony of Jesus Christ, having a great hope that they will follow in the Savior's footsteps.

EJ was very industrious: working on the docks, working in a bakery, delivering milk, working for Morrison-Knudsen as a large equipment operator. He also owned and operated Utah Retinners, eventually making his career selling insurance, for New York Life and Texas Life.

He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, hunting, and camping. He was a master organic gardener and a voracious reader. He often gathered family and friends together to enjoy his down home cooking, great conversations and spirited game playing.

He is survived by his wife Audrey; children Kerry (Scott) Daley, Dirk (Kathryn) Van



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Wagoner, Carmen (Jerry) Corts, Barbara Van Jones, Eric (Steve Gineagar) Van Wagoner, Jolene (Edward) Drolet, 23 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; siblings Brent (Reit) Van Wagoner, Gae Van Wagoner, and Leon Van Wagoner; and many cherished nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and their spouses Arlene (Clent) Crabtree, LaDene (Bill) Martin and Bryce (June) Van Wagoner.

The family is especially grateful to the wonderful caregivers at the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home for their loving care to EJ and his family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 10, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Wahlen Veterans Home, 1102 North 1200 West, Ogden. Internment will follow at the Midway City Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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KA

**Kevin Ainsworth** posted:

I remember Bro. Van Wagoner as a very kind man. My deepest sympathies to his wife and his children, four of whom I knew and admired. Sincerely, Kevin Ainsworth

August 11 at 1:43 PM

MH

**Melanie & Larry Hansen** posted:

Audrey, I worked with you a long long time ago in the Ogden Clinic xray dept. I was the dark room tech, film librarian and receptionist. Larry and I have such good memories of you and EJ. You were such a great influence to us as a young married couple. We have thought of you often over the years. You are not the kind of people that are ever forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. God bless you. Melanie and Larry Hansen

August 10 at 8:48 AM

MW

**Mark Van Wagoner** posted:

EJ was one of a kind. We loved him dearly and send our condolences to Audrey and family. EJ was best man at my wedding reception. His strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be a strength to his family.

August 9 at 6:05 PM

CZ

**Cindy Zeigler** posted:

EJ was a very special man.. He always made me feel welcome when I visited him with Barb. His smile and the sparkle in his eyes brightened up the room. His hugs and the warmth he generated was amazing.. EJ will be missed very much and I wish his wonderful family peace and love.

August 9 at 6:24 AM

JB

**Jill Clause Bingham** posted:

My deepest sympathies to all family members at this time of E.J.'s passing. May you all be comforted and blessed by our Savior's love. The Van Wagoner family is part of many happy childhood memories for me in the old North Ogden neighborhood. God bless your family!

August 9 at 3:40 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Elmo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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