



## Loren Glenn Burton

June 16, 1939 - November 16, 2020

Loren Glenn Burton  
1939-2020

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at home in Holladay on Monday, November 16th surrounded by his family. He was born June 16, 1939 in Ogden, Utah to Dale Shurtliff Burton and Belva Virginia Wilson, the fifth and final child with four older sisters. He was athletic from the start and performed with his sisters in a gymnastic troop. He once walked on his hands from baseline to baseline during the halftime of a Harlem Globetrotters basketball game at the tender age of 5. He considered himself a gym-rat, collecting towels and cleaning up in exchange for entrance into the YMCA.

He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the North Central States Mission. After his mission, he married his sweetheart, Annette Jean Laughlin, on June 22, 1962 in the Salt Lake Temple. They raised 8 children in the Holladay area. He graduated from Weber State College with an associate degree, and completed his bachelor, master and doctorate degrees at the University of Utah. He worked in the Granite School District as an educator, serving as a teacher, counselor, coach, principal and superintendent.

Loren was never one to call attention to his accomplishments and to do so here would not be in keeping with his wishes, but to not mention a few would minimize his service and the tremendous influence he has had in the lives of others. He played on the Weber Wildcats Basketball Team that won the National Junior College Champions in 1958, he was inducted in the Weber University's Hall of Fame with his teammates.

He served as a bishop, stake presidency counselor, Public Affairs Director in Nauvoo, Illinois, Mission President in Naga Philippines, and humanitarian mission in Egypt. But these are not his greatest achievements nor would you ever hear him bring these items up for discussion.

He was a humble man who exemplified C.S Lewis's statement: "Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call humble nowadays. He will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that he is nobody. Probably all that you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a

real interest in what you said to him. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.” This was Loren.

His most cherished accomplishments were being true to our mother for 58 and a half years. He was a loving dedicated father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a disciple of Christ who dedicated his life to His teachings. He loved the Lord and his fellowmen. He magnified his callings and performed his duties with excellence. He was a man of integrity. He was not one to be found being critical of others.

He is survived by his loving wife Annette, eight children - Stephen (Nysje) Burton, Greg (Caroline) Burton, Lori Child (Roger), Brad (Lori) Burton, Jeanine Ruth (Mike), Rebecca Taylor (Mark), John (Missy) Burton, and Michael (Emily) Burton, 50 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren, three sisters - Alta Evans, Pat Biencourt, and Belva Hawks. He is preceded in death by his sister Virginia Cunningham.

His legacy is the light and the love that he showed to others. His life was worn out in the service of others. At the end of his life he said, “I have everything,” referring to his faith, family and friends. For him, nothing else mattered.

# Comments

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“ Carole Davis And I, Orbie Davis was fortunate enough to have served a mission With President Burton from 2005 to 2007 in Naga Philippines and that was the greatest time i ever had. I served closely as a associate counselor as his two counselors was away from Naga most of the time. He was a very dedicated person and handled all his business very professionally. we went through three hurricanes, two Mayon eruptions, two mud slides , and many meetings together, I loved and will always appreciate working with President Burton.

**Orbie Davis Jr** - December 13, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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“ I am so grateful for a father who taught me what was most important! He spent his life serving others, and loving his family, and showing us an example of a servant of Christ. I love my dad’s passion for temple work! I remember his excitement when he told me about the hundreds of names they had found in Italy, and all of those ancestors on the other side that would be able to get their temple work done. I loved watching him in the Salt Lake Temple when he and my mother served there together. I have many sacred memories and I will cherish them forever. My father always made me feel like I was the most important one in the room, and I know all of us children felt that way. He had a gift of helping me see my strengths, and inspiring me to do more and to be more. My dad had a passion for nature, and never wasted a moment to celebrate the beauty that surrounded him. He had a squirrel at his house, that would come visit him in his office window, he nicknamed him “Lightning”. I remember driving up to the Alpine Loop, Cascade Springs, each year and he carried on the tradition with my mother even up until last October to see the beautiful fall colors. He never missed church, or working at the temple, and if he did, he was really sick and or couldn’t move. My dad’s commitment to serving the Lord was an inspiration. I love you so much Dad and I know I will see again!

**Rebecca Taylor** - December 05, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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“ What I love about Grandpa was that he knew all the tricks that I did on the Trampoline, and always made me feel good about myself. I loved how well he could whistle and wiggle his ears and do all of his magic tricks. He was and still is amazing.  
□. I love him so much.

**Rebecca Taylor** - November 23, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ Dear Annette,

We were so sorry to read of Loren's passing. Although our friendship was birthed in a short six week European educational trip, our memories of you and our time together will never be forgotten. Our adventure in Rome with luggage lost for four days has forever painted a picture in our minds of a seven month pregnant Annette in a lovely polyester dress.

We developed so much respect for you and Loren during that time. Your righteousness and dedication to things spiritual were so easily observed. It appears from other tributes that as a couple you have achieved every high marks where it counts.

Our oldest daughter, Stacie, passed away February 4, 2019 from pancreatic cancer. We have missed her so much. Perhaps she and Loren have met already and shared a few stories. We ask the Lord to bless you and your family during this difficult time and forever.

Kent and Linda Smith

**Kent Smith** - November 22, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ Dear Annette. Mel and I are saddened to hear about Loren's passing. Mel taught school with Loren up to Church Hill Jr High. We served with you in the Salt Lake Temple. May the Lord bless you and your family at this difficult time. From Sandra and Mel Dunkley

**Sandra and Mel Dunkley** - November 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM

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“ Dear Annette: What a great life of service the two of you have lived. How sweet the experiences we shared together in Nauvoo. It was neat to play ball with Loren--he could still shoot well in his late fifties. I thought I was doing well if I could just hit the net at sixty-eight when I ruptured my achillies tendon one morning. Who was on the spot to help give me a blessing? Yes, a fellow member of the Taylor clan by the name of Loren who had experienced the same injury years earlier. And then there were the sweet, sacred musical experiences that we will always hold dear, including the privilege of singing a duet with you, Annette. How we look forward to once again meeting beyond the veil with the greeting, "It;s so good to see you again." In the meantime, may the Lord's blessing be with you and your great family. We love and honor the two of you. Your friends, Glen and Marvetta Saunders

**Glen Saunders** - November 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ I had the privilege of serving under President Burton in the Naga Philippines mission. I will never forget his kindness and his example of Christlike leadership. During that time he had the difficult task of informing me of the suicide of my best friend back home, and the love and compassion he showed at that time will always stay with me to this day as an example of how the Savior would treat all of us who mourn. I was so happy and honored to have him perform our temple sealing, and he really helped make the ceremony an amazing memory that I will cherish forever. I really hope to be able to emulate his example of service, charity, humor, and familial bonds. My prayers will be with you as you say goodbye to this wonderful man.

JaNae Besendorfer Payne

JaNae Payne - November 21, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Thank you so much for sharing the experiences you had with my Dad . I'm so glad he was able to do you seal you in the temple. He cherished those opportunities, and I know he loved all of his missionaries.

Rebecca Taylor - November 21, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Dear Annette and family: My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Loren's service was outstanding with his children paying such wonderful tributes to their wise and loving father. He was an example to us all and helped many of us follow his example. I especially loved teaching the youth Sunday School with him for four years. I believe I learned as much as anyone during those remarkable lessons. He was my foremost mentor. May the Lord bless your family forever.

Marianne Harding Burgoyne - November 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ We were so sorry to learn of your loss, Annette. Please give our love to your family and feel our caring spirits around you. After teaching some, if not all your children either in school or church I have felt you were all a part of our lives. If you need any thing day or night we are right around the corner and can be there. Love the Zitos.

Zito - November 21, 2020 at 02:42 PM

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**John Burton** - November 21, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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“ The Cunningham Family in Washington are grateful for the times we shared with our Utah Family - especially our Mom's little brother, Loren. May the Lord warm all our hearts as we remember and may we seek to serve and love others, as our Uncle Loren did, and does. Peace, Don Cunningham



Don Cunningham - November 21, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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John Burton - November 21, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Condolence to the whole family..  
Thank you so much President Burton for the kindness and being a great father in my mission field..Till we meet again. I love you President and sister Burton...

**Florie Bayron** - November 21, 2020 at 02:39 AM

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“ I have known Loren for many years. He was a great educator no matter what capacity he weather a teacher or The Superintendent. He left a huge impact and influence in the Granite School District. He always gave me the feeling he was my friend and co-worker, never my boss or superior.  
Nancy and I were able to get to know Loren and Annette best while serving as Ordinance workers in The Salt Lake Temple. It was always so nice to be around such genuine, spiritual people.  
I often played golf with Loren at many different courses and wide group of friends. There were some choice times spent together.  
Loren accomplished a lot in this life. He endured a lot too (Lots of pain).  
His testimony of the Savior was always first and foremost.  
Nancy and I have been blessed to be among his friends. We will miss him as we know your family will as well. His influence will last forever.

Bill and Nancy Earl

**Bill and Nancy Earl** - November 20, 2020 at 11:05 PM

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“ Dear Annette and family, my hearing this evening of Loren's passing has left me in shock. We shared so much of our professional lives together. We were counselors at Churchill Jr. when we first met. Since then we paralleled our careers until we joined forces as district administrators. Loren was much more than a friend. We worked at so many challenges together with significant successes. We put in lots of hours at work, played tennis together, golfed and we laughed a lot. Working for Loren provided some very special gifts in my life. He was a great man, an excellent leader, and a very special friend. My memories of time spend with Loren are unforgettable. May the Lord's blessings provide you all strength and comfort at this time.  
Riley O'Neil

**Riley O'Neil** - November 20, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ And he spoke just as highly of you Riley!

**John Burton** - November 23, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Annette, I am so sorry to hear of Loren’s passing. He truly was and is a great man. I knew him most closely during his leadership years in the Granite School District. He was a great educator, a shining example of kindness and goodness and highly recognized for his administrative leadership. I last spoke with Loren about a year ago in the Jordan River Temple. It had been several years since we last met and spoke with each other. As a School Board, in the 1980’s we searched the nation for a Superintendent replacement when Reed Call retired, only to find our very best candidate right at our side within the very halls we walked. Loren Burton was an outstanding Superintendent and served with excellence for many years. He was respected and honored for his tireless energy, kindness, and strengths of goodness; long to be remembered. I sincerely wish you and your wonderful family the very best in the days ahead. Families are forever and Loren will always be a part of your eternal happiness. J Dale Christensen

**JDale Christensen** - November 20, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ Dear Loren, Brother, Faithful Husband, Loving Father, Grandfather, Servant of Heavenly Father, Golfing Companion, and Lifelong friend. I awoke this morning at 2:20 A.M. and knew that I hadn't properly sent you on your homeward flight without reminding you of a few important things. I am so grateful that we spoke on Saturday. I told you that I love you but you might not have heard from all that was happening. I asked if I could visit you but you informed me that the doctors wouldn't even allow family members to visit. That might have been the most difficult thing that your family had to endure. We all loved you Loren G. Burton!

We met over 68 years ago at Central Junior High School in Ogden. Other than Don Poulter who attended elementary school with you, I might be your longest life-time friend and “brother from another mother”. We forged a lifetime bond immediately that only grew stronger as we attained Ogden High and Weber Junior College, then served in the same mission as your sweetheart Annette in the North Central States Mission headquarter in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We selected each other to be the Best Man at our weddings in June and July of 1962. We were both blessed with children early but unfortunately, I contracted the mumps early in my marriage with Betty Jean and we could only have three children. I have always admired your large and amazingly talented family. I knew all of your sisters, your mother and grandmother. We choose to get our graduate degrees and serve in public education. Your dedicated and lifelong service to Heavenly Father has been an inspiration to me. You served a number of fulltime missions with Annette and your temple work has been truly inspirational. You are truly my longest time BEST FRIEND! My heart cries for Annette and your family. You set the bar high for the rest of us to shoot for. Well Done, sweet bother!

I have watched as you have successfully battled health issues that would have broken the average person yet you have engaged and defeated each one with faith and the inspiration of your early angel wife and loving family. I envied you having your own special nurse. She has been a special gift from God. Your positive attitude and faith in God have been an inspiration to us all. I love you Loren and you are the best example of a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day that I have ever known! May the peace of our Savior's Love encircle you and your amazing family! I will never forget our friendship and love for one another. Goodbye dear friend. We will meet again beyond the veil where I will hold you in a sweet brotherly embrace! My life will never be the same without you but always better because of you!

My God Bless Annette and your eight children and their spouses, your 50 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and your sisters Alta, Pat and Belva. Well done! You kept the course, finished the race and Kept the faith. You are a giant of a man, my friend.

With a Brotherly Love that Exceeds all Expectations!

Sincerely,

Dave Handley

**Dave Handley** - November 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Thank you Dave, that was great send off and tribute. Glad you had time to talk to him last Saturday. Those were golden moments. You two were the best of friends!

**John Burton** - November 23, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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“ Dear Burton Family ,  
May Rosemary and I share our deepest love and appreciation for Loren. We served with him in the Salt Lake Temple for almost 9 years and watched his love, concern and outreach bless the lives of so many. Loren's warmth was experienced by all of us around him. He was one of those humble and giving servants who, like the Savior, put others first. I had the great blessing once of shoveling your walks, when Loren was ill. I would have done it many times, just for the privilege of being able to do one thing good, for a man who did so much good for everyone around him. Blessings to your family at this tender time. Blessings to all of us having such pleasant and wonderful memories of his service to his Heavenly Father.  
Much love,  
Jack and Rosemary Wixom

**Jack Wixom** - November 20, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ Life long friends!!! It was a thrill to be teammates at Weber.  
  
Claudia and Val Weathers

**Val Weathers** - November 20, 2020 at 12:47 PM

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“ Dear Annette , It is with sadness that we heard of Loren's passing. He was a great friend and golfer . I enjoyed several golf games with him. We enjoyed your friendship over the last number of years. In your sorrow we ask the Lord's blessings to be with you and your family. Kay and I have lots of great memories of our association with you both. Our prayers are with you and your family. Until we meet again.  
Our love to you both. Russ & Kay Sorensen

**E. Russell Sorensen** - November 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM

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“ Dear Annette, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family at this difficult time. The two of you have always been a team and will always be in the future. How we treasure the incredible impact you and Loren had in our lives as you lovingly served as our home teachers! God bless you always!! Lucille Workman

Lucille Workman - November 20, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Dear Annette,  
I am so very blessed to know and to have served with Loren in the Salt Lake Temple. His constant smile and encouragement always made for a wonderful time. I know how much he adored you as I observed his constant awareness of you. My heart is full because of his love of the Savior he shared with me. He blessed our entire Tuesday evening shift.

Prayers and Love Always  
John Miles

John Miles - November 20, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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“ My father..my hero. I will miss you always.



Jeanine - November 20, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dear Annette, Connie and I were sorry to learn of Loren's passing. We look back fondly over the years to interaction that range from newly married couples, to missionary gatherings, chance meetings in the temple, a nice visit in Nauvoo, and a surprise shared visit on an antartica cruise. We have always been pleased to recognize you both as long term friends and have admired your accomplishments and consistent service to our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ. Our prayers will be with you, Annette, and your lovely family in the coming days. Sincerely Charles and Connie

Charles and Connie Evans - November 20, 2020 at 02:42 AM

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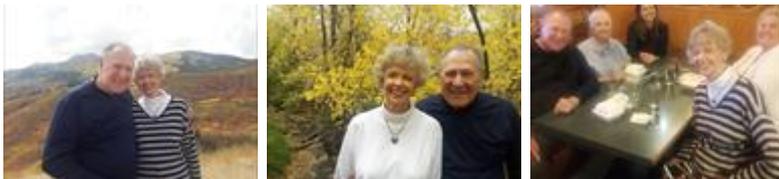


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**Rebecca Taylor** - November 19, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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“ Dear Annette: You and Loren were the best missionaries! It was always a thrill to run into you over the years, and it is a joy to learn the details of your wonderful lives, lived to the fullest. I loved you both as missionaries, and honor you with sympathy at this difficult time of your separation. My first wife Eleanor Knapp Kennard (whom I met in Minneapolis in Jun, 1960) died September 7, 2004, and I am supremely blessed to be re-married and once again be a Daddy.



**James Kennard** - November 19, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ This is a top-of-the-food-chain personality. The online obituary is beautifully written, outlining a beautiful life. Loren made you feel better whenever you were around him. Like countless others, I loved him, his wife, his down-to-earth style, and his extraordinary leadership skills. We will miss him dearly and look forward to a few visits from him down in our lower realms of the Hereafter.  
Bob Fotheringham

**Bob Fotheringham** - November 19, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ Dear Annette & Family,

I was stunned and saddened to read of Lorin's death.

It was my privilege and honor, as a member of the Board of Education, to work closely with Lorin while he served as an assistant superintendent of Granite School District. And, it soon became an even more principled privilege when we (along with fellow board members) selected Lorin to serve as Superintendent of Granite School District. At the time of Lorin's service, Granite School District was the largest school district in the State of Utah and one of the fifty largest school districts in the USA, Dr. Lorin G. Burton is a man of honor, integrity and spirituality. Lorin is a gifted leader and manager. He is a trusted and valued friend.

May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family.

Lynn Davidson.

Lynn D Davidson - November 19, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ Dear Annette,

I served with both of you in the North Central States. I enjoyed getting acquainted with both Loren and Annette then. I have followed your careers and accomplishments over the years. You were awesome then and still are. I have tremendous respect for both of you and was saddened when I saw this obituary. May the Lord bless you and the entire family.

John L Chambers, Provo, Utah

John L Chambers - November 19, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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