



# Kerry Edward DeVries

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**K**erry Edward DeVries passed away Oct. 14, 2022, at the age of 73 after fighting a long battle of early onset dementia. Kerry was born June 24, 1949, to Rudy and Karma Tobler DeVries in St. George, Utah. Kerry was the oldest of four children, and was a great older brother to Kurt, Jeff and Melody. He was raised in Taylorsville, Utah and enjoyed scouting, exploring the Jordan River bottoms, and playing basketball and baseball. He always loved visiting his grandmother in Ivins, Utah and exploring the red rocks and hills.

Kerry met his eternal companion Marilyn Beckstrand at Utah State University. They were sealed in the Manti Temple on June 3, 1972, for time and all eternity. They were blessed with six children Brian, Jason, Bradley, Michelle, Alycia, and Jared. They spent family vacations camping and exploring all over the state of Utah. Some of Kerry's favorite places to visit were the High Uintahs, backpacking the Wind Rivers, fly fishing Huntington Creek, float tubing Strawberry Reservoir, and hunting and visiting family in Meadow, Utah. Kerry had many hobbies including fishing, hunting, riding dirt bikes, gardening, fish carving, woodworking, and tying flies. Later in life Kerry became a Master Gardener and he always had a beautiful yard. Kerry had a love for animals and especially loved his dogs.

Kerry graduated from Granger High School. He went to Utah State University where he graduated in Landscape Architecture. Later, he went back to school at Salt Lake Community College where he graduated in Electronics. Kerry was a stone mason with his father for over a decade. He then worked for Eastman Kodak as a field engineer where he retired.

Kerry had a strong testimony of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a full-time mission to the Netherlands. He served faithfully in several callings, including working with the young men, scouting, gospel doctrine instructor, high council, Bishop, and as an ordinance worker at the Jordan River Temple.



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Kerry is survived by his mother-in-law NaDean Beckstrand, brother Jeffery (Shanan), children Brian (MaryAnn), Jason (Shanna), Bradley (Christine), Michelle (Michael), Alycia (Gary), Jared (Abbie) and 18 grandchildren.

Kerry is preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, parents Rudy and Karma DeVries, father-in-law Harold Beckstrand, brother Kurt DeVries, and his sister Melody Harrison.

Funeral service will be Oct. 19, 2022, at 10:00 with a visitation from 9:00 – 9:45, at the LDS chapel on 7255 S. 2200 W. West Jordan, UT. Interment Meadow Cemetery, Meadow, Utah at approximately 2:00.

Zoom link for funeral service:

Webinar ID: 933 5533 9316

Passcode: 12345

The De Vries family would like to express gratitude and appreciation to Riverway Assisted Living and Memory Care and Atlas Hospice and Homecare for helping us to care for and watch over our Dad for the past year.



## Tribute Wall

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JS

**Judy Simper** posted:

We send our love and prayers. We were so glad we were able to visit with several of your family at his burial in Meadow and see his funeral online. Kerry and Marilyn were so much in love and I just can imagine the great reunion they are having!! May you be blessed with all the good memories you have. What a wonderful family you have. Love, Tom & Judy (Turner) Simper

October 26 at 5:03 PM

TT

**Terry Turner** posted:

Our sincere condolences of the loss of Kerry. We send our heartfelt thoughts & prayers to you & your family 🤍🙏🤍🙏🤍

October 23 at 12:27 PM

JG

**Jane Gastelum** posted:

All of our love to all of you. I am so sorry I can't be there to join you in honoring your dad, a great man. I'm so glad we got to know him and feel his love as he served us as our bishop. -- Jim and Janie Gastelum, and family

October 19 at 7:10 AM

RD

**Robyn Dimond** posted:

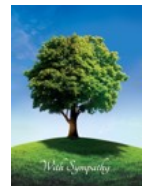
Loved the good man Kerry is and his love for his family

October 18 at 2:28 PM



**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the DeVries family.

October 17 at 4:30 PM



JG

**Jamie Gordon** posted:

He was our Bishop when Jaren and I were dating and getting close to marriage. He was so caring and a great guy.

October 17 at 2:27 PM



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

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



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