



## Robert Wayne Perkins

December 10, 1946 - July 29, 2021

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The amazing “Grandpa Wayne,” age 74, died Thursday, July 29, 2021, after a life of service to Jesus Christ, to his family, and to anyone who crossed his path. He was son of Wayne B Perkins and Alice Elinor Schmid Perkins Gortcinsky and his stepdad, Elmer Richard “Dick” Gortcinsky.

Wayne was born December 10, 1946, in Montpelier, Idaho. Wayne's father, Wayne B, passed away in a work accident four months before he was born. He lived in Grandpa and Grandma Schmid's home in Bern, Idaho with his mother and grandparents – and with his aunts and uncles who still treat him like their little brother. He lived in Bern until he was five when his mother married Elmer Richard “Dick” Gortcinsky and moved to the Ogden area. Wayne spent his summers for many years afterwards returning to Bern to stay with his grandparents and work in the area with his extended family.

Wayne served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Western Canadian Mission. He married Jean Eileen Duncombe in 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple. Wayne attended trade school and worked as a journeyman welder, steel fabricator, and a mechanic – and he could fix anything that needed fixing as long as it wasn't made of wood.

Wayne loved to spend time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, enjoying time outdoors and serving others. He enjoyed being involved with scouting and teaching young men to be good men. He was often found at someone's house fixing a lawn mower, repairing a car, and helping anyone who needed it with whatever they needed.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Jean; three children, Tammy (Bard), Greg (Traci), and Jeff (Sharon); 13 grandchildren and spouses; 2 great granddaughters; and his sisters, Kathy (Bob), Nanette (Rodger), Dot, and Jennifer (Troy).

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Wayne, his mother, Alice, his stepdad, Dick, and his grandson, Samuel.

Funeral services will be held Monday, August 2, 2021, at the Sunset Ridge 1st Ward Building, 8107 S 6700 W, West Jordan, Utah 84081. The viewing will be held from 9:30-10:45 AM with the funeral service following afterwards at 11:00 AM. A brief interment service will be held at the Bern Cemetery, in Bern, Idaho, the following day, Tuesday,

August 3, 2021, at noon (12:00 PM).

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ We were so saddened to hear of Wayne's passing. Wayne was a huge example of hard work, patience, and service. Our son was often invited to join the family when they took their ATV's out riding. We really appreciated the family including our son since Rick's dad had to work on Saturdays and could seldom join them. Wayne and Jean's example made a lasting impression on us. Jean, we hope you and your family will find comfort in all the special memories you shared with Wayne. We are sorry we did not know about Wayne until after His Service. You are in our prayers.

*Ron and Paulette*

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**Paulette** - August 03, 2021 at 08:52 PM

ME

“ Sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Such a sweet man. We loved his story of "the lightening" in Primary, in the Midvale ward. Love sent your way Jean!! Xoxo!

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**Melissa** - August 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ Words can not begin to express the impact that Wayne has had on my life. The friendship that we shared in our time working side by side for nearly 18 years made that time a richer and more meaningful experience. We had many long talks about what was important mostly about family and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Wayne has such a love for his family and the Gospel. I learned a lot from his devotion to his family and his example of what a husband and a father should be. I will never forget his kindness and friendship to me and my family. I love Wayne and his influence will never be forgotten.

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**Joe Speredon** - August 01, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DF

“ We absolutely love this dear friend! Wayne and Jean have been some of our sweetest loveable friends for decades. Wayne has always been such a hard worker. He was always building something in his shop when they lived in Midvale. He remodeled their home. I swear he could do anything. This September it will be 20 years since the Lightning Strike. He just kept on going...he's amazing. He had lots of problems with his health in the last 20 years...!!! We love you Wayne and Jean...we look forward to seeing Wayne when we graduate!!!

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**Dawnita Floyd** - July 30, 2021 at 10:28 PM