



Edward Orson Dayley

April 4, 1941 - January 8, 2015

Edward Orson Dayley, Major, US Army (Retired) Our Hero 1941-2015 Edward Orson Dayley died peacefully with his wife, Beth Dayley, and all five of his children around him on Thursday, January 8, 2015 of natural causes. Ed was born to Carroll Bates Dayley and Emma Nelson, in Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 4, 1941. He grew up in Burley, Idaho, and served an LDS Mission to the West Central States Mission from 1960 to 1962. He attended Utah State University and University of Utah (of which he was a devoted fan), and graduated from the University of Nebraska. Ed was a real hero to many people in his life, not only because of the many medals he won in Vietnam, including the Silver Star, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, but also because of the generous, loving, helping hand he gave to many people. He loved people, and was a wonderful leader, whether it was the army troops he trained throughout the world, the grandchildren he taught to fish at Island Park, Idaho, the children he always supported in their activities, the young men who he coached in basketball in the ward, the primary children he taught or the friends and neighbors he always helped. Ed's greatest accomplishment was that of a father. He was patient with his children. He showed them he respected his wife as their mother and as his eternal companion. He attended all kinds of events and volunteered in things to support his family. He is a big friendly tease to all in the best way. He has a kind heart and accepts without judgment everyone he knows. He married Mary Beth Hansen in the Logan Temple on November 27, 1963, and they had over 51 happy years together. They are the proud parents of Marlowe James Dayley (Kristen Smith Dayley), Issaquah, Washington; Athena Lee (Dirk) VanderMeyden, Layton, Utah; Marc Edward (Lisa Bench) Dayley, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Diana Lyn (Jason) Bowler, Hinsdale, Illinois; Bryan Mikele Dayley, Centerville, Utah; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ed served his country as an officer in the United States Army, and retired as a Major. He served two tours of Vietnam as an Army Aviator (helicopter pilot), and also was an Air Defense Officer until the Army created the Army Aviation Division of which he became a part. In addition to Vietnam, he served all over the United States, including the big island of Hawaii, and Vicenza, Italy. After he retired from the Army, he lived in Sacramento, California before he and his family came to Centerville, Utah to live in 1990. In Centerville, he taught computers at Centerville Elementary School for six years, then was a School Technology Specialist for Davis

County Schools for 10 years, working at Bountiful Elementary School and Millcreek Junior High School. Ed was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and enjoyed serving in many callings. He loved coin collecting, rooting for the University of Utah, fishing with his family at Island Park, Idaho, all sports, supporting his family in all their activities, music and live theater. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his five siblings, Fred (Vivian) Dayley, Burley, Idaho; Emily June (Duane) Vickery, Emmett, Idaho; Linda (Mike) Donner, Republic, Washington; Marie (Bill) Martindale, Meridian, Idaho; Carl (Maria) Dayley, Burley, Idaho. He is preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Emma Dayley, three grandchildren, Andrew, Trevor, and Josephine Dayley. A special thanks to all the wonderful doctors, nurses, therapists and everyone at Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles where Ed received his lung transplant nearly five years ago, and for the wonderful years this gave him. The family appreciates all those who donate their organs to provide life and living for those who need it. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at Parrish Canyon Ward, 610 N Rowland Way, Centerville, Utah 84014, where friends can visit from Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Interment at Centerville Cemetery.

Comments



“ Beth, So sorry about Ed! I have the fondest memories of both of you in our glory days at Centerville Elementary! What a tease and I loved every minute of it! He was such a contribution to society! We love you!
Judy Retired teacher at Centerville Elementary

Judy cella - January 24, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ from the class of 1959 We send our deepest sympathy. We was disappointed he was not able to make it to the class renuion. He is at peace now.

Claretta Wayment SHAFFER - January 24, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ Beth, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. I know how much the two of you loved each other. I so enjoyed working with you at Knowlton for so many years. You had a profound impact on my life, and I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kirstin Reed 6th Grade Teacher Knowlton Elementary

Kirstin Reed - January 21, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ Beth, So sorry to hear about Ed's passing. You and he made such a great team here at Centerville Elementary! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Lisa Wright, resource teacher at Centerville Elementary

Lisa Wright - January 12, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ Ed was a great helper for me in technology at Millcreek Junior High School and I consider him a great coworker and friend. He was always kind and friendly to everyone around him and he would lift my spirits in visiting him. I will miss you Ed, and I am sorry to the family for their loss.

Mark Allred - January 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Rest in Peace

Thomas J. Matason - January 11, 2015 at 11:42 PM



“ Our sympathy and condolences to the family from a pair of old classmates. Dennis & Delores (Long) Keaton

Dennis & Delores Keaton - January 11, 2015 at 10:45 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies. Al & Lucretia DeMailo WOC Class 66/23-67/1

Maj. Alfred S. DeMailo USA (Ret) - January 11, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ Wishing Eddie's family and friends the best, including sense of peace, in this difficult time.

Lamont Lyons - January 11, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ It was with great sadness that I received notice of Edwards Passing. In high School we were inseparable. I remember with fondness the many adventures we shared together. Edward will be missed even though the past years our only association was phone and high school reunions.
Duane C Steel7pqr

Duane C Steel - January 11, 2015 at 06:45 PM