



Merlin Scott Hathaway

October 7, 1939 - April 2, 2020

HATHAWAY, Merlin Scott "Scott"

Our hero, father, grandfather and great grandfather Scott Hathaway passed peacefully on Thursday April 2, after a challenging battle with Parkinson's. He was being lovingly cared for by his two favorite daughters and was able to hear from all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in the past few days.

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(Merlin) Scott Hathaway was born October 7, 1939 to Charlene Lillian (Cook) and Merlin Daniel Hathaway in Berkley, California. His younger sister Christina Lee Hathaway (Coite) joined their family five years later.

Scott grew up in the Bay Area of California. He loved playing baseball and riding bikes with his friends up into the hills. He enjoyed swimming, hiking, boating, basketball and spending time in the outdoors throughout his life. He graduated from San Leandro High School.

He attended and graduated from Brigham Young University where he met his sweetheart, Gayle Alene (Jensen) and they married for time and eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on August 4, 1961.

Scott spent the majority of his career as a sales representative for several companies, including Kennedy Valve and ITT. In 1984 he started his own successful company, P & H Representatives and continued to sell water treatment systems around the country to cities and private industry until his retirement in 2010.

Scott and Gayle loved to travel together to visit their children and grandchildren, go on cruises, and see the world. They also enjoyed swing, ballroom and square dancing together.

Scott loved his family and is dearly loved by his children and grandchildren for his delightful sense of humor, his wisdom, and his calming influence in their lives. Many of Scott's children and grandchildren shared memories of being entertained by Scott's wonderful storytelling gift and his funny jokes.

Scott had a strong testimony of the gospel and his Savior Jesus Christ. He served in many callings in the Church including Ward Clerk, High Priest Advisor, Primary Leader, and on the Activities Committee with his wife Gayle. He did not limit his service to within the church. Many friends and neighbors often turned to Scott for help because they knew he would be there for them. He was a friend to everyone.

Dad was a great teacher to his children and grandchildren. He taught us how important integrity and honesty are, how to work hard and how an eternal marriage should have love and respect. His example of love for his wife and family is far reaching and will be passed on to his posterity.

Scott said last year, "As I approach my 80th birthday, I recognize the importance of relationships with family, friends, and other people. I feel it is also important to have a close relationship with Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ. I am very grateful for the fact the I have had the opportunity to take advantage of repentance and forgiveness. I am very appreciative for the love and support of my family and friends throughout my life."

He will be missed by Gayle (dec), Jeffrey Hathaway (son) (Monica Morgan), Stephanie (dtr) and Jeff Bunker, Valerie (dtr) and Ken Baughman, and 6 grandchildren, Chelsey Bunker (Jordan King), Joshua Bunker (Heather Kitchen) and Zachary Bunker (Holly Eisenhut), Jenna Baughman (Jon Salvini), Kody Baughman, and Hunter Hathaway, and by his sister Christy Hathaway (Paul Coite). Nine Great grandchildren: Anna and Brecken King, Landon, Drew, Hailey, Alexia, Kaden, and Kenzie Bunker, and Jordynn Salvini.

There will be a celebration of life in the summertime in Utah and one in California to honor Scott.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Fund or MichaelJFox.org to aid in Parkinson's research.

Comments



“ I will remember Grandpa as a quiet but steady presence in my life. I remember he was always supportive of my Grandma, whether that meant attending dance classes, or going to Taco Bell all the time, or even waiting for 5 minutes in a grocery store while she gave her penny speech to another person. He was always patient and loving and kind to her, and what a great example that was to me. I remember one summer I spent in California taking walks with him around Sun City; it was nothing grand or particularly noteworthy, but each walk was a precious experience in my life where I got to connect with my grandpa one on one and hear about his life and experiences. I also remember when I was little he would play "tickle monster" (I think that's what he called it), tickling the grand kids into peals of laughter. I remember loving to visit his house in California as a kid because it was so cool that my grandparents had a pool and he and grandma would get in and play things like "motor boat, motor boat" with us. I remember one trip when I was in college and he came with us to Yellowstone National Park; he was willing to do everything we wanted to do and even gave in to making funny faces for the camera, which resulted in a ridiculous but cherished picture. I remember that as the family got bigger and louder with more and more great grand kids, he still wanted to be a part of everything. He would join us for Sunday dinners where I thought I'd go crazy from all the noise and chaos, but he never complained. He smiled and chatted and just took it all in. I feel blessed that I was able to have him as my grandpa and I will carry his example and his lessons with me always.

Chelsey King - April 08 at 01:04 AM



“ My big brother loving, caring and always looking after me as we grew up. Our sincere Sympathy to all the family. He will truly be missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know him.

Christine Coite - April 07 at 08:00 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. Scott was a friend to all and kept everyone's spirits up at the Beehive Home where we all learn to love and appreciate his strong friendship and giving ways. He lived a full life and his family is a true testimony of his love Thank you for allowing us to care for him and especially allowing me to be part of his life. Much love to you all Bonnie

Bonnie Ballard RN - April 07 at 07:47 PM



“ Dad,
I loved your smile, your sense of humor, and your love for our family.
When I was young would play with me. One time we got some boxes and lined them
up to make a train. Then I got my stuffed animals out and climbed into the boxes to
take a ride.
Thank you for your love. I miss you.
Your other favorite daughter,
Stephanie

Stephanie Bunker - April 07 at 06:23 PM



“ Scott,
You will be missed. You were truly a gentle giant throughout your life. You exemplified
compassion, kindness and love for others. You were a wonderful example to all of us. And
you did it all with humor. It was indeed a pleasure to know and love you for almost sixty
years.
Annette Emery

Annette Emery - April 18 at 01:23 PM



“ I knew Scott since I was 7 and he was almost 8 when we lived in San Leandro. He was a
half grade ahead of me and a very good friend growing up through HS. I last saw Scott in
1976 and sorry I did not catch up with him before I moved east. I have fond memories of
going on picnics with his parents. We camped in our backyards during the summer and
pulled pranks on our neighbors. He was great person to know. My sympathies to the family
and he will be missed. Rest in peace friend along with your parents.

Paul Gundlach 80 Roanoke VA

Paul Gundlach - August 09 at 08:36 PM