



## Allan Lorenzo Murdock

December 4, 1936 - March 15, 2018

Allan Lorenzo Murdock, age 81, passed away from pneumonia at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Allan was born December 4, 1936 in Sugar City, Idaho to loving parents, Ezra Allan Murdock and Mattie Fitzpatrick Piquet Murdock. After graduating from Teton High School in 1955, Allan served as a full-time LDS missionary in the Great Lakes Mission from 1957 to 1959. He married the love of his life, Irene Burke, in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1961. He was a devoted husband and loving companion. For the past 56 years, he and Irene treasured their time together and created a loving home for their three children.

After serving on Active Duty in the National Guard in Fort Lewis, Washington from 1961 to 1962, Allan graduated with a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University in 1963. He was a Certified Public Accountant who worked for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (now KPMG) in Salt Lake City and later as a Controller in the Welfare Department of the LDS Church until his retirement in 2003.

Sharing in their mother Irene's sorrow but determined to build on their father's legacy of faith and selfless service are their children Janet (Jim) Thomas of Pleasant Grove, Mark (Jennifer) Murdock of South Jordan, and LeAnn (Paul) Miller of Mapleton. Saddened by the loss of their grandfather are nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Allan's life was characterized by steadfast optimism, unassuming service, and devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His character was founded on the principles of thrift and industry. Allan served willingly in many capacities in the LDS church, including ward clerk, stake missionary, and family history consultant. He and his beloved wife Irene served two church missions together: the first in the Church Archives from 2003 to 2004 and the second as full-time missionaries in Madison, Wisconsin from 2005 to 2006. Allan took great pride in the choices of his children and grandchildren to follow the Savior.

Allan was the second of four children. He is survived by his sister Mary Jean (Dix) Waddell of Friendswood, Texas; sister-in-law Connie Murdock of Idaho Falls; and brother Don

(Kathy) Murdock of Pocatello, currently serving a full-time mission in Mexico City. Allan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Frank Murdock of Idaho Falls.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 23 at 11:00 am at the Cottonwood Heights 2nd Ward Chapel, 6890 South Whitmore Way in Salt Lake City. Viewings will be held Thursday evening, March 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the Cottonwood Heights 2nd Ward. Interment will be Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 pm at the Taylor Cemetery in Shelley, Idaho.

# Comments

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“ Dear Murdock Family,

I am a colleague of Alan's son Mark in the Church Auditing Department. I think the world of Mark and wanted to offer my condolences to each family member.

I love the following scripture found in Romans 8:39:

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Not even death can separate us from the love of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. I know John's testimony of God's love is true:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I send my love and prayers for each of you during this challenging time.

Clark Boren

**Clark Boren** - April 04, 2018 at 01:28 PM

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“ My condolences and best thoughts for your family. Allan generously reached out to me as I was preparing for a mission, not forgotten.

**Myron** - March 22, 2018 at 11:46 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Allan's passing through the veil to the other side. We worked together at Deseret Grain for about seven years. Allan was a very hard and conscientious worker.

There was a sister, Karen, who also worked with us and our best days were when we could get Allan to laugh. We missed him when he left.

David Mulholland

**David Mulholland** - March 22, 2018 at 09:50 AM

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“ \*the swing was in our basement. (I forgot to mention that.)

**Jennifer Murdock** - March 21, 2018 at 02:49 PM

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“ Allan was one of the sweetest, calmest, kindest person that I know of. My family and I are going to miss him immensely. One time when my children were young, he helped build a swing for them to swing on during the wintertime when we were out of school for off-track time. My kids thought that was the coolest thing ever. Thanks Grandpa Allan! Thanks for loving us and setting such a wonderful example for my children of hard work, getting a good education, loving and caring for your spouse in loving ways, being thrifty and handy with what you had. You're Awesome! Heaven is lucky to get you.

**Jennifer Murdock** - March 21, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ This is beautiful Jennifer! I loved his gentle ways. Heaven is lucky! Lots of love to all of you!! Valerie

**Valerie Robertson** - April 06, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ Allan was the treasured older brother of my husband Frank Murdock. Frank has shared many stories of their childhood adventures. Allan was always depicted as a mild mannered, steady, calm, "do the right thing guy" who set a very good example for his younger siblings.

I met Allan and Irene when Frank and I were married. Allan's knowledge of accounting helped Frank decide that he, too, wanted to become a C.P.A. Allan and Irene have supported us and our children in family activities. Their wonderful children show the special parents they were.

Frank passed away with complications of Parkinson's Disease 2 years and 15 days ahead of Allan. These two brothers and Grandma Mattie and Grandpa Ezra are once again together with other family members. Thanks to the beautiful restored Gospel of Jesus Christ we have the opportunity to be them forever one day in the future.

My love to all their family - Connie Shurtliff Murdock

**Connie S. Murdock** - March 20, 2018 at 08:50 PM