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July 21, 1943 - February 12, 2019

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On Tuesday February 12, 2019, Melvin C. Orchard II, husband, father, brother, and friend passed away at the age of 75. Mel was born to Melvin C. Orchard and Jeanne L. Carr on July 21, 1943 in San Diego, California. He was many things to many people and loved by all.

Mel was known for his adventurous spirit, his uncanny sense of humor and his love of music. He loved to make people laugh and was an incredible story teller. Mel's love of the outdoors was infectious. He was an avid mountaineer, climber, skier (water and snow), surfer, and outdoorsman. He loved his family, and he loved the little things, his treasures and the nuances of life. He loved to travel and was always searching for the next adventure.

Mel was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served many callings, served a 2½ year mission to Brazil in the early 1960's, was Ward Mission Leader, High Counselor in the San Francisco West Stake, Gospel Doctrine Teacher of Half Moon Bay Ward, and an avid Boys Scout supporter who had earned his own Eagle Scout Award. He married Regina B. J. Wiehle on October 15, 1983 in Salt Lake City and on June 1, 1988 were sealed for time and eternity in the Mesa Arizona Temple.

Mel served in the US Army National Guard from 1961 to 1967 preparing to be deployed into the Berlin Crisis in Germany. He received his medical training in the 144th EVAC Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, MO. During his time in the service he had the opportunity to use his great singing voice in the Fifth U.S. Army Entertainment Contest. His vocal group Fort Leonard Wood's "Overland Trio" took first prize in the contest.

Mel will be forever remembered by his wife and best friend, Regina, his children, Melvin, Mary, Monica and Barbara, grandchildren, Liam, Katie, Owen, Kristina, Oliver, and Braxton, sisters, Catherine and Rebecca, brother, David, and many friends. His life will be celebrated on Saturday February 16, 2019 at the Sugarhouse Ward building 1621 South 1100 East SLC, UT, at 11:00 am with family time half hour prior.

Comments



“ Dear Regina, My name is Dora Openheim. I am Brazilian, from Sorocaba, where Mel had taught me English and music the time he was a missionary in my town. Even now after almost 50 years, I still can hear his voice and see his smile. The tall boy with the guitar,
I was today in trend
to search for him, because my sister is travelling to San Francisco- and what I found was his obituary. I am shocked to hear he passed away. Mel was an idol to me and to my friends in our youth, and what I have from him is the interest to learn music and to write in English. I am at your side Regina, in my thoughts, my embrace to you and your beautiful family from distant Brazil.
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Dora Anastassiadis - May 16, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your memories and love for my father. He was such an amazing man and I miss him so.

Barbara Orchard - September 19, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ He certainly was Barbara, I certainly miss him to dear cousin.
I was just thinking about him the other day,when I came across some pictures of him and I, when we were camping outside at Tololomee Meadows in Yosemite Then I found some pictures of your brother, cousin Mel and I with your dad and we were camping inWyoming. Mel surely was a great man, a father to me too in a lot of ways. I'm really sad to hear that he passed away.

I miss him, I miss my mom and Paul.

Life can be really brutal. Keep strong, live long, keep going on.

Sincerely

Justin Hanlon

Justin - October 02, 2020 at 01:45 AM