



Robert Raymond "Buck" Gent

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Robert Raymond "Buck" Gent, Coach Gent, Señor Roberto left this earthly existence at 4 pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at his home in Springville, Utah.

Buck was born on September 15, 1941, in Portland, Oregon to Amyrue Warnock Ulrich. Buck and his younger brother "BJ" (Buddy Joe) were lovingly adopted by, William Harold Gent, as young boys. Buck grew up in Oregon where he was an avid fisherman on the days he wasn't playing football or basketball.

He excelled at Cascade Locks High School and was Student Body President. He graduated in 1960. He went to Eastern Oregon College for a year, then served a mission in Lima, Peru for "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints". His mission was a milestone in his life and he prophesied his faith and testimony enthusiastically for the rest of his life.

Upon his return in 1965 he continued his undergraduate studies at Ricks College, now, BYU Idaho in Rexburg, Idaho. He became a member of the Army Reserves as a way to provide for his family until he finished his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He also achieved his Master's degree there.

His educational pursuits continued, achieving his PhD in 1992. Buck taught school and coached football and track for many years. He had the opportunity to teach English and Spanish and coach high schools in Oregon, Utah, Idaho and Washington state.

He was drawn to writing about his experiences in life and in coaching. He wrote a number of articles and books about his experiences in life. His favorite being: "Season of Victory Manti Football" which can be found on Amazon.

Buck had many health challenges during his lifetime, beginning with Typhoid Fever in Peru. Each time he made a miraculous recovery crediting his faith in his Father in Heaven and his Lord and



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Savior, Jesus Christ. He was near death numerous times and had a heart transplant in 2006.

His life was preserved for 19 more years. He married his wife Diane in 2011 and they spent their retirement years happily together until he passed at age 84. Buck's faith, positivity and his incredible will to live, blessed the lives of hundreds of students, friends, and family.

Buck's greatest love was his faith, family... and football. He is survived by his wife, Diane Wyatt Gent, four daughters, Athena, Aloha, Wuana, Echo Lynn, one son, Troy and two daughters deceased at birth. Eight living grandchildren, one deceased, and two great granddaughters.

He is also survived by his sister, Linda Gent Goodman. His parents William Harold, Amyrue Warnock Gent and his brother B.J. Gent preceded him in passing on...to "eternal" progression. God bless a beautiful reunion happening~ Buck's testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a loving, kind Heavenly Father was firm and never wavered.

He tried to do what was right his whole life. Truly he was a man without guile! A celebration of Buck's life will be held at the Springville 9th Ward Chapel, 878 West Center Street ~ Springville, Utah on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 10:00 am.

In place of flowers or plants, please donate to your favorite charity.



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Echo Gent posted:

Just by being who he is

December 7 at 10:23 AM

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Echo Gent posted:

When he took me fishing

December 7 at 10:22 AM

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Echo Gent posted:

When he took time to teach me to read

December 7 at 10:22 AM

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Echo Gent posted:

To never give up

December 7 at 10:21 AM

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Echo Gent posted:

Spending time together as a family

December 7 at 10:20 AM

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Echo Gent posted:

When we spent time as a family

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Kimberly Michelle (Kimmyd) posted:

My favorite memory was when it was just the two of us doing a book of Mormon class at The institute in Redding, California. I'll never forget his wisdom or the things that he taught me. He really was a giant among men. He knew that it was all thanks to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ that he had all of the things that he did. I'm going to miss him so much. ~ Kimberly.

December 3 at 11:52 PM



Linda Hansen posted:

Getting to know Robert while he lived with us waiting for his heart transplant. Very spiritual and fun to be with. Robert got Duane and I to train to run in a 5 K run at sugarhouse park. something Duane and I would never have thought of doing on our own. Many happy fun times spent with Robert and Helen. His son and our son Steve Hansen ran on the Track Team for Southern Utah University. We will greatly miss our wonderful friend but never forget him and the times spent together. Thanks for the memories. Linda Hansen

December 3 at 8:46 PM



Audrey Hull posted:

That picture was after we won our first region championship since I started coaching Wasatch. I met Buck at the end of the season the previous year and we made a spiritual connection. He came and spoke to my team several times. He came to that game and spoke to us after we received the trophy. Although we didn't know each other long we had a strong connection and even made stronger through our coaching backgrounds. He would know when to call me and pick me up and help me with girls that were struggling. He always said: "the lessons you learn are more important than the championships won." I will always remember that and try to keep that the main focus of my coaching. He will be truly missed as I will miss our talks here on earth. I carry his light and spirit with me the best I can as we head into another season of lessons and hopefully some victory! I hope the comforter will bless his family at this time. You are in my prayers. TIL we meet again my friend!

December 2 at 11:38 PM



Troy Gent posted:

There are too many but if I have to pick one it would be the day I visited him in July of 2025. We gave each other blessings and we both knew the time was close. We both cried and I kissed him on the head. I saw him a few more times after that but it was me bringing his daughters and my sisters to see him. I'll never forget that day.

December 2 at 2:03 PM



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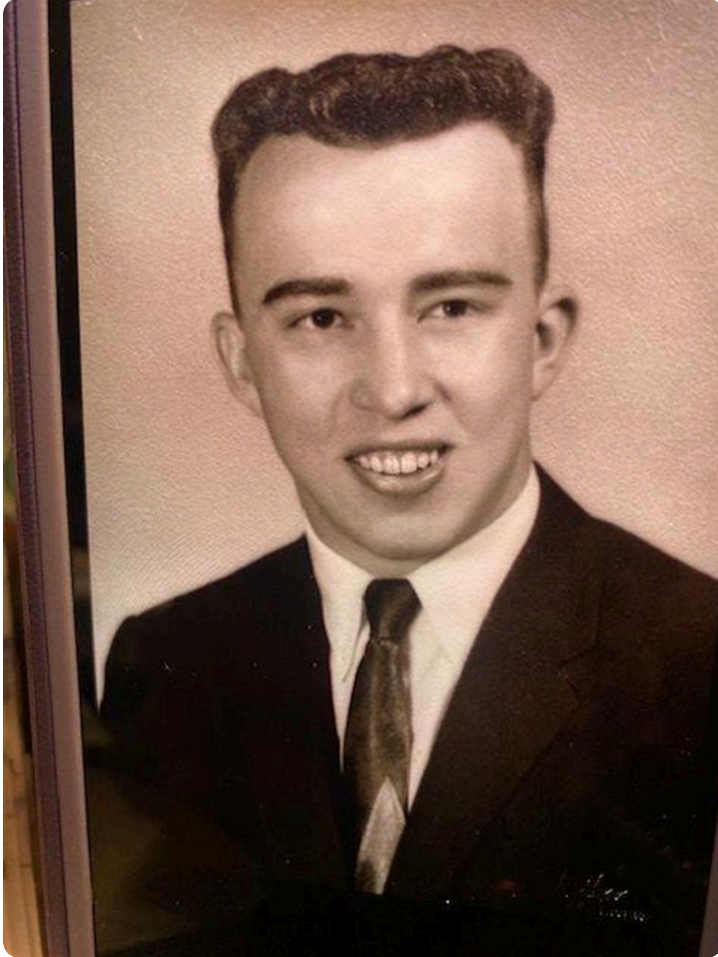
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