



Alden Shurtz

December 10, 1933 - February 7, 2017

Alden Shurtz, age 83, died peacefully in his sleep at home in American Fork, Utah, on February 7, 2017. He was born December 10, 1933, in Sugarville, Utah. Alden studied at BYU, served in army during the Korean War, and worked at AT&T and Won Door Corporation. He was a master gardener and he owned and operated Shurtz Greenhouse in Alpine Utah, where he raised and sold bedding plants. He loved working in the yard and raising beautiful gardens, and he loved hiking with his family in the mountains around Alpine.

Alden was a hard worker and he accomplished anything he set his mind to. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and he loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all his heart. He loved serving the Lord and held many church positions. He loved his family dearly and was a good friend to all he met. The bonds he made with people lasted throughout his lifetime and will extend into eternity. He always had a cheerful and welcoming smile and was willing to help anyone in need. His family and friends will miss him very much.

Alden is survived by his wife, Inga Shurtz, and children, Connie Boucher (Craig), Karen Lloyd (Danny), Mark Shurtz (Keely), and Bruce Shurtz, fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and brothers and sister, Cecil Shurtz (Sharon), Jay Shurtz (Yvonne), Coleene Jurgens, Elden Shurtz (Ireta). Preceding him in death are his parents, Frelen and Stella Shurtz, and brothers, Guy Shurtz, Lane Shurtz, Kent Shurtz, Keith Shurtz, daughter-in-law, Cindy Shurtz, and granddaughter, Aubrey Pehrson.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, February 13th, at 11:00 am, at the Pacific Drive 2nd Ward Chapel, 507 West 700 North, American Fork, UT, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Alpine City Cemetery, 400 North Grove Drive, Alpine.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Alpine City Cemetery
400 North Grove Drive
Alpine, UT, 84004

Events

FEB 13 **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

Pacific Drive 2nd Ward
507 West 700 North, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

FEB 13 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Hello, Inga Mae and family from Arlene and Glade Sorenson
I was so sorry to learn about Alden and hoped we would be able to come to his funeral. Last night I tried to explain to Glade about Alden, but Glade's really going down hill and could not understand what I was telling him. Bless his heart, since Christmas his memory has taken quite a plunge. And he just couldn't understand why I wanted him to go anywhere this morning. I really wanted to share this day with you. Alden and Glade were such good friends for quite a few years. We always enjoyed visiting with both of you.
And we send you our deepest sympathy. You were blessed to have such a wonderful husband. And we were blessed for having you for friends. I hope everything goes well for you today and for the days to come.
We still live in the same old place{ 475 East 1100 North Pleasant Grove} and still have the same old phone number {801-785-3768} When things have settled down for you I would love to have you call us. I will remember you in my prayers for Heavenly Father to bless you and all your family.

Arlene Sorenson - February 13, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ Mr. Shurtz, as I knew him, was my bus driver through elementary and Jr. High. I lived on the outskirts of town and he always had compassion on me as I ran most mornings, late, through our field and to the bus stop on 800 South. I always said Thank You and he always said: You're Welcome. He understood the plight of the child. He was not there to judge or be authoritarian. He took me safely and tenderly to where I needed to be. He always gave me a tender smile. I have shared memories of him for that past 35 years. He made a deep impression on my life.
Also, my mother liked getting her bedding plants from him. He had a fair price and good quality, and she didn't have to go to AF to get starts. My parents relationship with him was choice as they had mutual respect and admiration for each other. I don't know their conversations, but I know that he has a great welcoming committee on the other side. He was truly a disciple of Christ. May God's choicest blessings be upon this sweet family at this tender time as they try to feel comfort in his absence.

Duella Bangerter Williams - February 12, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ One of your dad's favorite stories happened when he was our (best ever) home teacher in Alpine- in the "good old days!". My husband Mike was a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair, and your sweet dad volunteered to take him to priesthood conference one Sunday. That was back in the days when Mike had to be manually lifted in and out of cars wherever we went. Alden parked in the perfect spot. He was careful to open the passenger door and place the wheelchair right up against the car. He squeezed himself between the door and Mike, wrenched and wrestled Mike's stiff spasm filled legs over the door lip and put his arms around Mike's chest. Then came the Herculean lift to raise Mike's body and twist him so as to place him in the wheelchair. He got Mike to an upright position but it was full on dead weight! As he began to twist to place him in the chair, Mike's shirt came untucked and his tie was wrapped around his ears. Alden was struggling mightily when he realized he had forgotten one critical detail. He had not set the brake on the wheelchair! There they stood, locked together in an agonizing embrace watching in horror as the wheel chair slowly moved away from the car, down the incline, and into the gutter. Thankfully a good soul saw the situation and came running to help. Alden could hardly contain his laughter every time he told the story. It was one of those, "you just had to be there" moments! I'm sure they are both up in heaven laughing over it still!

Cathy Larsen

Cathryn Larsen - February 10, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ Alden and Inga were angels to me during their years in Gunnison. They met and fellowshipped my husband and I and I grew to love them so very much. Al was a friend to everyone and imparted wisdom and love in the hardest years of my life. I'll always be grateful to him. He and Inga loved my daughters and we enjoyed spending evenings and meals with them. I'll never forget Bro. Shurtz and my condolences to Inga and the rest of the family. - Callie Hansen Blanco (previously Robbins)

Callie Blanco - February 10, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ Brother Shurtz was our home teacher, friend and neighbor. Our family loved him and Ingia, they loved all who they met. We have missed them since they have moved. Our hearts are prayers are with your family at this time. And much love to sister Ingia!!

Tiffanie - February 10, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ I remember when your dad let Karen and me and Connie and Darla build a playhouse in his root cellar in Delta Then I remember your mom because we were pretty dirty giving us a bath and a number 10 tub I think that's my earliest memory of your dad

masell adams - February 09, 2017 at 09:07 PM