



# Dennis Lowell MacKay

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**D**ennis Lowell MacKay, 71, of West Jordan, Utah

Our Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather left his earthly home on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Dennis was born on April 22, 1954, to Lowell Stewart and Gaynell Call MacKay, the oldest of nine children. He grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he cherished time with his grandparents and loved playing with his many cousins.

At age 16, Dennis moved to Salt Lake City to live with his uncle, Keith, and aunt, Ardith. He graduated from South High School and worked at State Stone before answering the call to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was a devoted and hard-working missionary; he often said that his mission changed his life, teaching him discipline, faith, and how to become a better man and disciple of his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Not long after returning home, Dennis agreed to a blind date arranged by his aunt and cousin—a decision that would shape the rest of his life. He met Jolene Ellis, the love of his life. They were sealed for time and all eternity on March 3, 1977, in the Salt Lake temple. Together, they built a beautiful life, centered on faith, love, and family. They welcomed seven wonderful children into their home and were later blessed with twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dennis loved his family deeply. He was grateful for the example of service shown by his parents and grandparents, and he carried that legacy forward throughout his life. He was an extraordinary father—steadfast, patient, and devoted. His love was especially evident as he tenderly cared for his son, Chase, for nearly 25 years. He was deeply proud of his six sons and one daughter and the remarkable adults they became. He also had great love and respect for each of the wonderful son and daughters who joined the family through marriage. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, playing card games, dancing with the littles, and taking an active interest in their hobbies and activities. Dennis was happiest when everyone was together—gathered for Sunday



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dinners, camping trips, vacations, and especially Jeep adventures. Dennis loved the sport of rock crawling in his Jeep, mostly because his family was with him. His family was truly his happy place.

For 50 years, Dennis worked in a variety of trades, including homebuilding, concrete work, countertops, and stone. He could fix just about anything, especially everything his kids broke. He was always a hard worker and a great provider. Dennis made many lifelong friends throughout his career, and he cherished those relationships.

After retiring from Delta Stone, Dennis became a master gardener—trained, as he liked to say, through the “College of YouTube.” He poured his heart into growing hundreds of vegetables for the family garden and cultivating flowers for the beds around the home. He grew so much that he supplied many of his children's gardens and even several friends' gardens. Tending and maintaining his gardens became a full-time labor of love, and he found deep joy in nurturing life from the soil.

He served faithfully in his church callings and truly loved those with whom he served. During the last 18 months of his life, he and Jolene lovingly served together as temple workers in the Oquirrh Mountain Temple, cherishing that sacred time with one another. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to family, neighbors, friends, or anyone in need. His quiet strength, steady work ethic, unwavering integrity, and generous heart blessed countless lives.

Dennis will be remembered for his integrity, devotion to his family, his love of the outdoors, and his lifelong commitment to serving others through Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Jolene Ellis MacKay; Kyle (Jennifer) MacKay, Kirk MacKay, Chad (Brenda) MacKay, Chris (Candis) MacKay, Shaun (Brooklynn) MacKay, Cherie (Bryson) Llewellyn, 21 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Chase MacKay, and granddaughters, Nevaeh and Rebel MacKay.

Family Viewing Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9 am-10 am at Premier Funeral Home, 67 E 8000 S, Midvale, UT 84047, followed by Internment at Riverton Cemetery, 1500 W 13200 S, Riverton, UT 84064.

Memorial Service to celebrate his life, March 7, 2026, 2 pm Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel, 9386 S 4000 W, West Jordan, UT 84088.

The stories and memories shared about Dennis mean more than words can express. If you are willing, we invite you to use the QR code or link below to share a memory and help us continue



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# Events

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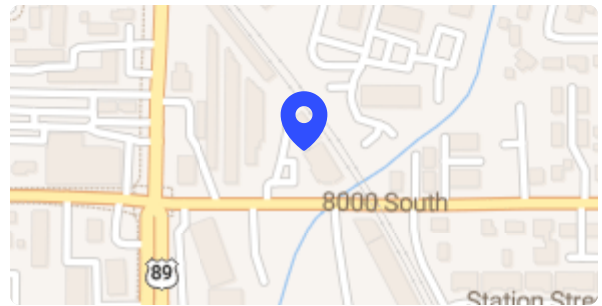
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## Family Viewing

**Saturday**, March 7, 2026

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM MT

**Premier Funeral Services (Salt Lake City)**  
67 east 8000 south, Salt Lake City UT 84047



## Memorial Service

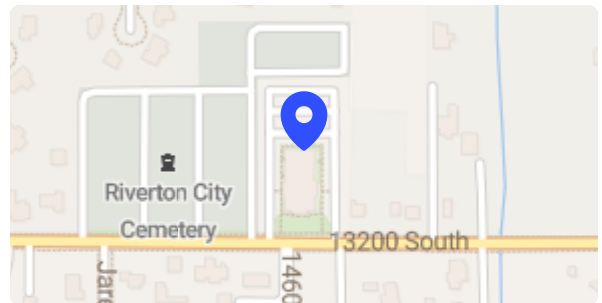
**Saturday**, March 7, 2026

2:00 PM MT

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints West Jordan**  
West Jordan UT 84088

## Cemetery Details

**Riverton City Cemetery**  
1500 West 13200 South, Riverton UT 84065





# Tribute Wall

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**S B** posted:

I remember a Sunday several years ago when Bishop MacKay was serving as Bishop. I frequently travelled for work and sometimes found myself home late on Saturday with another flight to catch early Monday. The neighbors across the street were away on a two week adventure and their grass looked like hay needing a cutting. I fretted Sunday morning on when would be the best time to not be seen cutting the grass and would still allow sufficient time to shower and attend my own scheduled meetings on Sunday. As I was about five minutes into cutting a car slowly approached, the window came down, and a confused look was on Bishop MacKay's face - why would HE be cutting the grass on Sunday!? I was serving as the Stake Clerk at the time... Bishop MacKay smiled and gave me a thumbs up as he drove away. Dennis would do the same and serve anyone at anytime. My dad frequently noted - "the better the day, the better the deed." Dennis was an absolute delight to be around. A practical man and a spiritual giant. We love the MacKay family!

March 5 at 8:57 PM



**Sami Melinkovich** posted:

The memory I have of Dennis is definitely his smile. Mostly that smile he had on his face when caring for Chase. He was a remarkable man and I also remember the smiles he could bring out of Chase. We love you all and are praying you will feel some comfort in your time of need. Love, Sami Thayne Melinkovich

March 3 at 10:46 AM



**Premier Funeral Services** shared an album called **QR Code**.



March 2 at 12:38 PM



## Media

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**Premier Funeral Services** shared a photo to the **QR Code** album.

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

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



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