



Ray Leon White

May 21, 1929 - December 11, 2021

Ray Leon White, born May 21, 1929 (92), passed away on December 11, 2021, at home in Layton, Utah. Ray was born and spent his early years in Cleveland, Utah, as the youngest of 10 children. He grew up on a farm milking and taking care of the cows. He also worked as a coal miner for a season until he went to the College of Eastern Utah located in Price, where he met his future bride, Mary Helen Hardy (who preceded him in death in August of this year). Ray and Mary were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on March 7, 1949, right before Ray left to serve a fulltime mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ray served his mission (without purse or script) in Southern California and Arizona. Upon returning from his mission, Ray and Mary finally settled in Granger, Utah, where they raised eight wonderful children (Debra (Mike) Gundersen, Shauna (Ted) Olsen, Marsha White, Cynthia (Jeffrey) Sweet, Ray L. White (who died in 1976), Bruce H. (Maryann) White, Laura (Paul) Van Wagenen, and Lisa (Stephen) Erekson). Ray and Mary have 33 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren. Ray had many life experiences and loved to tell stories about those experiences. He served the Lord in many capacities in the Church. In his early years he worked full time as an assistant to Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg. Ray enjoyed people immensely. Ray and Mary were Mission President and Companion from 1989 to 1992 in the Texas Fort Worth Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That mission was a great life changing experience for him. He fell in love with every Texas Fort Worth missionary and absolutely considers each of them part of his family. Ray and Mary also served as a Temple Sealer and Matron in the Salt Lake, the Dallas, the Nauvoo, the Orlando, and the Preston England Temples. He served on the General Aaronic Priesthood Board of the Church, as Stake Presidency Counselor, and Bishop of the Granger 6th Ward. He wrote a book that was published in 1968 titled "On Getting Things Done". He also had a sense of humor and loved traveling. Ray enjoyed providing for his family and spent his career as an executive for both profit and non-profit organizations. He enjoyed serving in community organizations and raising funds to help with the Utah Symphony Hall, the Governor's Mansion Restoration, and Native American Education. Ray's great loves were the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his family. A funeral will be held at the Oak Hills Ward, 1410 East Gentile Street, Layton, Utah, on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 11:00

a.m., A viewing will be held prior to the funeral starting at 9:00 a.m. Internment will be on Monday, December 20, 2021, at Valley View Memorial Park, 4400 West 4100 South, West Valley City, Utah.

Ray L. White Funeral LINK (Webinar ID: 968 0082 8897) or phone dial 1-669-900-6833 or copy this

link: <https://zoom.us/j/96800828897#success>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ President White was my mission president for about 6 months in the Texas Fort Worth Mission. He taught me about obedience and love for the gospel. When I entered my mission I had a k send back some of my non-church music cassettes (which I shouldn't have brought with me anyway) because we could only listen to MoTab or Handel's The Messiah. I learned all the words to The Messiah and in turn learned more about the scriptures and the prophecy of the Savior and his work to save us from sin and death. Every year my family and I go to at least one presertation of The Messiah wherever we live, normally around Christmas time. I know he and Sister White cares a lot about the gospel and about their missionaries.

John Rojas - February 03 at 04:43 PM

PH

“ Uncle Ray led a wonderful life with Aunt Mary. And now, they are both together with the Lord Our God. They both an inspiration to all of us. Uncle Ray and Aunt Mary find my Donna Rae and Jan. Please let them know that we love and miss them so much and that our time will come to be with them and both of you. God Bless you Ray.

Philip - December 18, 2021 at 01:20 PM

AW

“ I am going to miss this wonderful uncle. There are so many good memories about him but the most important thing I remember is that he would do anything for you and he would be there for you and that I treasure very much he was always so happy also it would make you laugh. He is the last one on the white side of the family now we have no more aunts or uncles. Till we meet again uncle Ray

*Ana Lee Wade
Herriman, Ut*

Ana Lee Wade - December 17, 2021 at 08:59 PM