



## Lawrence Milton Kneedy

October 30, 1927 - October 20, 2019

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10/30/1927-10/20/2019

Lawrence Milton Kneedy "Larry" at 92 years young, passed away at home with his wife of 70 years, Dona Parker Kneedy and his son, J Lynn Kneedy by his side.

Larry was born in Tetonia Wyoming to John L. and Sara Beard Kneedy. Larry was the fourth of five children, all sisters: Edith, Lorreine, Marybell and Sarajo. He was raised in a small log cabin at the base of the Tetons and on Mormon Row. In the times of the depression, the tragic Gross Venture Dam broke and the waters washed away his grandparents and the hopes of a future in the Jackson Valley. His family moved to Murray Utah in 1937 seeking work and a different life. A few years later, they moved to Kaysville, Utah to the corner of Main and 200 south. Larry enlisted in the Army infantry and was called to serve in WWII. On the ship to overseas, under miserable circumstances, the military men became sick with Strep Throat. Larry was diagnosed with Rheumatic Heart Fever and spent his war time in a hospital on a foreign land. Soon after his return home, his sisters introduced him to his future wife and Sweetheart Dona Parker.

Larry and Dona were married in the LDS temple on January 26, 1949. On the same day and in conjunction with this celebration, both Larry's parents and Dona's parents (Grant and Viola Parker) were sealed in the temple. He never recounted the story without reminding us that it was the coldest day on record in Utah at a low of -15 degrees. Larry and Dona had two children, Craig and Lynn Kneedy. Larry was preceded in death by his son Craig Kneedy in 1995.

A resident of Kaysville for over 75 years, Larry owned and operated Davis County Cold storage until his retirement in 1987. A jack of all trades and a man of many talents, Larry was widely known as a Butcher, an avid Scout master, a helpful neighbor and a talented wood worker.

Larry loved and devoted his life to his family. He treasured his sisters and their families.

He enjoyed visiting his “homeland” to see cousins and friends in South Leigh Canyon. He enjoyed traveling the world with lifelong friends. He loved his wife. He cherished his children and grandchildren. Larry was always present, whether it be to swing a hammer, run the saw, attend a t-ball game, concert, award ceremony, graduation, fishing trip, or road trip. We will so miss and forever remember Larry’s uncanny ability to recite a poem, recount a story or sing a song. When his body became weak, his mind, heart and hugging arms stayed strong; if we had to pick what we will miss most, it will be his Grandpa Bear Hugs and scratchy whiskers. We will Love you, for all time, a bushel and a peck.

Larry is survived by those most precious to him, his Wife: Dona Parker Kneedy, Grand Children: Michele (Matt) Weyland, Jason Kneedy, Brian (Jenny) Kneedy, Joni (Tyson) Porter, their combined 13 children and their mother, former daughter in-law Meg (Kevin) Wooten. He is also survived by his Son J Lynn and wife, Judie Kneedy, including Judie’s children: Nico (Elisha) Suazo, Valerie Archuletta and their combined 6 children.

We want to note a special thank you for the oversight and care that Georgie Danner has provided to both Larry and Dona, allowing them to stay in their home together until this day. As well a thank you to Inspiration Home Health and Hospice that helped ensure Larry’s last wish to be at home was fulfilled.

At their hand-written request, only a graveside will be held. Friends and family are all invited to attend. Time and Date: Thursday October 24, 2019 at 12:00pm at the West Point Cemetery (80 N. 4000 W. West Point, Utah, 84015)

And so with that.....Boop, Boop, dit-tem, dat-tem, what-em, chu.

# Comments

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“ I have had so many experiences with Uncle Larry it's hard to know where to begin. As a child, I called him, “Uncle Lowie”. He would always pick me up, throw me up above his head, then catch me. As I grew, he was always there. I remember when he took a week and helped me wire the electricity in my new home. We thought we would save money, but we ran so much electricity that it still cost twice as much, but he taught me how to wire a house. He was always willing to help and share his knowledge with me. After the cold storage closed, he let me use it for a wood shop and then helped me build van conversion kits for resale. We worked full time together along with my dad for many months. Even now, when I start a project, I ask myself, “What would uncle Larry do?” I don't think he knew how much he is loved. I

**Kenny Hansen** - October 25, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ Larry was such a wonderful neighbor. He helped us many times, especially when my Dad passed away at age 47, and my Mom needed help. He gave my husband a ride to SLC when he could not drive because he had pancreatitis, and needed to meet me at the hospital. We have missed Larry & Dona living close to us. Sending our prayers & love to Dona and family.

Love,  
Terry & Peggy Davis

**Peggy Davis** - October 24, 2019 at 11:37 PM

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**Kenny Hansen** - October 24, 2019 at 06:29 PM

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“ Uncle Larry, it's hard to imagine this life without you in it. I will cherish and hold close to my heart, all of the wonderful memories that I have of you and your big bear hugs, whisker burns, fun stories, tall tales, endless teasing and the incredible amount of love you showed me. I love you Until we meet again

**Denise Moss Clegg** - October 24, 2019 at 12:02 PM

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“ My favorite childhood memories of Larry are of him spending summers with our family almost every year at our homestead in South Leigh Canyon. He was close throughout the years to my brothers, Bob, Billy, and Lyle. Being a girl, and younger than the four boys put me at a disadvantage in some circumstances, but they were usually tolerant of me tagging along on some of their tamer adventures. Larry was like another big brother to me, and to my younger sister, Janie, also. I will miss you, Larry, and will always hold you dear to my heart. love forever, Gloria Beard Kimball

**Gloria Beard Kimball** - October 22, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ I am just so happy to read this. He loved you all so much and taught us to love and appreciate South Leigh like he did.

**Michele Kneedy Weyland** - October 24, 2019 at 12:15 AM

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“ Uncle Larry is the epitome of the favorite uncle. His wit and sense of humor stands tall in my memory. He was my “dad” when it came to fathers and sons outings, driving the horrifying Farmington canyon road when I just knew at any time we were going to tip off the edge. He truly will be missed but my memory of him will forever remain. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.  
Wes Jensen

**wes jensen** - October 22, 2019 at 10:19 PM



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**Kenny Hansen** - October 24, 2019 at 11:55 AM