



# Micheal Douglas Hennessy

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**M**icheal Douglas Hennessy passed away on January 19, 2023 surrounded by his family. He lost a short, hard-fought battle with HLH, a rare blood disease.

Mike was born January 12, 1954 to Noel Douglas Hennessy and LaVerle Haycock Hennessy.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents and one sister, Peggy. He is survived by two sisters, Barbara and Janet; his wife, Katherine; his five children - Micheal Jr. (Holly), Taylor (Leah), Marie (Brian), Jason (Beckie), Dawson (Terilyn); and 19 grandchildren.

Mike was born in Grants Pass, Oregon. He lived and played in the woods as a kid. When he was a teenager, he moved to the coast and graduated high school in Gold Beach, Oregon. After graduation, he worked in several states before settling in Utah where he met the love of his life, Katherine Taylor. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mike worked in radio for a while; he sold advertising, wrote commercials, and even did some on-air for KSOP. He then went to work for The Church Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He started at Deseret Industries then moved to the Humanitarian Center, where he spent many years. Mike loved helping people, and his service at the Humanitarian Center allowed him to help people all over the world, both through the services rendered and also through his position as a job coach - teaching life and job skills. Helping others was the most fulfilling aspect of his job. Mike retired from the paying part of his church service in 2019.

As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mike held many church callings. He loved the Lord. He had a special way of relating to people and loved serving them. He served as a temple worker right up until his body couldn't handle it anymore.

Mike loved the mountains. In fact, his idea of Heaven was being in the mountains. He loved camping, and if his kids and grandkids could join him, even better. He also loved fishing and hunting. If he could not personally be hunting, he enjoyed watching other people hunt... hunt for



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alligators, hunt for BigFoot, and hunt for gold. The only hunting he didn't enjoy was hunting for his missing tools.

Mike loved sports. As a young adult, Mike participated in men's team sports, and co-ed team sports with Katherine. He also loved watching sports, whatever was in season, especially the Utah Jazz, the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, and Real Salt Lake. He supported his kids in their sports, and in time, his grandkids in theirs. He tried hard to never miss a game.

He loved to support his family in whatever they were doing. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and friend.

We will miss you.

We love you.



# Events

**Micheal Douglas Hennessy**

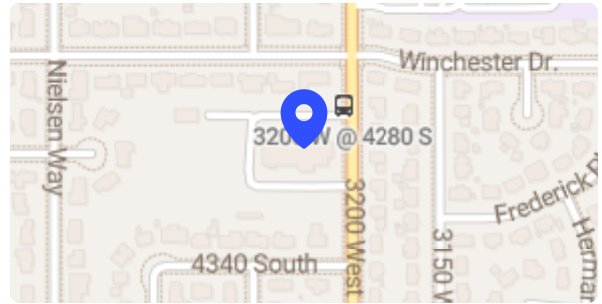
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## Viewing

**Friday**, January 27, 2023

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM MT

**Meadow Heights Ward**  
4310 South 3200 West, West Valley City UT

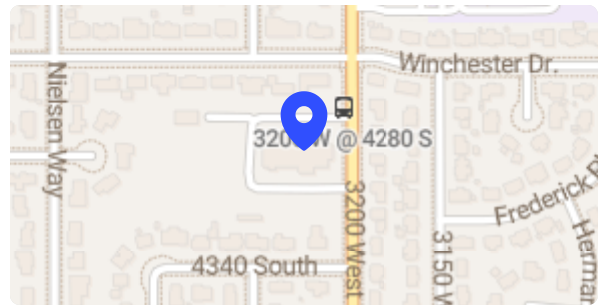


## Viewing

**Saturday**, January 28, 2023

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM MT

**Meadow Heights Ward**  
4310 South 3200 West, West Valley City UT

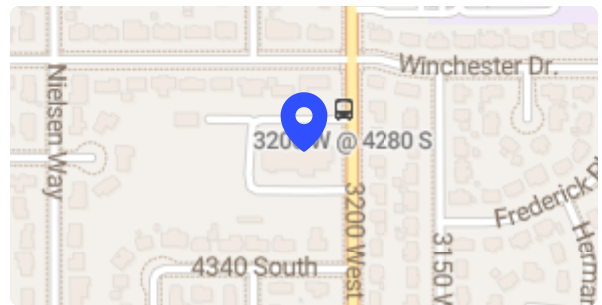


## Funeral Service

**Saturday**, January 28, 2023

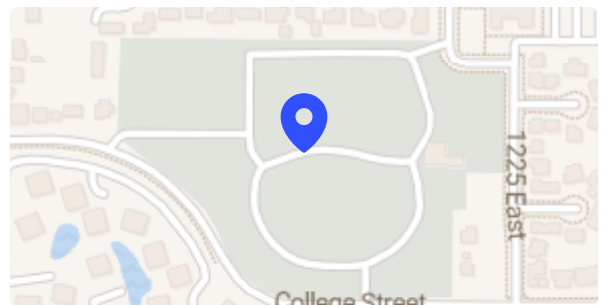
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM MT

**Meadow Heights Ward**  
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## Cemetery Details

**Elysian Burial Gardens**  
1075 East 4580 South, Murray UT





## Tribute Wall

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**Cindy Evans** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Hello, Sorry to hear Mike passed. This was him taking me to a school dance. I'm Cindy Evans.

March 3 at 4:43 PM



**Tracey Jensen** posted:

I remember Mike most as being "The Neighbor on the corner." Growing up, our neighborhood was divided with LDS Ward lines making Mike and Kathy in the other Ward. As a child, Mike was ALWAYS kind and gracious to me. As an adult, he has been exactly the same! I'm saddened to hear of our loss, and my love goes out to all who loved him! He will be missed.

January 28 at 1:21 PM



**Melissa A. Broadbent** posted:

He was a counselor in the singles ward that I attended for a little while and he was a good man

January 27 at 3:05 PM



**Tyler Lassig** posted:

Mike was our Bishop while we lived in the Meadow Heights Ward. His kindness and constant desire to serve others is something I will always remember. May The Lord bless your family throughout this difficult time you are apart...the reunion will be sweet!

January 27 at 9:57 AM



**John Yancey** posted:

I had the privilege of being Mike's supervisor for a few years at the Humanitarian Center. He was a great job coach and a good friend. He had a positive impact on many and will be greatly missed.  
John Yancey

January 24 at 10:42 AM



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**Dan Porter** posted:

Mike's daughter married a son of mine. Not only did we gain a daughter-in-law, but I gained a good friend in Mike. He was an incredibly wise man with a natural gift for kindness, forgiveness, and integrity. He was a true family man and I am blessed to have known him.

January 22 at 4:01 PM



**Stephanie Herndon** March 2 at 8:31 PM

Mike was one of my closest guy friends in high school. We had so many good times together. He always had a big smile and was so nice to everyone. I think he was class president his junior year. He took me to prom that year. He was a hard worker and helped his Dad with his janitorial business and cleaned the Forest Service buildings at night. Mike saved his money and bought a motorcycle that he was so proud of. I got to ride his old little Honda 50 and he was on his new bike and we would ride up in the beautiful hills behind Gold Beach. Once we took a folk dancing class together and had a great time. It sounds like Mike has had a wonderful life filled with so much love and touched so many lives. It was an honor to call him my friend. Stephanie Anderson Herndon



**Mike Wells** January 23 at 11:10 AM

Mike and I grew up together in Gold Beach, Oregon. We were next door neighbors for a while. His parents were always so good to me. RIP my friend.



**Gordon Meyer** January 23 at 10:33 AM

I just wanted to tell the family how very sorry I am about their loss. Our family has known his for many years. Our children hung out together. Mike touched many hearts along the way. He will be greatly missed.



## Media

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

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