



Karl T Burkholz

February 19, 1931 - January 15, 2019

Karl Burkholz, 87, passed away on January 15, 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born February 19, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Karl and Marianne Burkholz. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 and served in Korea as a combat photographer. He joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at age 25 and was called as a missionary to the West German Mission shortly after. There he met his wife, Bessie Gay Jensen, who was serving in the same mission. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1963 with a degree in journalism. He was the owner of an insurance agency with Allstate Insurance Company for 33 years in Salt Lake City. After retirement Karl and Gay served a mission as Regional Employment Specialists in eleven stakes in the Tennessee Nashville Mission. They also served a Temple Square Mission as well as a fourth mission in the Joseph Smith Building Distribution Center. Karl's three hobbies were fishing, fly tying, and photography, not necessarily in that order. He was a devoted home teacher and served in many callings, including scouting and volunteering in church welfare assignments. He will be missed by his surviving wife, Gay, and their seven children and families: Howard (Liz), Teri (Manny) Gallegos, Karla (Matt) Burton, Julie Case, Randy (Kimberly), Jon, and Rod (Olga), fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Olympus 5th Ward building, 3070 Nila Way (4100 South), Holladay, Utah 84124 . A viewing at the ward will be held Thursday evening 6:30-8:30 PM and prior to the service on Friday at 9:30- 10:30 AM. Interment, Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park, 3401 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a neighbor of Karl and Gay for 15 years. Karl and his sweet dog would walk around the neighborhood daily for years so I often stopped him to talk. I learned that he was a master at catching the awful gophers that plagued my lawn. We struck a deal...for every gopher he caught, I paid him a batch of English Toffee. He received MANY batches! It was a long time after that I learned that Gay was the best English Toffee maker on the planet and he never let on that he was getting mediocre payment for his trapping services! I enjoyed him and I think he was such a great man. Heaven has a wonderful addition in Karl Burkholz!

Jill Hamilton - January 25, 2019 at 02:49 PM

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“ To Gay Burkholz
My wife and I will be out of town and miss the viewing and funeral. Our condolences to you and the family. We have many memories of service together with Karl in the old 15th Ward. Lyle and Marie Davis

Lyle Davis - January 23, 2019 at 09:46 AM

“ Uncle Karl was always such a quick wit, and a charming man filled with talent. I fondly recall the summer trips to Wisconsin, when Karl brought the family to our house, to meet and visit their cousins, and Uncle Norm/Aunt Mary. The first time I met Gay, she was a vision of sunshine. I will always remember her golden hair and the buttercup yellow suit she wore on that occasion. I could see why Karl was smitten!

I am grateful for the family reunions that Karl and Gay organized, as Karl deeply treasured family ties. It was wonderful seeing him, Gay and Terri (perhaps Karla?) at the park reunion We were blessed to have Karl as an Uncle, and are grateful to him for all of his efforts to maintain connections to his Wisconsin roots.

I vividly remember meeting my cousins Howard, Terri and Karla for the first time during one of those Wisconsin summer visits. All such nice cousins. Such adorable kiddies!

He was so kind to our daughter Erin, while she lived in Nashville. Karl and Gay were serving a mission in TN at the time, and so kindly contacted Erin, inviting her to lunch. It meant so much to her, to be with family, as she was far from her Wisconsin family. She was so grateful, that her aunt and uncle took the time to contact her.

Karl encouraged me as well, during my treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His kind words were so appreciated, and the information he shared was greatly helpful.

We will remember Karl's warm smile, his sense of humor, and especially the man himself who accomplished so much. He gave to so many, and his legacy lives on through his family and his fine charitable works.

We pray that your heavy hearts will lighten as you recall the wonderful life that Karl lived, and all of the love that he spread to so many. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit lives on, as it rests gently upon the wind

Our deepest sympathies and much Love to you all,

Karen (Burkholz) McCann, Tom McCann, our son, Eric McCann, his children Adam, Anna, Austin McCann, our daughter Erin(McCann) Howard, Steve Howard and their son Grant Howard

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“ We are sorry to hear of Uncle Karl's passing. Our deepest sympathies to Aunt Gay and all the Burkholz children and grandchildren. I was glad to see the details of Karl's very interesting and successful life, as a person of faith, a professional and a family man. He will be missed by his entire family and his faith community.

Barbara Burkholz Shore/Michael Shore/Kelly Devlin

B Shore - January 17, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Karl took me out on the Withlacoochee River for some fishing action while I was visiting his brother in Florida. I got to learn a little bit about his faith and family. I also learned that he was a fantastic fisherman!

Mark Burkholz - January 17, 2019 at 04:22 PM