



# Stephen Brent Monsen

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## S tephens Brent Monsen 1936-2021

Stephen, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away June 8, 2021. He was surrounded by family members as they cried, laughed, and shared memories of his life and love.

Stephen was born May 29, 1936 in Spring City, Utah to Sheldon Monsen and Inez Justesen Monsen. His aunt always told the story of Stephen being born in the family home while she held the light. He spent his childhood in Mt Pleasant Utah, playing sports, riding horses, herding sheep, and of course being with friends and family. It was in grade school that Stephen started teasing a girl sitting in front of him, Lois Phillips, they later married in 1956 in the Manti Temple and the teasing continued throughout their marriage. Stephen and Lois added two sons to their family in 1957 and 1958 and a daughter in 1960. True to tradition, the 2 sons continue Stephens love of teasing. Stephen was not afraid of hard work and always expected perfection. Stephen graduated from Snow College in 1955 and from Brigham Young University in 1960; the day his daughter was born. He worked for the Fish Game in Ephraim, Utah and continued his career as a botanist for the US Forest Service in Boise, Idaho and Provo, Utah. He was an expert in his field and published numerous papers and books on rangeland ecology. He had a love for the outdoors, gardening, raising animals, hunting, and spending time at his cabin in Fairview, Utah. His greatest love was his family. He loved supporting them in all of their activities and giving everyone in the family encouragement and guidance in their lives. An additional love of Stephen's was food--especially sweets. A couple of the family's favorite memories are of Grandpa Steve starting up his tractor, putting the grandkids (or great grandkids) in the bucket and driving the backroads in Mapleton to get a candy bar and a soda pop. When they returned from the tractor ride he would tell the kids scary stories and spend hours playing catch. Stephen was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many positions throughout his life. He was always serving others and made sure to teach his children the importance of charity; this Christ-like example is something the family hopes to carry on.



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He is survived by his wife Lois Phillips Monsen, children; Craig and (Shelly) Monsen, Tod and (Robi) Monsen, and Stephanie and (Jon) Anderson, 18 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Sheldon and Inez Monsen, brothers; Sheldon Jay Monsen and John Phillip Monsen, and grandchildren; Amy Rebecca Monsen and Jesse Stephen Monsen.

Funeral and viewing Service will be held at the Mapleton 23rd ward building house (1050 N 300 W) Friday June 18th at 10:30 AM. A viewing will precede the services Thursday June 17th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Friday June 18th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Stephen will be buried in the Mt. Pleasant, Utah cemetery. Funeral services provided by Premier Funeral Services. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.premierfuneral.com](http://www.premierfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please donate to your favorite charity.

Funeral services will be broadcast by Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/93582933710>



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TR

**Tom Roberts** posted:

I met Steve in the 1980's while working for the Bureau of Land Management in the Salt Lake District. Steve was wonderful to work with, and in some ways a mentor in the many fire rehabilitation projects that I worked on or reviewed - and the common goals that we had in improving our success in that difficult field of work. I am sure his many papers published or presentations given over the years will continue to offer advice to the newer land managers and researchers of the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service. He will be missed, and I offer my condolences to the family. Tom Roberts

September 1 at 4:22 PM

SD

**Steve Deeter** posted:

I became acquainted with Steve through the Utah Section of the Society of Range Mgt. We worked together often and he called me quite often when I was the SRM President. He always had the SRM best interests in his heart and mind. He will be missed by me and all. Steve Deeter

September 1 at 12:43 PM

RJ

**Ren Johnson** posted:

Sister Monsen, Craig, Tod, and Stephanie, We are saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Monsen. He was such an integral part of my teenage years in Meridian. As an adult leader for the older scouts, on high adventure activities, in classroom settings, and in personal interviews, he always taught Christ-like principles by word and example. He supported us in Church athletics and in our other endeavors. Brother Monson has been a great blessing to the Johnson family. Although many years have passed without much contact, his influence continues today. Kelly and I pray that you may have the peace promised by the Savior. We love you and we are thankful for you. Ren and Kelly Johnson Reno, Nevada

June 17 at 2:32 PM

SA

**Stephanie Anderson** August 3 at 7:12 PM

Thank you Ren and Kelly. It was so nice to see your dad and appreciate him driving so far to bring comfort to our family.



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RH

**Reed & Linda Hanson** posted:

Both Linda and I have such fond memories Steve and Lois. We met as we served together in the ward. We remember Steve's teasing and loved it. We we welcomed as a long lost friend. His smile greeted us each and every time we met. He was a very good and valued friend.

June 17 at 5:14 AM

SA

**Stephanie Anderson** August 3 at 7:13 PM

Thank you for your kind comments.

DM

**Durant Mcarthur** posted:

I first met Steve and his family in their home when I was visiting Boise in the early 1970s and have enjoyed my association with them since that time. I was a new member of the Forest Service Research Organization. We both served in that organization for many years, most of the time together at the Forest Service's Shrub Sciences Laboratory on the BYU campus in Provo. Steve has a fine professional legacy in published works and land reclamation projects. His advice to land managers for reclamation projects was widely sought and applied. I worked with Steve in the laboratory and the field, and participated with him in many conferences and other venues. Steve's voice was an active one; he engaged with others effectively even those with different viewpoints and agendas. I am pleased to have been a friend and colleague. I was saddened to learn of his passing and offer my and Virginia's condolences to Lois and othe family members. May he rest in peace.

June 16 at 9:07 AM

SK

**Stan Kitchen** posted:

I worked with and shared ideas with Steve for many years at the Shrub Sciences Lab. It was always stimulating, even when we disagreed. Steve was passionate about anything he committed to do. He earned the respect of many in our profession. I will miss our discussions and his voice and his perspective on "hanging onto the important and valuable work of the past" will be missed. Unfortunately, I am out of state and will not be able to attend his funeral or otherwise express in person to Lois and family my appreciation for Steve. Best wishes and may God grant you his peace at this time. Remember, "God knows the details of the details of the details of our lives."

June 15 at 1:31 PM



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**Leslie M Seely** posted:

Lois and family:I send my condolences on Steve's passing, I always considered him a good friend and looked forward to see and visit with both of you at the get together in Mt. Pleasant every year. I look back on our school years with fond memories, he was a good person and will be missed. I can not be there because of a cancer appointment but I will think of you. A friend: Les Seely

June 15 at 2:24 AM



**Susan Larsen** June 18 at 3:50 PM

Mrs. Monsen and Family:I rememberas a younger boy completing my Botany merit badge in Scouting with Steve, and I enjoyed this experience. I also worked with and for Steve at the Fish and Game Department and learned from his vast experience and education. Later in life, we met again while working with Infinity Pharmaceuticals I especially enjoyed my time with Steve while harvesting "Cow Cabbage." I also was fortunate to work with Steve's grandson, Josh, an experience which I enjoyed a great deal. All my memories of Steve are fond ones.Randy Larsen, Ephraim, Utah.



**Mark Plummer** June 17 at 11:04 AM

I am saddened to hear of Steve's passing. I was not a professional colleague of is in the forest service but I was the benefactor of his expertise and teaching skills. We had many discussions about the native seed business and worked on several projects involving native seed collection together. He always kept me informed about issues in the field I would not otherwise have learned about. He also reached out to me as a friend in my early years in the native seed business. He was a true professional and and a mentor to me in many ways. I my condolences to Lois and family. Mark Plummer



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

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



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