



Darwin Myron Pope Jr

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On February 19, 1939, Darwin & LaVaughn Pope brought their first baby boy into the world. The young father was so proud to have a son that he named him after himself, Darwin Myron Pope, Jr.

As a young child in Salt Lake City, Myron's maternal grandparents lived next door, and he learned German at his grandmother's knee. Though his parents were not active church goers, he attended Primary at the invitation of a friend, and became a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

During his years at East High School, Myron joined the ROTC, which led to his career in the military, where he served in the Utah National Guard, 142nd Military Intelligence Unit, and at the Army Reserve Pay Office at Fort Douglas. After his honorable discharge, he worked at Lowe's Hardware.

After high school, Myron expressed interest in serving an LDS mission. His father told him that if he would save \$1000 of his own money, then he would support him with the rest of the expenses. He was called to the Central German Mission in 1958, where he served 30 months, mastering the language quickly. It was in Germany where he met his future wife, Karin Hella Weisfennig (Hella). They were married for 56 years before Hella passed away in 2018.

After returning home to Utah, Myron welcomed Hella as she immigrated, and they were married on March 23, 1962. Within four years they welcomed three little boys to the family, Mark, Michael and Robert, and a few years later one more, Gregory. Finally, they added a daughter, Casey, to the family through adoption. Myron always said that God directed Casey to the family. They built a home in Sandy, Utah, in 1965, where they raised their children, and remained for the remainder of their lives.

Myron was a master marksman, and won medals competing in the biathlon, which consists of cross-country skiing and target shooting. He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. He was also a



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talented leather worker and woodworker, keeping Hella supplied in wooden items to paint. He enjoyed traveling with her to art shows, and took great pride in her success as an artist.

Myron travelled the world, his most favored visits being to Jerusalem where he felt he had walked where Jesus walked. In his later years, Myron served as an ordinance worker in the Draper Temple.

He loved to support the weak and downtrodden, and always had an eye out for someone in need. His favorite hymn was, "Have I Done Any Good in the World Today?" His generosity brought many beloved friends into his circle.

He is survived by his brother Mike Pope and sister-in-law Jean Cabezas, his five children and three daughters-in-law: Mark, Michael & Jeanene, Rob & Nancy, Greg & Jolie, and Casey, 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Internment and Military Honors will take place at 11am on Friday, August 22 at Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park, 17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale Utah. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 am in the Hillcrest 1st Ward, 8485 S 1000 E, Sandy, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to

Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs.
17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale UT 84065



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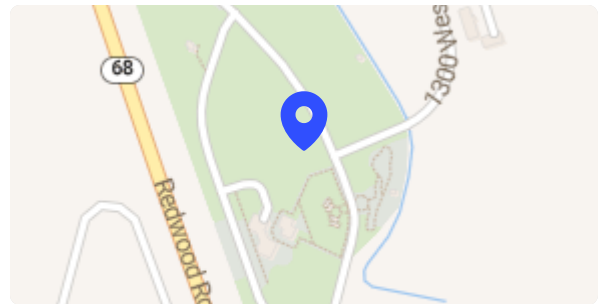
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Graveside Service

Friday, August 22, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT

Utah Veteran Cemetery - Camp Williams
17111 South 1700 West, Bluffdale UT

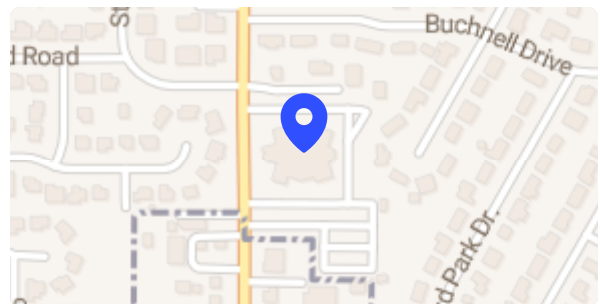


Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 23, 2025

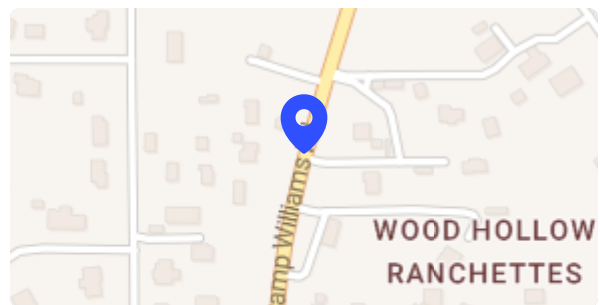
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM MT

Hillcrest 1st Ward
8485 S 1000 E , Sandy UT 84094



Cemetery Details

Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park
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RH

Red Hollingsworth posted:

I knew him simply as Br. Pope we served in the Draper Temple together, he always had a smile, and as far as know he never missed a day serving in the Temple. A delight to talk with oh how he could tell a good story. Godspeed to his family.

August 15 at 12:34 PM

HB

Heather Barkey posted:

I met Mr. Pope working at Costco. He would make sure to find me every time he came in. Always had a hug and kiss on the cheek for me. He often boasted with pride over his wife's talent for Tole painting and said he would show me a picture of the beautiful hutch she had painted. One day I was working at membership and through the door I could see this short man trying to carry this very large framed art through the parking lot in to the building. It was of the hutch! Sometimes we would share a lunch in the break room. Mr. Pope was truly a very special friend to me.

August 14 at 8:34 AM

LO

Louise Ohumukini posted:

Keola and I became friends with Myron (as he asked us to call him) and Hella at the beginning of "Lining Traditions Festival " held every May 40 years ago. They were like grandparents to our young children. Their love of the Lord emulated the type of people they are. Myron reproduced hundreds of bookmarks with one of the pictures Hella painted of the Saviour. Had them laminated and handed them out up until the Last little bit. After Hella's passing, Myron gave all the unfinished fleece material Hella had to my husband to finish into blankets and lap covers. He ask him to place these where needed the most. There are hundreds of blankets out and about with young, teen, and older who received love from the Pope and Ohumukini family. "Charity never faileth!" Dear friend I will miss you. My AloHa!.Louise Ohumukini

August 13 at 11:11 PM



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Justice posted:

It was an honor to meet Grandpa Darwin Myron Pope back in 2022. When we first spoke, he asked where I was from, and I told him I was an international student from Uganda. He immediately showed genuine concern for my well-being. Later, when I secured an internship in the Salt Lake area, he asked if I had a place to stay. When I said no, he warmly invited me to live with him. Living with him became an unforgettable chapter of my life. He shared his wisdom, his kindness, and his stories, teaching me lessons that went far beyond words. One of the greatest truths I learned from him was simple but powerful: never quit.

August 13 at 10:34 AM



Ulli Weispfennig posted:

I had the chance to meet Myron with my kids in 2014 in Sandy. We really enjoyed the time and surely will miss him, he was a special person. Ulli Weispfennig

August 13 at 7:02 AM



Cassandra Pope shared 3 photos to the **Goa, India** album.



August 13 at 6:33 AM



Jolie Pope August 21 at 5:41 PM

I couldn't have had a better father-in-law. From the first time I met Dad he was kind, funny, and always shared his wisdom. He shared many wonderful stories and was a real pleasure to talk to. He was very much loved and will be deeply missed.



Cassandra Pope August 13 at 7:28 AM

One year after mom passed away, we were able to travel to Goa, India, to fulfill my mom's wish of having her ashes scattered in the Indian Ocean. Dad was 80 years old at the time. He had a hard time walking, and still made the trip from Salt Lake to Tokyo, to New Delhi and Goa, from there to Germany, and back home to Salt Lake. He literally traveled around the globe to honor mom's wishes. I am so grateful I was able to spend this time with him and will always cherish the memories we made. Our whole family is so appreciative of all the love and support that his friends and caregivers provided. Dad was an amazing man and we will all miss him. ❤️



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ME

Marion Evermann lit a candle in honor of Darwin.

We always think of the lovely visits of Myron, also together with Hella, here with us in Kalletal/Germany. We are very grateful for these beautiful moments. We will keep Myron in lovely memory. Strange that I had to think of him so intensely 10 days after Myrons passing... We wish all relatives heartfelt condolences and much strength for the time ahead.



August 13 at 5:28 AM

KR

Kristi Russell posted:

I appreciated hearing Myron's testimony of Jesus in church. He also had insightful comments in Sunday school. I also loved how he gave people bookmarks with a picture of Jesus on it. Deepest condolences sent to his family.

August 12 at 3:31 AM



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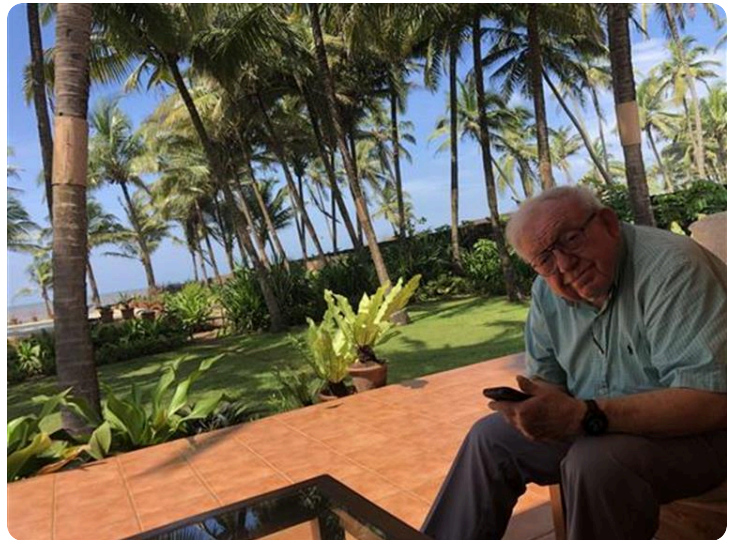
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2019, Goa, India



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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