



Ralph Smoot Turner

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On February 15, 2025 our favorite cowboy took his last ride while surrounded by his family due to complications from ALS.

Ralph Smoot Turner was born on June 8, 1945, to James Leslie and Diana Smoot Turner. He was the 5th of 6 children. Until his passing, Ralph remained close to his siblings and could often be heard sharing stories about growing up in Farmington, working at the dairy and the many adventures he and his siblings had.

Ralph graduated from Davis High School in 1963. In 1964, he was called to serve an Australian mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he grew to love the country and the people of Sydney.

After his mission, Ralph was set up on a blind date with the love of his life, Patricia Thurgood. They were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on September 8, 1967. They made their home in Syracuse Utah where they raised 3 children, Melanie, Kimberly Ann, and Kenneth Ralph. He was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren with 3 more on the way. Family meant everything to him. He could often be found entertaining his family with stories, providing words of counsel, or teaching a new skill. His grandchildren loved to spend time with him to listen to and learn from his life experiences.

Ralph served as a clerk in the Army Reserves at Fort Douglas for 6 years while attending Weber State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. Ralph worked for RC Willeys as a buyer then a salesman 27 years. After his retirement, he went to work for his brother Huck at Turner Electric and Excavation, which he loved because he was able to work outdoors with his brother, daily. Ralph had a strong work ethic and loved staying busy, so in his later years he worked for his friend Boyd Beazer at Beazer Woods building furniture until Boyd retired.

Ralph was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he served in many callings throughout the years, including serving as a Bishop, High



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Counselor, Elders Quorum President, Stake Missionary and Temple Worker. He loved all his callings, especially when they offered him the opportunity to teach the gospel and provide counseling. Ralph had a strong testimony of his Savior and spent his life bearing his testimony to others.

In 1998, Ralph and Pat moved into their dream home with horse property. He spent many hours caring for and working with his horses. He loved going for long horse rides and would go as often as possible with family and friends. He instilled his love for animals in his children and taught them how to ride horses and properly care for animals.

During his lifetime, Ralph made many friends. When he disappeared, his family knew he was making the rounds to visit and assist his many friends. His selflessness and many stories shared will not be forgotten. He touched many lives, as evidenced by the many visitors and phone calls during the last months of his life when he was unable to leave his home.

Dad led a life of love and service. He loved our mother and demonstrated this daily. He worried about her all the time. During his last days, his thoughts were of her and ensuring she was being taken care of. His passing has caused a large void in our lives, but he prepared us well to be able to take care of each other by his example and guidance.

Ralph is survived by his wife Patricia; his children Melanie (Bret) Gresham, Kimberly (Grant) Finlinson and Kenneth (Karleen) Turner. His brothers and sisters; Diana Morrill, Shirley Thompson, Norma Braithwaite, James (Joan) Turner, Huck (Jolaine) Turner. He was preceded in death by his parents James Leslie and Diana Smoot Turner; in-laws Kenneth and Jasmine Thurgood; sister-in-law Donnell Thurgood; four brothers-in-law John Morrill, Ortiz Thompson, John Braithwaite and David Thurgood.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Warren Butler for the years of care and concern he provided to dad up to his last days. Also, they would like to thank Intermountain Home Health and Hospice, especially his nurse Maggie, for all the care provided to him in the last few months of his life.



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In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be given to ALS United Rocky Mountain.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, February 20th from 6-8pm. Funeral Services will be on Friday, February 21st at 11:30am with viewing prior at 10:00am at the Hooper Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 5375 S 5900 W Hooper, Utah. Interment will take place after at the Hooper City Cemetery

Flower Delivery Notice:

To ensure proper delivery, please send all floral arrangements directly to the location of the service one hour prior to its scheduled start time. Thank you.



Events

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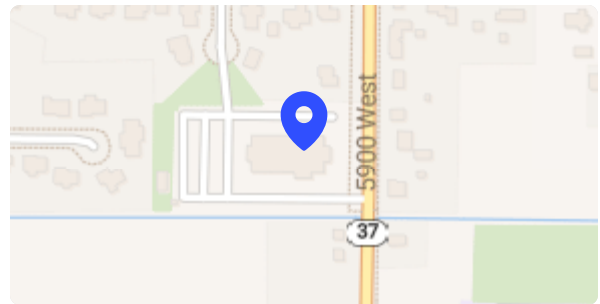
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Viewing

Thursday, February 20, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MT

Hooper Stake Center
5375 South 5900 West, Hooper UT

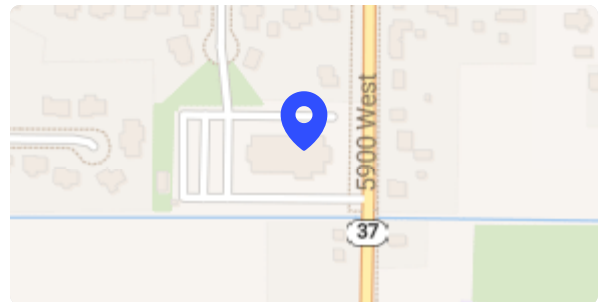


Viewing

Friday, February 21, 2025

10:00 AM MT

Hooper Stake Center
5375 South 5900 West, Hooper UT

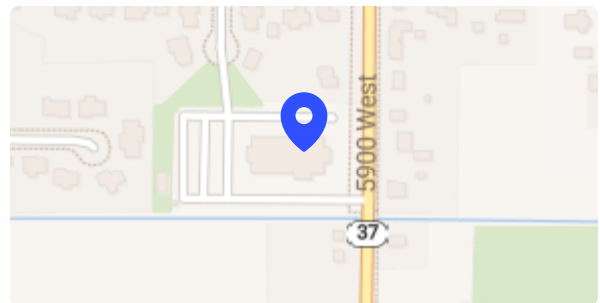


Funeral

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11:30 AM MT

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Cemetery Details

Hooper City Cemetery
Hooper UT





Tribute Wall

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RG

Roxann Garduno posted:

Jim, Diane, Norma, Shirley, Huck and Ralph's family, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find peace knowing he is reunited with his family in heaven. You will all be in my prayers Roxann Turner Garduno

February 20 at 3:56 AM

LP

Leon Paskett posted:

I worked at R.C.Willey's in the early 70's and got to know Ralph. He was great friend. Always kind and grateful to those who worked with him. May the Lord bless your family that you may have peace in his memory.

February 18 at 7:50 PM

WB

Warren Butler posted:

Ralph and I became very close friends years ago when he reached out to me as a fellow Horseman to go on a horseback ride. He first became my patient and then asked if I would like to go on some horseback rides with him. I was thrilled. I had grown up, hoping to own horses someday and finally did, but I had no experience and had no one to ride with. I'd had horses for years before Ralph found me and started to take me on rides everywhere around northern Utah. It was a wonderful experience and I had many great rides with Ralph. We mostly talked about the gospel family scripture's Christ and the priesthood. He was the best company ever. I always looked forward to being with him and in his presence. He had great wisdom to share. He had a wonderful testimony of the gospel. He was a true friend and we became brothers. It was a privilege for me to be his doctor for the last several years and to tend to his needs as long as was possible until he moved on to the other side. I count Ralph as one of my greatest mentors in this life. I love you Ralph and look forward to seeing you on the other side! Warren Butler

February 18 at 5:22 PM



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Jordan Clontz posted:

I have worked with Ken for 19 years and had the privilege of getting to visit with Ralph while Ken was shoeing my horses. We would discuss horse trails and the Uintah Mountains and I could tell he had the same passion for the mountains like I do. I had the experience to go on a horse ride with Ralph, Ken and Thomas. I got to see the enjoyment Ralph had when his grandson Thomas harvested his first deer. That is something I will always remember. Ralph was a genuine man who would tell you hello and to have a good day and mean it while shaking your hand with the firmest grip. I am grateful to have gotten to know him. Our condolences to the Turner family from the Clontz family.

February 18 at 3:11 PM



Jason Obray posted:

I have had the pleasure of working with his son Ken Turner for almost 25 years now. The first time I met Ralph, he reached out to shake my hand and I remember that he had the biggest, strongest, and most calloused hands that I had ever grasped. He was always gracious and genuine and Christ-like in word and deed. It was always comforting and pleasant to be in his presence. His example left and imprint on all that knew him. I wish all of his family peace and comfort at this time. - Jason Obray

February 17 at 12:37 PM



Kayley Turner lit a candle in honor of Ralph.

When I married Thomas, Ralph embraced me as his own grandchild, and I loved him as my grandpa. I am very grateful for the time I had to know and learn from him. He truly is an amazing person who touched my heart deeply. Love you Grandpa ☐



February 17 at 11:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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