



## Robert Francis Wright

October 18, 1931 - August 3, 2020

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1931 - 2020

Robert Francis Wright passed away at the age of 88 in Lindon, Utah on August 3, 2020. He suffered from multiple ailments including dementia and melanoma. He was born on Oct. 18, 1931 in Ogden, Utah to Melbourne Ellsworth Wright and Marjorie Mae Millar. He married Joyce Erickson on Sept. 4, 1958 and they were sealed in the Oakland Temple on July 31, 1965.

Bob grew up in Ogden, Boise, and Salt Lake City, graduating from East High School in 1949. He served in the Army reserves for four years then went on to the University of Utah and received his bachelor's degree in business. During this time, he worked at Utah Oil Company where he met Joyce. Music was a big part of Bob's younger years. He started playing the trumpet at age 9. He paid for his own trumpet lessons with a paper route. In high school, he and some friends started a dance band and they played for dances and at talent shows. He played in the marching band at the U of U. He also got hired at age 17 to play in the house band at the Rainbow Randevu. They played for all the big-name performers that came through Salt Lake like Nat King Cole and Mel Torme. During the summer, they also played at Saltair and on Monday nights at Lagoon for dancing.

After marrying Joyce, they moved to the Bay Area and lived in a few different locations until they settled in San Jose, where they raised their five children. They made many lifelong friends there, many with whom they still keep in touch. They lived there for 30 years then Bob retired from State Farm Insurance and they moved back to Utah in 1997. Bob picked up his trumpet again at the age of 77 and played in the Phoenix Jazz Band in Salt Lake for several years.

Bob was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served faithfully as a bishop, on the high council, and in many other callings. He served with his wife in the Zimbabwe, Harare Mission from 2000 to 2002 and in local service missions at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and the American Fork Employment Center.

Bob liked to work in his yard and go on trailer trips. He was known for his humor and quick wit and tried to keep that going to the end. He lived a life of punctuality, reliability, orderliness, and love.

He is survived by his wife Joyce and their five children: Stacy Peterson (Ken), Lori Wright, Steven Wright (Julie), Greg Wright (Kami), Kim Wright (Kirk), as well as 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by all of his siblings: Melbourne (Marilyn deceased), Carol (Les Palfreyman deceased), Dennis (Edy), and Ann (Bill Erickson deceased).

The family wishes to express our deepest appreciation to the Lindon 15th Ward for their loving care and attentiveness to both mom and dad, particularly in dad's later years; to the Encompass Hospice Team who were professional, loving, and helpful; and to the caregivers at the Covington Village Assisted Living in Orem where dad lived the last few months of his life.

Zoom Link for funeral services

<https://varian.zoom.us/j/99861403647?pwd=Q0E2cnJHakZPbTIBRFhTemN3ZzFaUT09>

# Events

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**AUG**   **Funeral Services**   02:00PM

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Lindon 15th Ward

1051 East 200 South, Lindon, UT, US

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Premier Funeral Services** - August 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM

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“ Joyce: Kathy and I love you and Bob. We know you will miss him. He is such a wonderful man, tempered by your goodness. We pray that you'll be buoyed up by the Spirit. For us, Bob will be an eternal friend. With much love, Kathy and Paul Newton

**Paul Newton** - August 09, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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“ When we moved into Bob's ward ten years ago I remember him making a point to show his friendship to me. So friendly and easy to talk to. I got to spend some time with him when I took over his job as scouting secretary. He was very organised and such a happy person. I'm so happy I can call him my friend.

Brad Kirk

**Brad Kirk** - August 07, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ Joyce,  
We were so sad to hear of Bob's passing. We remember him fondly as the most wonderful Bishop in San Jose! We respected him and loved him so much! He teased our daughter's and led us, as a congregation, in love and unity. Thank you both for your sweet examples of service!! Love you!

Jeff and Doreen Hutchinson

**Doreen Hutchinson** - August 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM