



## George Marcus Dover III

May 4, 1942 - November 4, 2020

George Marcus Dover III, Mark, passed away on November 4, 2020 in Ogden, Utah, due to complications related to Alzheimer's disease. He was the second son of George Marcus Dover, Jr. and Ilene Brown Dover. He was born on May 4, 1942, in Lovell, Wyoming and moved with his family to Cody, Wyoming in 1945.

The family owned Cody Laundry and Dry Cleaning. For several years as a teenager, Mark drove the daily run up North Fork collecting dirty laundry and delivering clean laundry for the vacation lodges located between Cody and Yellowstone's East Gate. He loved telling stories of that special time in his life and the principles of honesty and hard work he learned from his Dad. Mark took pride in becoming an Eagle Scout and attending the National Jamboree at Valley Forge. In high school he was active in sports, speech and drama, leadership, and accompanied the Girls' Choir.

Mark served a Spanish American mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He loved to tell how he started his mission in Texas but completed it in New York as one of six

Spanish speaking missionaries sent to the Eastern States Mission to work with Spanish speaking referrals from the New York World's Fair.

Mark met Merrilyn Lewis, from Montpelier, Idaho, at BYU in fall of 1965. They were married on

June 3, 1966 in the Logan Temple. He graduated from BYU the next year with a BS in Accounting, certified as a Public Accountant, and joined the Haskins & Sells accounting firm in their San Juan, Puerto Rico office where he worked for five years. From 1971 to 1987 he worked as Vice President of Finance and Administration for Bernina Sewing Machine Co. in North Salt Lake, importers of Bernina for the Western United States. He worked for a brief time as a System and Control Specialist, Audit Dept., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During this time he especially enjoyed assignments in South America where he could refresh his Spanish skills.

From 1991 through 2005, he worked as a Legal Administrator in the Salt Lake City area and in Augusta, Georgia. In 1997 he served for a year as President of the Beehive Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators. Then in 2006, as he moved into retirement, Mark considered it a wonderful opportunity to work several years with sons in their business in Arizona.

Mark was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in numerous calling in the church throughout his life, including as Bishop while living in Georgia. In Arizona, Mark and Merrilyn enjoyed serving together in the Mesa Temple. They loved the opportunity to return to Mark's hometown of Cody for two summers-2009 and 2011- as Church Service Missionaries at the Cody Mural Visitors Center. In October 2011, they accepted a call to serve as Member, Leader Support Missionaries for 22 months representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippine, Cebu mission. They were then delighted to serve for one more summer in Cody as missionaries at the Cody Mural. Mark had a deep and abiding testimony of Jesus Christ and the restoration of His Gospel on the earth. He considered himself blessed to have lived in so many places, to have worked with, and to have formed close friendships with many amazing individuals.

Mark loved his family. He loved playing board and card games. He enjoyed entertaining with stories of Cody and Yellowstone. He loved watching grandchildren's games, recitals, and performances. His mashed potato chocolate cake and potato salad with apples were often requested for family parties and always cheerfully provided. His quick sense of humor and ability to say just the right thing lightened many stressful situations. He couldn't listen to his girls sing without crying. He is loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Merrilyn; his 6 children and their spouses – Mindy (Brandon) Janis, George (Susie) Dover, Meghan (Jeff) Parrish, Greg (Natalie) Dover, Maryl (Travis) Sommer, Gerron (Kim) Dover; his 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; his brother Dick (Jan) Dover and sister Tammy (Don) Jensen. He was preceded in death by his parents.

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Hearts for Hospice, Whisper Cove Memory Care, and Avamere Mountain Ridge Memory Care for compassionate ministering and end of life care.

A family viewing will be held on Friday, 6 November 2020 at 5:00 PM→ at Premier Funeral

Services, 5335 South 1950 West, Roy, UT. Mark will be laid to rest in the Kaysville Cemetery, 425 East Crestwood Rd, Kaysville, UT, following a 9:00 AM graveside service for immediate family. Online guestbook available at <http://www.premierfuneral.com>.

# Comments

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“ Sis. Dover, it's been 17 years since you and Bishop Dover came to our house and helped me and Joshua realize that Heavenly Father hadn't abandoned us after all. He had instead cleared the path to a blessing far greater than what we had hoped to achieve otherwise. Your shared, faith-filled, undaunted determination to walk us out of that darkness will forever be a solid stone in the foundation of our belief in and love for the gospel. Thank you both so very, very much. Our prayers and love go out to you and your family, now and always. We love you beyond the telling.

Karen Cooper and Joshua Cooper

**Karen Williams-Cooper** - November 11, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Merrilyn,  
Being a widow was something that you and I had probably not planned on but it must have been in Heavenly Father's plan for us. It's not easy but there are many blessings and families are a great source of those blessings. As I read Mark's obituary, I thought of the wonderful memories that I have of times with you and Mark—Cody being one of the best. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Margene

**Margene Leishman** - November 15, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Merrilyn just read in the Cody paper about Mark's passing. We had a good time at the Cody Mural, didn't we? and you helped me with some cd's. Aren't we so blessed to have knowledge of the hereafter? My prayers are with you. Shirley Smiley  
November 11, 2020

**Shirley Smiley** - November 11, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Merrilyn,  
Someone noticed Mark's obituary in the Enterprise and sent it along. We haven't talked for sometime, so I didn't know Mark was having health problems. It was a wonderful obituary and I appreciated learning things about your lives together that we didn't know. As you know, Mark was a favorite friend for me during our Cody years together. You two have done great things and have a wonderful family. We send you our love and condolences at his passing.

Noel and Sydney Reynolds  
nbr@byu.edu.

**Noel B Reynolds** - November 09, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Merrilyn, we were so saddened to hear about Mark's passing. Tom commented about how kind and caring you and your wonderful family have always been to our family and we so appreciated it. We still love and remember all the Lewis family reunions and holidays. All of your children were very special to us as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We love you

**LaRae Mansfield** - November 07, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ John Carel Bornea (Toledo 2nd) lit a candle in memory of George Marcus Dover III



**John Carel Bornea (Toledo 2nd)** - November 07, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ Merilyn and family, I was so sad to hear about Mark. I truly relate to the loss you are feeling as I lost Garth to Alzheimers 8 years ago. I send condolences and best wishes to you and your family. We were raised to know families are forever! Love cousin, Elaine

**Donna Ladle** - November 06, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We enjoyed Mark and you and your family in the 6th ward for many years. We only have positive feelings and love for all of you. It was such a joy to share a small part of your life here. Hope all goes well for you.

**Merrill and Carla layton** - November 06, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ We so loved your family when you were in our neighborhood several years ago. Rides to school, music galore, service in the Church. Your presence was a joy for all of us. Our condolences to each of the family. We love you.

**Anita and Dennis Davis** - November 06, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I loved my time working with Mark at Cascade. Such a kind and thoughtful man.

Love  
Wayne Bond

**Wayne** - November 05, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Merillynnyn, we were so sorry to read of Mark's passing. We had no ideas he had been so ill. We have fond memories of you and your family in our ward but none of the memories are as great as the ones we shared in Cody. You were always so helpful and Mark's love and knowledge of the areas were amazing. May the Lord comfort you and you family during this hard time,

LeAnn and Nolan Leishman

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**LeAnn** - November 17, 2020 at 04:49 PM