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Gerald Eugene DeMond, age 79, passed peacefully away on December 27, 2015 after enduring a long and difficult battle with multiple health issues.

Jerry, as he was known throughout his life, was born in Boise, Idaho on October 24, 1936, the oldest son of Eugene Angus DeMond and Bernice Elizabeth Gehle. He had one brother, Loren.

Growing up in Boise, Jerry loved camping, hunting, and fishing and spent many days pursuing those interests with his extended family and close friends. He also enjoyed a very close relationship with his grandparents which resulted in fond memories of his many visits and overnight stays at their respective farms.

After graduating from Boise High school in 1955, Jerry went with his best friend Will Talbot to Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where Will's father promptly enrolled him in an LDS Institute class. At the end of his first quarter of school, Jerry was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on December 19, 1955 and confirmed January 1, 1956. Jerry took leave from his studies in September 1957 and served a two year mission in the Central Atlantic States Mission which encompassed Virginia and North Carolina at the time.

Upon completing his mission, Jerry returned to Utah State University graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Biology Minor. While there, he had the rare honor of being elected president of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for two consecutive years. He also met, courted, and married the love of his life, Janet Poppleton. They were married and sealed in the Logan Temple August 11, 1961. After graduation, Jerry and Janet moved to Long Beach, California where Jerry began a career teaching high school in the Gardena and Anaheim school districts. During his tenure, he earned a Certification of Appreciation for his dedication to the teaching profession. It was during their time in California that Janet and Jerry welcomed the birth of their first son, David.



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In 1968, Jerry and his young family returned to Utah where he began a new career with the family owned business, Poppleton Beauty Supply. In 1970, Jerry and Janet purchased a home in Pleasant View, Utah, shortly before the birth of their daughter, Stacy. Four years later, a son Bryan was born, followed two years later by their last son, Bradley.

In 1980, Jerry left Poppleton Beauty Supply and opened his own business, DeMond Beauty Supply, in Salt Lake City. In 1987, Jerry sold his business and returned to his first love - teaching. For the next 20 years Jerry taught AP Biology, Environmental Science, and International Baccalaureate classes at Hillcrest High School in Salt Lake City. Jerry's unique style, love of science and nature, and ultimately his concern for his students garnered him numerous teaching honors and the universal praise and esteem of his peers and students. He received an Outstanding Teacher Award for academic excellence in science in 1994-1995.

After retirement Jerry and Janet traveled often to the East Coast to visit their son David, and participated in a BYU Teaching Abroad Program where they taught English to university students in Guangzhou, China, northwest of Hong Kong on the Pearl River.

As an adult, Jerry was an avid reader and built a personal library of hundreds of books. He was an excellent cook, loved working in his yard and large vegetable gardens and enjoyed painting, and traveling. He developed a life-long passion for genealogy and writing the histories and stories of many hundreds of ancestors he discovered through his research.

Throughout his life, Jerry possessed a kind, gentle, demeanor and was known for his witty humor and willingness to help others. In a manner he perhaps never fully realized, he had a special capacity to be a positive influence on many who crossed his path. Being deeply devoted to his wife and family, he loved spending quality time with them and was a wonderful grandfather to his grandchildren. During the difficult months of his hospitalization, Jerry won the hearts and admiration of family, friends and the many medical staffs that attended him as he endured it all with remarkable poise and quiet dignity.

With his passing, Jerry, leaves behind many fond memories and a proud legacy for Janet and their four children and eight grandchildren: David - Chicago, Il., Stacy (Ron) Nielson and their children Zachary (17), Audrey (15), Carter (9), - Salt Lake City; Bryan (Courtney) and their daughter Brynlie (1) - Salt Lake City; Brad (Kacey) and their children Ellie (10), Joshua (8), Sophie (6), and Luke (2) - Morgan, Ut. He is also survived by his brother Loren (Judy) - Boise, Id.



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Funeral Services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, January 2, 2016, at the LDS Pleasant View church, 900 W. Pleasant View Dr. Pleasant View, Utah with a viewing starting at 9:30 AM. Interment at the Wellsville City Cemetery.



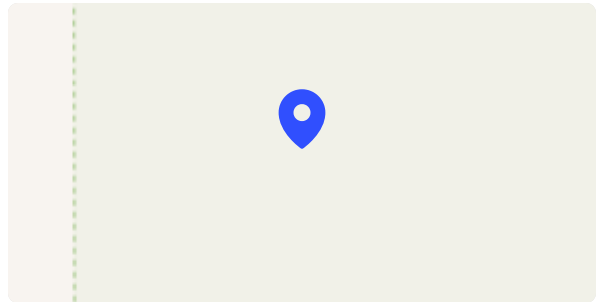
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 **Logan City Cemetery**
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BB

Bill Bolte posted:

Janet and family: I hope you are the right family I'm sending this to but if not know that I sympathize with you and your lose of a loved for so many years. I am Bill Bolte from Central City Nebr. and went with you and your husband looking for the grave site of your Great-Great Grandfather near Clarks Ne. If this is correct please call me on my cell at 308-390-3038. I have info about a grave site about 1/2 mile from where we were searching. Do you suppose????My heart felt sympathy for you and your family.Bill Bolte1347 L RoadCentral City, Ne 68826308-390-3038

January 12 at 11:32 AM

AF

Audrey Fish posted:

Dear Demond Family, It is with great sadness that I hear about Jerry's passing. He was an influential teacher and friend to me in my young teaching career. I remember that we taught across the hall from each other when the 9-11 attacks occurred. He politely came over and shared, "that whatever you have planned for today, won't be as important as what's on the TV right now." He was a great mentor and friend, and will be missed greatly.Our sincerest sympathy.Love,Audrey Richards Fish and Family

January 3 at 8:14 AM



Deanna Rasmussen posted:

I was sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I know he has been struggling for a few years but I guess we don't expect this until it hits home. He was such a great man and neighbor. We have many happy memories of doing our gardening etc together. He was a great teacher too. I still remember him teaching us of the meaning and significance of the Passover. Sorry for you loss and sorry I couldn't make it to the service. We have been ill here at home so maybe I can drop by sometime soon . Love to you Janet and your family.

January 2 at 4:48 AM

NG

Nancy Gillette posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Fortunate to have taught at Hillcrest with Jerry, I had great respect for him as a person and as a teacher. I remember particularly conversations with him about our shared passion for the environment. We always thought it would be fun to team teach a class in environmental science and literature. Sadly, that never happened, but I'll always remember what a kind man he was. May your fond memories of him bring you comfort as you deal with his loss.Nancy Gillette

January 1 at 9:58 AM



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Ron shared an album called **New Album Name.**



January 1 at 5:37 AM



Ron shared an album called **Family.**



December 31 at 9:25 AM



Jeremy Toyama June 15 at 3:23 AM

Such sad news to come across as I was searching for the most influential teacher of my life on Google this morning. My deepest condolences to the family and loved ones. I never took the opportunity (And regret this fact) to locate and get in touch with Mr. Demond after High School. He was definitely my favorite educator and an inspiration for me and my involvement/interests in protecting and preserving our wildlife and natural environment. I can't thank him enough for taking a chance on me, helping me graduate and being one of the most balanced educators who knew kids will be kids, but also found ways to still teach and inspire us. I really do attribute part of who and where I am in life to Mr. Demond. Thank you so much for your time and commitment to shaping our youth through your passion and love of education and nature! You will be missed! - Jeremy Toyama



Jane H Demond January 3 at 9:17 AM

We so appreciate all the history work Jerry did for the DeMond family. He will be fondly remembered and missed greatly. Lyle & Jani DeMond



Jeff Gale posted:

We are thinking of you guys right now our hearts and prayers are with all of the family. Love Kathy & Jeff Gale (Brian and Courtney's Friends)

January 1 at 1:40 AM



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Anne Evans posted:

Dear Demond Family,I want to send my sincerest condolences to you for your loss. Mr. Demond was my IB Biology teacher in high school and was one of the best teachers I've ever had. He helped encourage a love of science in me that will stick with me for the rest of my life. He was so caring and supportive. I will never forget the concern he had for all of his students' well-being. As a student in a rigorous, sometimes overwhelming program, his calm, positive classroom provided a wonderful respite. I will be eternally grateful for his support, his positive influence and his mentor-ship. My family sends prayers of peace, love and gratitude to yours. With Love,Anne Lloyd Evans

December 31 at 11:48 AM



Suzanne Blockburger Zraggen posted:

Mr. DeMond was my environmental science and AP Biology teacher. I am now an environmental educator at the Zoo, and he played a part in that by encouraging my interest in biology. He told me once that I shouldn't let school get in the way of my education - words I tried to live by in college, and that I repeated to my own students when I did my student teaching in biology at Jordan High School. I was able to stop in and see him once or twice before he retired, and it was nice to see him and let him know I was pursuing biology and education as my career. He is a great guy and will be missed.

December 31 at 11:32 AM



Derek Denney posted:

Dear DeMond family,I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. DeMond. He was my IB Biology teacher and he served as an inspiration to me. I am currently pursuing my PhD in Biology and often think about the time spent in his classroom - a pivotal time that has provided direction for my life. He was a great mentor and friend. I only regret not reaching out to him in the 10 years since I have graduated from high school to let him know how influential he was in shaping my career and academic pursuits. You had a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. I know that families are eternal and you will see him again. Thank you for sharing him with me and all of his other students.My condolences,Derek Denney

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Ron shared 5 photos to the **Family** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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