



## Allen H Tuttle

November 10, 1929 - April 3, 2015

“To serve my country and my fellowman to the best of my ability” was the personal mission statement of Allen H. Tuttle. A Brigadier General in the US Army National Guard, Tuttle served both his country and his fellowman everyday of his life until his passing on April 3, 2015 at the age of 85. A Military Leader, Educator, Humanitarian, Public Servant, and Devoted Family man, Allen H. Tuttle will be remembered and respected for his exemplary life of service.

Allen was born November 10, 1929 in St. Louis, Missouri and was the third child of Ray Loomis and Clara Josephine Tuttle. At the age of 16 he drove a truck across the United States with his mom, 5 kids and everything they owned to settle in Utah. Allen attended Spanish Fork High School where he played basketball, baseball, and met his sweetheart, Carmen Measom at a New Year’s Dance. He graduated in 1947 and attended Brigham Young University where he played baseball for the Cougars. Allen and Carmen were married on July 26, 1950 in the Idaho Falls Temple. A few short years later they found themselves in San Francisco when Allen joined the army. With his background in chemistry, he was selected to serve in the Chemical Corp, escaping the front lines of combat in the Korean War. Tuttle went on to become an Officer and a Commander in the California National Guard. His 32 years of military service included serving as the Commandant at the California Military Academy Camp San Luis Obispo, attending the National War College in Washington DC, and achieving the rank of Brigadier General.

Allen was an Educator. He obtained a Masters Degree from San Francisco State in Secondary Education and an Administrator Credential from University of California Berkeley. He served as a classroom teacher, a Vice Principal, and moved to Placerville in 1963 to become the Principal of Edwin Markham School. Tuttle became the Associate Superintendent of Schools for El Dorado County, the Superintendent of Silver Fork Elementary School, and the Interim Superintendent in Lake Tahoe Unified School District. He was the Director of Curriculum Services and Federal Projects, established an Indian Education Project, and served as Director of the Children’s Centers and Head Start Program in El Dorado County for 15 years. As a Leader in Education, Tuttle served as

President of the El Dorado County Chapter of the Association of CA School Administrators.

Allen was a Humanitarian. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Allen served as Bishop twice of the Placerville Ward, a High Counselor, and a Counselor in the El Dorado Stake Presidency. With his wife, Carmen, he spent 2 years in Zimbabwe Africa as a volunteer missionary. They later served two more missions in the West Indies and Kenya, including Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia. As a couple, Allen and Carmen served as Ordinance Workers and in the Temple Presidency of the Oakland Temple.

Allen was a Public Servant. He served on the Placerville City Council from 1979-1991 and was the Mayor of Placerville. He was the Chairman of the El Dorado County Health Fair, Chairman of the Bennett Park Steering Committee, a member of the El Dorado County Drug Advisory Board, and President of the Board of Directors of the County School Employees Credit Union. Allen was a great supporter of youth. He was President of the El Dorado High School Boosters Club and became the “voice of the cougars” as he announced the Varsity Basketball games in the LA Brown gym. Not only did he obtain the rank of Eagle Scout while he was young, but he supported many youth in their journey to Eagle. In 1978 Tuttle organized the first team of men and women athletes from the Golden Empire Council to participate in the National Explorer Olympics in Fort Collins, Colorado. He continued this tradition for 5 years involving up to 35 youth each year. Tuttle promoted scouting in the community as he served as a member of the Golden Empire Council and the Finance Chairman for the El Dorado District. He received the Silver Beaver Award and the District Bear Award from the Golden Empire Council for his support of Scouting. Additionally he received the Honorary Service Award to youth from the Sierra School PTA.

Allen was a man of service all his life. But the most important service he rendered was to his wife and family. He and Carmen were married 60 years and he is the father of six children, 43 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. Allen loved his family, all sports, travel, cruises, and anything BYU. True to his Alma Mater, he was an avid BYU fan and could be found at every sporting event from football to volleyball wearing cougar blue from head to toe.

Allen is preceded in death by his beloved wife Carmen, parents Ray and Josephine, brother Dean, great-grandson Kai, and great-granddaughter Ruby Jane. He is survived by his brothers Ray and Don, sister Carol Jean Meldrum, and his six children and their spouses Shauna (Ken) Geddes, Jeff (Eileen), Pam (Nigel) Taylor, Terry (Donna) Greg (Marti), and Mark (Melissa).

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Spanish Fork, Utah. A Public Viewing will be held 9:30-10:30 am at the Crosswinds LDS Chapel, 1660 S. 1400 E. Spanish Fork, UT with Funeral Services at 11am. A Graveside Service will be the same day at 1:00 pm at the Spanish Fork Cemetary. Services provided by Utah Valley Mortuary. For condolences go to [www.utahvalleyfuneral.com](http://www.utahvalleyfuneral.com) to leave a message. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Perpetual Education or Humanitarian Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Allen H. Tuttle will be remembered for the many lessons he taught- Funga, Ronga, Basa, Basa, Basa. "If you think you can or think you can't – you'll be right either way," And his favorite scripture, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3:7) Through a life of service, Allen leaves behind an unwavering Example of Valor, and an endearing Legacy of Love for his country, his fellowman, and his family.

# Cemetery

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## Spanish Fork City Cemetery

420 South 400 East  
Spanish Fork, UT, 84660

# Events

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**APR 18** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Crosswinds LDS Chapel  
1660 South 1400 East, Spanish Fork, UT, US, 84660

**APR 18** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Crosswinds LDS Chapel  
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# Comments

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“ Sorry to hear of his passing. He served in Zimbabwe when I was a very young man.but I remember his love towards me and my family.will always have fond memories of him and his wife..Yohane mbalume

**yohane mbalume** - June 26, 2016 at 09:04 AM

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“ I have had the great blessing and privilege of being a member of the Tuttle family now for almost 27 years. I married the youngest son of Allen and Carmen Tuttle, Mark. I didn't realize at first just how rare it is to be in a family where I felt loved as one of their own. I quickly grew to love them as they were my own parents. I was blessed to live close to them for most of those years, and had a sweet and tender relationship with each of them. Allen had a special place in my heart because I lost my own father when I was 16 years old. Allen filled that void in my life, and I will forever be grateful that I again had a father in mortality, who was so good to me, and who was a great patriarch and leader to our family. Of all the men I have known in my life, Allen has been one of the most influential, besides the man I married, who is a product of his great example. He is the best personification of what a Patriarch and Priesthood holder should be. There is a power and majesty in that mantle that he held, and even when Allen was losing his memory, that power remained. I can still remember how it feels to hold his hand, and have reflected often, since he has passed, how many good works his hands accomplished. I am comforted to think of him now, with that energy and zeal he once had in mortality, restored, and with his "earth angel" back at his side. I have so much to live up to with the truly amazing family that I belong to. I am so deeply grateful for the blessings of the temple that have bound us together as a family. Although our earthly ties with Allen have been severed, those priesthood ties remain through the everlasting covenant of temple marriage, ordained of God. I look forward with faith and joy, knowing that I will someday be reunited with Allen and Carmen again.  
Melissa Tuttle

**Melissa Tuttle** - April 21, 2015 at 12:30 PM

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“ Dear Tuttle Family, My husband, Alma Jensen and I served with your dear parents in the Oakland Temple Presidency about 12 years ago. They had lived in Fremont and we knew about them and had mutual friends but they left this area to settle eventually in Cameron Park, CA. It was a special experience for us to serve in the presidency with the Westovers. We had served about 18 mos. of our three year assignment when my husband passed away with a stroke while we were in Hawaii for a granddaughter's wedding. I kept in touch with them by phone now and again and last talked to Allen when he was living in Utah. I just learned about his passing at the temple last Fri. when I serve there and have notified the Westovers and others that served with us or knew them. How blessed we are to have known and served with them and to hear about your family. We will be ever grateful for that opportunity. May all of you be blessed in all the ways you need at this tender time, I can only imagine what a wonderful event now for them to be together in the next phase of life. My love and sympathy to your family.  
C. Anne Jensen from Fremont, CA

C. Anne Jensen - April 21, 2015 at 09:45 AM

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“ I can't express adequately the impact Bishop Tuttle had on the young men he lead while he was was Bishop. Such s wonderful man, and we young men adored him. He was our great teacher, passionate leader, and kind leader of our priests quorum (16-18 year olds). To this day when I think of the ideal of Bishop, I think of Al Tuttle. Best wishes to his family. We loved our Bishop Tuttle.

Sean Kelly - April 20, 2015 at 12:56 PM

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“ Allen Tuttle, his lovely wife, and all the kids were a huge influence during my years growing up in Placerville. Allen was a great father, a great husband, a great athlete, and a great leader. To Shawna, Jeff, Pam, Terry, Greg, and Mark thanks for sharing your parents and your family with me.

Steve Jobson

stephen jobson - April 19, 2015 at 01:12 AM

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“ Hi Greg,

So sorry to hear about your father. Al is one of my favorite people and one of my heroes. You are right that he is graduating with Honor and I will also add with Glory. I will never forget a talk he gave either in Priesthood or the Adult session of a Stake Conference where he talked about agency and children. He said something to the effect that in his family that certain expectations were expected from each of his children. I remember that he talked about becoming Eagle Scouts and going on missions and other important accomplishments. He said that the decision was made by each of you boys to attain those goals when you chose to become part of the Tuttle family before you were born. He said it wasn't whether "if" but "when" each of you would complete these goals. He set high standards and set the example for each of you to become the best you could be. In your families case the Acorns did not land far from the old oak tree. That is one of the great legacies that your mom and dad has left, a very righteous posterity. There isn't anything more important than this accomplishment by great parents. I love your Dad and he will be missed.

Leslie and I are in North Carolina and unable to attend the funeral. I only wish we could be there. Please let your whole family know that we are thinking about you guys and only wish we could be there to celebrate the life of one great man, Allen Tuttle.

Thanks for letting us know and we hope to see you soon.

Warmest regards,  
Neall Humphrey

Neall Humphrey - April 19, 2015 at 12:03 AM

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“ Dear Tuttle Cousins,

We were the other Tuttle clan in California. We loved getting together on holidays and playing with the cousins and enjoying the friendship and love that Aunt Carmen and Uncle Allen always gave to us. We remember the bridge mix, card games, and laughs coming from the kitchen table while we wee ones were trying to "sleep."

Uncle Allen always seemed to have bundles of energy, and a positive out look on every situation.

It is a privilege and honor to have Allen and Carmens' family as relatives and eternal friends. Love to you all, Connie Tuttle Dow

Connie Tuttle Dow - April 17, 2015 at 11:34 PM

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“Fatherhood is leadership, the most important kind of leadership. It has always been so, it will always be so.”--Ezra Taft Benson

I remember being with the Tuttle family to witness for the very first time Dad gathering everyone together to kneel together for family prayer. He brought us all together from wherever we were scattered all through the house, he got our attention by speaking from his heart, he had us all kneel, and then he said a simple, sincere prayer. There were a lot of us and I remember the power I felt in that group. I knew at that moment that I was now part of a very special family. I cherish each time I have had the same opportunity since. I know Dad's real love and exemplary life can bring us together from wherever we are scattered throughout the world, to bring us closer together, to always give honor and respect to the Tuttle name, and to listen and learn from his life of service and sacrifice. We are a special family blessed by Dad's ability to lead his family with love....It has always been so, it will always be so! He changed his stars and left us a legacy! I want to always remember and live by all he has taught us. I cherish the time I had with him.

Love,  
Marti Tuttle  
(Daughter-in-law)



Marti Tuttle - April 15, 2015 at 01:21 PM

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“My husband Gary and I serve as LDS service missionaries at the Courtyard at Jamestown Assisted Living Center. My husband is the branch president there.

We want you, Allen's family, to know that we valued and appreciated his kindness. He was always offering to help us and others. We missed seeing him when he moved out.

We consider ourselves blessed for having know Alan Tuttle.

Vicki Winterton - April 14, 2015 at 06:15 PM

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Shauna - April 09, 2015 at 11:46 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Utah Valley Mortuary - April 09, 2015 at 10:05 AM