



## Calvin Wilford Ashby

July 27, 1931 - July 4, 2018

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1931 - 2018

Calvin Wilford Ashby was born July 27, 1931, in Richfield, Utah, the son of Wilford Lyman and Ivy Gertrude Christensen Ashby. He passed away at home in Provo, Utah on July 4, 2018.

Calvin grew up in Richfield, Utah where he enjoyed building model airplanes, making root beer and homemade ice cream, and working in the large family garden. He once built a go-cart powered by an old washing machine motor. Gardening was one of his favorite activities, and he could be found out in his yard (even in his wheelchair) up until a few days before his death.

After high school, Calvin attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, where he graduated in 1951. He received an LDS mission call to the North Central States Mission, but his call was canceled because the government would not permit the Church to call missionaries during the Korean War. He attended Brigham Young University until he was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1952. After basic training at Fort Ord, where he received a Quartermaster's certification as a cook, he was sent to Germany where he spent the remainder of his two years of military service. He was honorably discharged in August 1954.

Following his return home from Germany, Calvin enrolled in the Industrial Arts program at Brigham Young University. He became proficient at building beautiful cabinetry and furniture. During his first term, Calvin enrolled in an Educational Psychology class. It was in this class that he first saw Leah Burton. He told his friends, "I hope that girl isn't taken. I'm going to marry her!" He saved a seat for her the next day, and the rest is history. They were married September 15, 1955, in the Manti LDS Temple. They had been married for almost 60 years when Leah passed away unexpectedly in 2015. He was devoted to her and missed her sorely.

While Calvin was completing his student teaching, he was offered the job as the industrial arts teacher at Dixon Junior High School in Provo, Utah. This began his lifelong career as an industrial arts teacher. He taught for 21 years at Dixon, where he developed one of the best two-year shop programs in the state and gained many wonderful, lifelong friends. (Some of them conspired to pull some very funny tricks on both students and other faculty members.) In 1977, Provo City School District asked Calvin to leave Dixon and become part of the faculty at the newly built Timpview High School. It was a wonderful opportunity for him to build a new four-year program in a new building, teaching older students. He was a positive influence in the lives of the young men who attended his classes, and many of them liked to visit him long after graduating.

After 31 years in the classroom, Calvin was offered early retirement in 1987. His work continued, however, in his home shop where he and his sons and son-in-law built custom cabinets and other fine furniture. Calvin's creations were always top quality--shoddy work was absolutely unacceptable. He spent many happy hours in the shop and in his garden. He was generous to a fault, sharing his time, talents, and garden produce with anyone who might be in need, along with a joke of some kind.

Dad's most profound influence was in his home. He taught his children and grandchildren how to work hard and was proud of their many talents and accomplishments. He was a faithful son, a loving husband, an honorable father and grandfather, and a good neighbor. He will be greatly missed.

Calvin is survived by his children, Karen Ashby, Kent (Sandi) Ashby, Kirk (Patrice) Ashby, Kerry (Jean) Ashby, Kim (Lesleigh) Ashby, Julie (Phil) Swindler, and Klay (Jenny) Ashby; 21 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and his youngest brother, Stan Ashby. He was preceded in death by his wife (Leah), grandson (Dallin), and two brothers (Grant and Dave).

Funeral Services will be 12:00 Noon, Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the Provo South Stake Center, 1122 North Grand Avenue, Provo, Utah where a viewing will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Friday, July 13, 2018 and Saturday prior to services from 10:00 to 11:45 am. Interment in the Provo City Cemetery.

In honor of Dad, please bring any canes that he made for you.

# Cemetery Details

## Provo City Cemetery

Provo, UT

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services

JUL 14. 12:00 PM (MT)

Provo South Stake Center  
1122 North Grand Avenue  
Provo, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Klay Ashby is following this tribute.*

Klay Ashby - July 16, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Interment*



Klay Ashby - July 16, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ *I took Advanced Wood Shop from Mr. Ashby at Dixon Jr. High in about 1973. I will always remember him and that class. He gave us a lot of freedom to experiment and learn.*

*Jeff Crockett*

Jeff Crockett - July 15, 2018 at 04:31 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kim Ashby - July 13, 2018 at 08:09 AM

CC

“ *My favorite teacher of all time - love this man!  
#Timpview High School*

Clint Chamberlain - July 11, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Jeremys Grandpa was an amazing guy, he was sweet to everyone an he always made me feel so welcome and love. When I was learning to drive, I was so scare and Jeremy wasnt happy with me because I crashed in to Grandpas fence, and here comes grandpa with his walker and a smile telling me that it was ok because everyone has crashed in to the fence. That this just means Im part of the family. Another favorite memory is when I took Grandpa on a ride to pick up some plants for his garden, me and him just spend the afternoon together and then I took him to dinner after it was such an amazing day. I love Grandpa and I will miss him alot. I know he loves Jeremy and me and our pets even know they digged his garden hhahaha!! And we love him rest in peace grandpa ❤️*



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**Vicky Ashby** - July 10, 2018 at 05:54 PM

KA

“ *My parents are finally reunited. Dad often spoke of my Mom, and came to appreciate her more and more with each passing day. They were great parents and taught me the value of hard work, determination, faith, communication, and compassion.*

*My dad was a big softie, despite his seemingly rough exterior. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and they were blessed to know him. He enjoyed their visits, playing games with them, and telling them stories.*

*He will be remembered for his life of dedicated service, his sense of humor, and for his widespread influence. Most of all, he will be remembered for being a great dad.*



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**Klay Ashby** - July 10, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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“ Back in high school, I had to give up my room for my brother and his new wife. Which meant I slept on the couch in the front room. I had no space for my clothes, I went to Brother Ashby and asked him if he could help me make some wood boxes to put in the front room closet... He quickly went to his scrap pile, and within 30 mins he had created 3 boxes for me, and wouldn't even let me pay him for them. I have always been grateful for his generosity!

*I am so grateful he is reunited with his life long sweetheart*

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**Dave Stufflebeam** - July 10, 2018 at 04:46 PM

RL

“ I just want to reach out to the Ashby family and tell you how sorry I am to hear about your dad's passing. He was my wood shop teacher at Dixon Junior High a long time ago. In fact I went to school with Kent (son) and I grew up on Grandview Hill. Your dad had a profound effect on me that I have used my entire life. He taught me many life lessons in the wood shop. He helped me learn woodworking and enabled me to win awards at the Utah Industrial Arts Fair. I have used the skills I learned from your dad my entire life building houses and finishing basements and doing many other projects. Looking back on my education in junior high and high school there were only a handful of teachers that touched me and had a profound effect on me in the classroom. Your dad was one of those handful. I am grateful for all of his teaching and help that he provided me.

*My sincere condolences,*

*Ray Lines  
AV Events Director BYU*

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**Ray Lines** - July 10, 2018 at 04:12 PM

RS

“ I wish I could have heard a hundred more jokes. Love ya Cal. Thanks for the memories and the nice things you've done over the years ! The kitchen light box, the beautiful antique wood chest always remind us of a great man and friend.  
*Rick and Paulette Smith*

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**RICK SMITH** - July 10, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ Give Mom a hug for us Dad. I'll miss being able to sit and chat with you about all my projects and gardening questions. Thank you for everything you taught me and more importantly, thank you for being such a good example of service. You emulated the Savior in all you did. We all miss you terribly, but we also know how happy you must be being reunited with all the family that went before you. Love you!

Kim Ashby - July 10, 2018 at 11:49 AM



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Kim Ashby - July 10, 2018 at 09:26 AM



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Kim Ashby - July 10, 2018 at 09:22 AM



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Premier Funeral Services - July 09, 2018 at 12:39 PM