



Vern Watt Wood

November 18, 1936 - January 21, 2019

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Vern Watt Wood, 82, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at his home on Monday, January 21, 2019. He was born November 18, 1936 to Melvin John Wood and Verna Harris Watt in Layton, Utah and grew up in Thatcher, Utah. The last of four children, Vern enjoyed growing up on the farm and learned the value of hard work from his father, older brothers, and sister. He always valued those relationships as they were some of his greatest memories and joys in his early life.

Vern graduated from Bear River High school, and later, Utah State University, after attending BYU and The University of Utah. He enjoyed being a cheerleader in high school and was involved in other extracurricular activities while at Utah State. He was also Veteran of the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in Artillery. He spent his lifelong occupation as a sales rep for men's and women's apparel and also spent time working in sales for an engineering firm. After retirement, he spent time volunteering in the Olympics and enjoyed talking to visitors from all over the world.

Vern married the love of his life in the Logan, Utah Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on June 7, 1968. Together they had 5 children with whom he loved spending time. He loved skiing, camping, and boating, and taught his children to love the outdoors and to find joy in God's many beautiful creations. He coached many of his children's soccer teams and had many teams that were very successful at a state wide level. He valued competition and meticulously taught those that he coached to learn the details of their sport, which always led to success. He took great pride in the scouting program and spent countless hours mentoring his own sons and many others in that capacity.

Service in the church, and service to God was Vern's highest priority throughout his entire life, and he approached that service with humility and diligence, knowing that God had a

work for him to do. He served a mission as a young man in Northern California, and later with his wife, in the New York Utica Mission on the Cornell University Campus with the young single adults. Vern valued this service, and loved the joy that others felt as they came to learn of their Savior and the plan that he has for them. He also had callings in various bishoprics, and the Meadows Branch Presidency throughout his time in church service. He also served as an ordinance worker in the Bountiful Temple.

Vern had a gift of being able to communicate and connect with those of all ages and from all backgrounds. He loved talking to friends and acquaintances, and would often disappear for hours when running into a friend on a "short" visit to the hardware store. When one of kids went with him they were always rewarded with a donut from Dick's bakery for their long wait.

Vern is survived by his wife Eileen, his children, Jason (Mandy), Michelle, Jodi (Darren), Phillip, Dallin (Nataly) 14 grandchildren, and his sister, Ann. He is preceded in death by his parents, and older brothers, Rulon and Ted.

Funeral services 11:00 am, Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Bountiful North Stake Center, 1550 North 400 East, Bountiful, Utah where a viewing will be held Thursday from 6 to 8 pm and Friday prior to services from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

Cemetery

Bountiful City Cemetery

Bountiful, UT,

Events

JAN 25 **Funeral Services** 11:00AM

LDS North Bountiful Stake Center
1550 North 400 East, Bountiful, UT, US

Comments



“ Eileen, we were saddened today to hear of the passing of our dear friend Vern Wood. We express our deep condolences to you and your family. We have many memories of our association together over many years in the Bountiful North Stake. We especially remember his kindness and his optimistic outlook on life. We have fond memories of his participation in youth activities. Our lives are enriched by our association with him and your family. We will miss him greatly. May the knowledge of the Gospel bring you comfort at this time.
Love, Mark and Shari Gibbons

Mark Gibbons - January 27, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ Vern's example of gentleness and kindness will always be remembered.
Eileen, my thoughts are with you and your family.
Bob Welling

Vern had a smile for everyone he met. I am grateful to have served at the Meadows with him.

Eileen Welling

Eileen Welling - January 25, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ I met Vern in 1968 when I became a 1st year seminary teacher at Davis HS and he was teaching seminary at Viewmont. We were roommates that first year living in Bountiful. We parted ways at the end of the year when I was drafted during Vietnam. We never got back to the same area and only saw each other on occasion. A tremendous man full of faith and energy and always so positive. He was a great blessing to me helping me be successful as a teacher which I continued for 37 years. I will always be appreciative of this man and his friendship. My love to Eileen and his family. Such a good man!

Jan FELIX - January 25, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Vern's passing Eileen. May you and yours feel of Father's love and peace at this time. May your home be filled with love and assurity that Vern is about Father's business preparing for those who are left here for awhile and catching up on things from those who have already gone ahead. He was a great friend and we will miss him greatly.

Love, Ted & Linnita Proctor

Ted & Linnita Proctor - January 25, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Vern was a dear mentor and a lifelong friend. He gave incredible support to me as a young, inexperienced scoutmaster. He was always beloved by the youth he served for many years. It was apparent in everything he did that he loved the Lord, loved his dear wife, and loved his children. His wonderful family are some of the fruits of his & Eileen's labors.

Anyone that met Vern & Eileen loved them instantly. Vern's will be a have I look forward to seeing again, with it's same contagious capacity.

Rex Plaizier - January 24, 2019 at 12:21 PM



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Dallin Wood - January 24, 2019 at 04:40 AM



“ Our sympathy at the loss of your dear husband, father, and grandfather. He was so cheerful and easy to talk with at family gatherings. We think very highly of all of you and pray that comfort will be added to your sorrow.

Doug and Kristen Openshaw family

Kristen Openshaw - January 23, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ My former boss and friend Vern Watt Wood. I worked with Vern at WesTech for many years before he retired. It was a pleasure working with him and listening to many a story in which I learned so much along with a little chuckle here and there. I remember him and his wife going to Alaska, meeting his wonderful family, and hearing about his grand children they were his life. Dallin also worked with me, and I miss our friendship as well. Since we haven't kept in contact. He has a very special family. We talked about the Lord from time to time, even though I don't share the same faith we still connected in knowing that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. I know without a doubt he's smiling down upon us from heaven waiting for us all to join him when it's our time to be called. God bless his wife and family may they find peace at this time thru God's love.

A forever friend,
Tammy Archuleta

Tammy Archuleta - January 23, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ We had the privilege of serving in the New York Utica Mission with Elder and Sister Wood. They were lots of fun to be around and they always gave of their finest in missionary efforts. Vern gave us the best tour of the Cornell Campus and surrounding area. Our sincere sympathy to the entire Vern Watt Wood Family in the passing of a wonderful man.

Dick and Jane Hansen

Richard Hansen - January 23, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Uncle Vern was a great man and friend. He was very instrumental in helping me in my teen years to overcome alot of fears and obstacles. He lived a great life and left a neat family to carry on his family name and legacy. Love you Uncle Vern and all of your family.

Dennis Wood and all of my family.

DENNIS WOOD - January 22, 2019 at 11:26 PM