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**G**arry Dean Bell was born on March 4, 1954, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and was the first son of Diane Cooper and Donald Bell. Garry and his brother Larry grew up in Santa Fe, where they liked fishing and hunting. Garry entered the Air Force on August 8, 1975, and retired as a Tech Sargent in August 1995. During his military stint, he was assigned to bases in Germany, England, Korea, Texas, Colorado, South Carolina, California, and Utah.

On May 8, 1999, he married the love of his life, Karen, and inherited three lovely daughters, Stacy (Brian), Lindsey (Codye), and Jocelyn (Chris). His family has expanded to include seven grandchildren: Colin, Audra, Elyse, Kate, Johnny, Carter, and Ty. His time as Grandpa was some of his favorite moments of all. Garry loved his weekend drives with his “honey” while looking for critters and taking photos. They would go to Yellowstone a few times each year, planned different adventures across the country, and this past year, went on a trip of a lifetime to Iceland and Ireland. His grandchildren meant the world to him, and he cherished every moment with them. Grandpa went above and beyond putting on strange Easter egg hunts, fun adventures, going to movies, planning and playing minute-to-win-it games, and always dressing up as Santa and handing out stockings to every family member full of Christmas treasures.

Garry fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away surrounded by his family on July 9, 2024. Garry was a family man through and through and will be deeply missed. His love and legacy will continue to live on through each of us.

Garry was passionate about two non-profit military programs—Adopt-a-Ghost and Community Nursing Services (CNS) Honor Salute. Garry spent much of his time volunteering and was so proud of the work he did and the people he was able to serve.

Garry leaves behind his wife, kids, grandkids, brother, and many friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, Granny, and Aunt.



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Garry's life will be celebrated on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. sharp. The service will begin with an Honor Guard, a Celebration of Life, and then a Burrito Bar. Please feel free to join the family in celebrating Garry by wearing red, white, and/or blue.

Service will be held at 5555 South 700 West, Murray, UT 84123, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



## Tribute Wall

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KA

**Kathy Allen** posted:

Once Garry was introduced to Yellowstone, well, the rest is history. He and Karen became avid visitors to this amazing park in search of the best photos of any wildlife that caught their eye. I always appreciated how kind and supportive he was of Karen, her family, and friends. He will be missed. Wishing Karen and the girls peace in knowing you all fought the fight to help Garry when his health was failing, now you offer your love and support to an amazing mother. Prayers are with each of you. Love you... Kath

July 12 at 9:11 AM

LB

**Larry Bell** posted:

I remember as kids we were playing in the backyard in Santa Fe. For some reason we decided to build a campfire. As our Dad was a volunteer fireman we did not want to get caught so we built the fire under a tree behind some brush. Bad place for a fire right? Well the plan failed. We lit the fire. We did not catch the tree or brush on fire but boy did we get in trouble. On another occasion Garry wanted to see he could coast his vehicle from the Santa Fe ski basin back to town. So here goes, get up to sufficient speed on downhill slope. Put vehicle in neutral, turn off ignition, coast. Problem: corner is approaching, key is in off position, steering wheel is locked. Solution: panic, then turn key. All ended well. I will miss you brother.

July 12 at 6:09 AM

RK

**Raine Kienke** posted:

Garry was, always will be, a true gentleman and patriot. Karen always told us how good he always was to her, and how very much she cherished him. We love Garry, too, and treasure all the visits that they made to see us. He always left us with warm hearts, and memories. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. God bless you for fighting the fight with him. We are blessed to have you both in our lives. Raine, Jamie and Evie, too

July 11 at 8:10 PM



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

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



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