



Austin Lamont Tyler

July 21, 1936 - May 8, 2022

Austin Lamont Tyler was born on July 21, 1936 in Provo, Utah, and passed away peacefully on May 8, 2022 in his home in Millcreek, Utah following a brief illness. Lamont is the eldest of 5 children born to Austin and Emily (née Wright) Tyler. He is survived by three of his siblings, John Tyler, Steven Tyler, and Jean Harper. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rosemary Mackay.

After graduating from Provo High in 1954, Lamont left the shadow of Y Mountain to enroll at the University of Utah. He would spend 41 of the next 48 years at the “U” and was a true Utah Man from that time on. He preferred red to all other colors. He interrupted his studies to serve a 2-year plus mission in Australia from 1956-58. In the 1950s, travel time was not included in the 2-year commitment and he traveled to and from Australia by steamer ship before trans-Pacific air travel was common. Lamont often told stories to his children about these long ship voyages and his time in Australia. After returning from Australia to the U, he met Carol Waddoups at a dance at BYU, where neither was enrolled as a student. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on March 21, 1960. Nine months later they welcomed the first of seven children. Despite a growing family, Lamont continued his Chemical Engineering studies and graduated with a B.S. in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1965 by which time he had become the father of 3 daughters. After completing his studies, he moved his family to Allentown, PA where he worked at Bell Laboratories. In Allentown, a son and fourth daughter were added to the family before he accepted a faculty position and returned to the U in 1970 where he remained until 2002. Highlights of his faculty career included serving as Department Chairman from 1981-1994 and receiving the College of Engineering Outstanding Teacher Award.

In 1970 Lamont and Carol purchased a home for their family in the East Millcreek area on the east bench of Salt Lake valley and he lived there for the remainder of his life. A fifth daughter and second son completed the family. The home in East Millcreek included a large garden with irrigation rights and Lamont enjoyed planting and growing fruits and vegetables, particularly sweet corn, potatoes, peaches, raspberries, tomatoes, bell peppers, and beans. He strictly forbade planting vegetables he disliked such as zucchini. A man of many talents, he canned raspberry jam and made peach and raspberry ice cream which were favorites at family gatherings. He used his engineering skills to design

and build his own concrete delivery system for irrigation water.

Lamont liked staying physically active. He played church basketball into his sixties, refereed county recreation basketball, and enjoyed hiking, skiing and backpacking. He played tennis until he was too weakened by his final illness.

Lamont served eight years in the Utah State House of Representatives from 1995-2002. Public education was an important issue to him while in the legislature, and he bestowed upon his posterity a love of learning. All seven children graduated from college, four with advanced degrees. One of his retirement goals was to establish college savings to pay tuition for each of his 23 grandchildren and he has helped fund each of their education, including bequeathing funds for those yet to pursue higher education. Post retirement from 2005 until his death he taught classes at Salt Lake Community College in subjects ranging from Algebra to "Material and Energy Balance" (if you know, you know) to keep his mind sharp and because he enjoyed associating with the students. He continued community service and campaigned to establish Millcreek as an incorporated city.

Lamont loved traveling and enjoyed exploring the world with Carol from Europe to Asia, Israel, Russia, the Caribbean, New Zealand, and Australia. He encouraged his children to take advantage of any opportunity to study, live, or travel abroad and viewed traveling as an enriching and educational experience.

From 2002-2004 he served a Senior mission with Carol and was thrilled to have been assigned again to Australia. This time he was able to travel there by plane in under 24 hours. They spent two years in the small college town of Armidale where he was the Branch President. Shortly after returning from Australia, he began serving as an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple. Following the Salt Lake Temple's closure for renovation in 2019, he accepted a call to work in the Jordan River Temple, leaving home at 4:30 a.m. for the early shift every Thursday morning until just weeks before his death.

Lamont was motivated in life by duty, loyalty, service, trustworthiness, and love for his family and faith in God. He was a problem solver, a planner, and an extremely practical man. Although his large stature and gruff manner could be imposing, he had a tender side that manifested itself especially with babies and a playful side seen while splashing, jumping and squealing down the water slide into his eighties at family pool parties. During the last 5 years Carol became physically limited by a brain tumor, and he showed he could be a dutiful and compassionate caregiver as well. He was a great example to family with his patience and concern for her. He learned many new domestic skills during these years. As he approached death he frequently said he thought it would be an "interesting experience", and his only concerns in death were for Carol's well-being. He had great faith in the reality of the resurrection and was looking forward to seeing his parents again and being in the presence of the Lord.

Lamont will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He remained in love with and devoted to his wife of 62 years. He demonstrated his love daily in his words

and actions. They provided companionship to each other until the very end of his life, even having a date night at the ballet together the weekend before he was hospitalized and diagnosed with his terminal illness. Late in their lives, they would often hold hands and talk fondly of their courtship and early lives together. In addition to his wife Carol, he is survived by his posterity numbering 67 which includes his seven children and their spouses, Linda & James Thompson, Bonnie Tyler & Richard Peterson, Kathy and Steve Hawkins, Matthew and Judy Tyler, Jeanene and Michael Pope, Emily Tyler and Armen Khachatryan, and Christopher and Melissa Tyler, as well as 23 grandchildren and their 13 spouses, and 15 present plus 2 expected great-grandchildren. As Carol says, we bid him not farewell but instead we say "We'll see you again soon."

All services will be held at East Millcreek 2nd Ward Chapel at 3750 S 2500 E (Hillside Ln), Millcreek, Utah. Visitations will be held Friday, May 13 from 6-8pm, and Saturday, May 14 at 10am. The funeral service will follow commencing at 11am.

Cemetery Details

Elysian Burial Gardens

1075 East 4580 South
Murray, UT

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Dear Tyler family, Professor Tyler who became my colleague, Lamont, was integral to my education and my first years as a faculty member at Utah. He hired me and was a tremendous support for me. A story I remember was when I was having my first daughter, pre-tenure. I waited a long time to tell anyone. I was nervous but once I told Lamont, his comment was, well you will be our first baby in the department and he smiled! I will always be grateful for his support of me and my family. Know that beyond the extraordinary legacy that you represent, there are people like me who wouldn't be where they are today without the positive impact of Lamont. We are with you in prayer. JoAnn and Larry Lighty

JoAnn Lighty - June 04 at 02:30 PM

BA

“ I served with Lamont in the Utah Legislature. He was always a gentleman, statesman and truly had the interests of Utah and its people in his heart. It was an honor to serve with him. My family's thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Brian Allen

Brian Allen - May 18 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ When we went to Germany for three years, Lamont offered to be property manager for our home. That was a great blessing to us. During that time, the renters complained that there was a hole in the carpet. Lamont went to our home with a curved needle, and sewed up the hole. One of the winters was very snowy and Lamont worried about our flat roof. He brought his snow blower to our home, climbed up on the roof and blew the snow off. The deck off our kitchen began to pull away from the house. Lamont and his son-in-law, Steve, rebuilt the deck. Each of these were labors of love. What a good brother he is. Jean Tyler Harper

Jean Harper - May 16 at 06:21 PM

DM

“ What a great man! Always kind. Always respectful of others' opinions, even thanking them for sharing their contrary views with him. My favorite legislator of all times: A statesman, not a politician. A wonderful and exemplary temple ordinance worker. ... And a very good, and crafty tennis player. I hold him in the highest regard and will miss him greatly.

Doug Mortensen

Doug Mortensen - May 13 at 07:41 PM

ET

This is so nice and appreciated. Emily Tyler

Emily Tyler - May 14 at 08:55 AM

BM

“ Dear Kathy and Family,

Although my interactions with Lamont were brief and few, I always enjoyed being in his presence and felt the goodness of his being. Sending love to you all.

Betty Hawkins McQuain

Betty McQuain - May 12 at 11:51 AM



“ *I'm grateful Grandpa was able to attend many big life events for me, graduations, births, weddings, but more than anything I'll miss the little things. I'll miss putting my hand out when he says "Sweets for the sweets" and then fills my hand with nuts, I'll miss his deep chuckle, the way he clicks his mouth for babies and dogs, I'll miss the world's best raspberry ice cream and homemade jam, his steady, tall hugs, and his calm loving presence. Grandpa was an exemplar, in every sense of the word, and I will miss him dearly. I look forward to seeing him again one day and take great comfort knowing he is sharing that same deep chuckle with loved ones, long gone, now. I love you, Grandpa.*



Erin Merrill - May 12 at 11:46 AM

MT

“ From Matt's colleagues at Zions Bank



Matthew Tyler - May 12 at 10:44 AM

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“ Elder Lamont Tyler (7) playing on “Yankee Mormon” team in Australia, circa 1958



Matthew Tyler - May 12 at 12:45 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Matthew Tyler - May 11 at 09:00 PM

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Matthew Tyler - May 11 at 08:59 PM

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Matthew Tyler - May 11 at 08:57 PM

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Matthew Tyler - May 11 at 08:55 PM

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Matthew Tyler - May 11 at 08:53 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Keith J Kunz - May 11 at 10:09 AM

KK

“ Dear Tyler Family,
Thank you so much for letting me know of Lamont's passing. What a special guy! 'Mont' was loved by many and his years of service at the University of Utah, in the Salt Lake Temple and on the courts were remarkable.

Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing (aka graduation) of your dear father and our special friend. I don't think I ever heard him say a cross word, always an exemplary sportsman and a gentleman on as well as off the courts.

Keith J. Kunz

Keith J Kunz - May 11 at 10:06 AM

KH

Thank you for this. He loved his tennis team!

Kathy Hawkins - May 12 at 07:11 AM



“ LaMonte was one of the great ones and a very good home teaching companion. Our warmest wishes go out to you.

Charlie English - May 10 at 11:11 PM

MT

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Matthew Tyler - May 10 at 10:05 PM

WS

I took several Chem Eng classes from Dr Tyler in the 90s. He was a fantastic educator. Me and so many other engineers owe thier professional success to this great man.

Will Snarr - May 21 at 07:19 PM