



Dwight Chris Poulos

February 2, 1931 - December 25, 2021

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Dwight. Christopher Poulos, age 90, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Christmas Day, December 25 2021 at his home in Orem, Utah. Chris was born in Richmond, Kentucky on Groundhog Day, February 2, 1931. He was the son of Melissa Baker and George C. Athanasopoulos. He was raised as an only child in the little town of Irvine, Kentucky. He graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1949. Chris started his college education by enrolling at Kentucky University, but not long after enlisted in the US Air Force. While serving in the military, he was taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ and converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints... being baptized in 1952 at the Logan Square Ward in Chicago (you can ask any member or close friend about the details of that miraculous conversion story). After being discharged serving honorably with the USAF, he followed his desire and enrolled at Brigham Young University, and three years later graduated in 1957, with a BS degree in Psychology, he continued his schooling and received a Master's degree in Counseling.

While teaching in a BYU student ward Sunday School class, he met the love of his life, Gail Bartley, they were married shortly thereafter, and were sealed for time and all eternity in the Manti, Utah Temple on June 3, 1959. After marrying Gail, Chris quickly discovered his love and gift for teaching and soon became a faculty member at BYU, in the division of Continuing Education (CES), where he was the Director of the Campus Education Week. He also traveled extensively for BYU in that role and directed the Education Week's in different cities throughout the country, he periodically taught Book of Mormon classes on campus, which included athletes from all backgrounds. Chris started a side career of managing and mentoring a number of talented entertainers and public speakers, including the Three D's, Tony Ingle and Jason Hewlett.

He loved serving for the Church. He was part of two Bishopric's and after retiring from BYU, he particularly enjoyed serving a CES Mission with Gail in Indianapolis... being

called as a Branch President for young single adults and happily knew of many marriages coming from that little Branch.

Chris had an immense passion for BYU sports (we would need a whole other obituary to detail his love for all things BYU), and throughout Chris' life, he and Gail adopted many many people along their long and charitable journey (you all know who you are).

If you were fortunate enough to connect with Chris, you would very likely be treated by his absolute joy for life, his brilliant wit, and endless euphemisms...."root hog or die!"

He was a devoted Disciple of Jesus Christ, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. His legacy is lovingly being kept alive by his eternal companion of 62 years, Gail Poulos, his children, Mark (Laurel), Shauna (Mark) Ewing Stimson, Kevin, Liz (Todd) Austin, his 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, son in law, Terrell Ewing, and granddaughter, Ashley Poulos.

The family wishes to thank Yarrow Hospice for their wonderful aids and nurses, and owners who made his life a cherished experience this past year.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Orem Sharon LDS Stake Center, 545 South 800 East, Orem, Utah. A viewing will be held

Wednesday, December, 29, 2021

from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. There will be a viewing Thursday morning prior to the funeral from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. Interment at Orem City Cemetery.

For those wishing to participate in the service by Zoom:

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Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT 84058

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Orem Sharon Stake Center
545 South 800 East
Orem, UT

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Orem Sharon Stake Center
545 South 800 East
Orem, UT

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

Orem Sharon Stake Center
545 South 800 East
Orem, UT

Tribute Wall



“ Premier Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dwight Chris Poulos



Premier Funeral Services - January 29 at 12:27 PM



“ This is Lucy from Kentucky
To Gail and all the family. I was so sorry to see of Chris's passing. In the short time that we had connected, I so enjoyed talking with him. May his memories be a blessing to you all and Gods peace be on you. Big Hugs from Kentucky



Lucy Hicks - February 18 at 07:15 AM

EH

“ Dear Gail and Poulos family,
I am writing to you to express my gratitude to your husband and father, Chris Poulos. Chris had an incredible impact on my life. Though I cannot repay Chris, I can at least share my story with you: My father, Bill Hubner, served as a medic with Chris in the US Air Force. After Chris's miraculous conversion to Jesus Christ, Chris persuaded my father to attend Brigham Young University. It was at BYU that my father met my mother. My father was baptized and became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. My parents married in the Salt Lake Temple. I was born, the second of three brothers, into a Latter-Day Saint home where I was taught the gospel of Jesus Christ. My brothers and I were each baptized. We each served as missionaries. We were blessed to marry good women in the temple of God. We had children and raised them with a knowledge of God. They each grew up to be fine men and women. We served in positions of responsibility in the Church of Jesus Christ. Though callings, rank or position do not matter to the Lord, it may be meaningful to you to know that we each served as bishops and the youngest, also, as a stake president. I tell you this to give you a vision of the impact your husband and father had on one man, my father, and through my father's conversion alone, Chris brought thousands of souls to Christ. I am one of them. I thank God for Chris Poulos!
Eric Hubner

Eric Hubner - December 31, 2021 at 02:16 PM

SB

“ Hi Gail,
We watched Chris's service via Zoom. It was a joy to see all your children to get up and share their memories of their dad. They did such a nice job. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers.
Love,
Steve and Jo Anne Bartley

Steve Bartley - December 30, 2021 at 02:55 PM

RP

“ Dear Gail and Family: It is with sadness that we read about the passing of Chris. He had a wonderful life and provided each of us with a more positive out look about our lives. His personality and sense of humor made us better people by just knowing him and associating with him. He will be truly missed. We have such fond memories of him and you in the Sharon Stake. We are grateful for the Plan of Happiness and the Savior's Atonement. We send our love and prayers. Connie and Bob Parsons

Robert Parsons - December 29, 2021 at 12:53 PM

SK

“ As a child we shared every Thanksgiving with the Poulos family. I looked forward to that day every year. With two large families coming together it was always a momentous occasion with mountains of food and lots of fun. I remember all the men watching the football game, all the kids playing games, and all the women talking and, I'm sure, cleaning the piles of dishes. Brother Poulos was always so happy to talk to me and was always loving, kind and generous. Later in life, even as an adult when I went to visit him with my parents, Wayne and Lorna Shute, he would give me a big hug and be genuinely interested in me and my family. I have shed tears thinking of how he will be missed by all who knew him. He was a dear friend to me and my family. I send all my love and sympathy to all his wonderful family and especially to our dear Gail at this time of his loss.

With much love,

Sara Shute Kopp

Sara Shute Kopp - December 28, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DZ

Gail and family. I send my deepfelt condolences to you all. My Keith passed away suddenly on October 30 and I know what an empty spot it leaves in your heart. Although we haven't seen each other in some time I fondly remember the fun times we did share with one another. I was always grateful when I could see Shauna on occasion and find out how you were all doing. Life has a way of slipping by so fast but it's the memories that bolster us up. Sorry I am in St. George and unable to attend the funeral but my thoughts and prayers are with you!

Donalda De Adder ZoBell - December 29, 2021 at 12:10 PM

CJ

When Gail and I were roommates at BYU in 1959, she told me she met someone special and was going to marry him. I did not get to know dear Chris until many years later when I visited him and Gail. Then I saw what a lively, humorous and intelligent man he was. Moreover, he and Gail both with their very caring, generous hearts helped two of my family members through very difficult times. They welcomed my son Jason Anderson from California to live with them. He got assistance in completing his requirements for a GED, joined the church and went on a mission. They also helped Jason's father when he was in need of support. My husband, Chuck Afflerbach and I have fond memories of our visits dining, talking and laughing with Chris and Gail making us feel like family. Our hearts go out to all the Poulis family with gratitude and love, Carolina Juárez

Carolina Juárez - December 29, 2021 at 08:21 PM

WO

Drat, just I read about Chris's passing in the Y Magazine "Deaths" section, so here it is August, and I just want to say Chris was my best buddy at the Y in '55. We'd go to my parents' place in Lehi on the weekends, hit the fridge and gorge ourselves for the week to come. I loved, loved, loved that Kentucky drawl! Blessings on you and yours, Gail.

Winston Otterson - August 08 at 09:16 PM

GS

“ This is from Gordon Shute.

I remember once at Thanksgiving dinner Chris called me " Gordyhondros" and the name stuck! I didn't like it at the time but lots off people call me that occasionally, even my wife.

Your legacy still lingers!

Thanks Chris for your love, your family, the relationship my family had with yours growing up, your friendship and your wonderful attitude. You were always fun and the times our families spent together still rattle around my head 40 years later.

Gail, we love you and Cheri and I love to see you on our walks sometimes. God bless you.



Gordon Shute - December 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM