



Christy "Huck" Val Atwood

July 7, 1946 - October 6, 2021

Christy Val (Huck) Atwood was born in Vernal, Utah, in 1946, to Cap and Effie Atwood. He had four half-brothers, Nord and Hollis Atwood and Lloyd and Cal Barnson. As an outfitter's son, he spent most of his youth hunting and fishing in the mountains of Utah and Colorado, developing skills that served him in later life through the military, as an outfitter, a general contractor, and a father. He loved his country and enlisted in the Army to serve in the Vietnam war in the 705th Maintenance Battalion.

After returning from Vietnam, he attended Brigham Young University and met Jolyn Nebeker from La Grande, Oregon. Ever the romantic, he told his roommates after their first date, "that's the girl I'm going to marry." They were sealed February 5th in the Manti Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were married until her death two months prior to his in August 2021.

Val and Jolyn were blessed with nine children, and sacrificed everything they could to make their home a place where their children learned to search for truth, work hard, and serve others. Val could not have been more devoted to his children and spared no effort to be at every game, performance, or event, even spending his 25th wedding anniversary at a junior jazz basketball game — because he promised his children he would never miss one.

Val was never outworked in any of his professions or service, but spent most of that effort on others, and not for his own benefit. This included service as a leadership missionary for his church with Jolyn in Kansas City. In his neighborhood, there are few if any homes he hadn't repaired, families he hadn't moved in, or places he had not served.

He was, beyond all else, a tender and compassionate friend to everyone — frequently embarrassing his kids as he made friends with total strangers. From the first moment he met anyone, he was immediately their friend. He will be remembered as tender, loyal, generous to a fault, and utterly selfless and considerate.

Val and Jolyn are survived by their children, Shane, Doug (Tonia Rohde), Jeff (Kristen Tolman), Kimberly (Joe Stoney), Joe Buck (Kati Farmer), Christy (Kirk Johnson), Remington (Tamara Cizmas), Marshall (Amber Nicholls), and Weston (Ali Carpenter), 27 grandsons and 13 granddaughters, with grandchild 41 on the way.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 18th at 11:00 AM at the American Fork Central Stake Center, 320 N 100 E, American Fork, UT. A broadcast of the funeral is also available via <http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/americanforkutahcentralstake>. A viewing will be held on Sunday October 17th, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM and on Monday October 18th from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at the same address. Interment will be at the American Fork Cemetery.

Comments



“ I will always remember the great times I had hunting and camping with Val and his family. He taught me many things from surviving nights in the pouring rain with what seems like 15 people in a 2 man tent on the face of Timpanogos to exploring some amazing places in Canyon Lands, San Rafael and K Ranch to name a few. He shared his love of exploring and searching for Indian artifacts. One of the neatest things he showed me was how to search for Indian beads in ant hills, and that he actually found some while we were searching! I'll always remember Val as an Uncle, as he always treated me like part of his family!

chad Nelson - October 11, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Val was was my fathers very good friend. Russ spoke of him often and appreciated their friendship. My dad passed away on September 30th just before Val and I discovered a text message my dad had been typing to Val before he passed. I'm sorry I didn't get to know him or talk about my father with him. Know that his friendship meant a lot to my dad. Keri Williams Bushman

Keri Bushman - October 11, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ I was grateful to have met Val a month before his passing and shortly after Jolyn's passing. He was cheerful and easy to talk to. He and Jolyn left a wonderful legacy of love and faith for their children and I know he will be missed. I also know that he is now working on behalf of his family from the other side of the veil.

Caleb Tucker - October 17, 2021 at 04:57 PM