



## Alva Jay Van Wagoner

September 2, 1929 - August 26, 2019

Alva Jay Van Wagoner, 89, was called home to his Father in Heaven on August 26, 2019. He passed away in his home at Legacy House of Spanish Fork, surrounded by some of his beloved children.

Jay was born September 02, 1929 in Sunnyside, Utah, to Alvah Ephraim Van Wagoner and Elma Peacock Van Wagoner Miller. He graduated from Jerome High School in 1946 and later graduated from BYU in 1965 with a degree in Education.

Jay honorably served in the Navy for more than 10 years from 1948 to 1959, serving in Bethesda, Maryland; Camp Pendleton, California and Yokosuka, Japan.

On February 22, 1949, he married Maxine Humphries in Jerome, Idaho. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple the following year. They later divorced after 57 year of marriage. Together they raised nine beautiful children who inherited their father's love for spending time together as a family and a great love for music.

Jay was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many ward and stake positions including Stake Mission Presidency, Branch President, home teacher, and his most favorite calling, gospel doctrine teacher. Jay would pack a room when he taught. His love and knowledge of the gospel drew people to him. He was very active in family history and sent thousands of names to the temple. Jay had a passion for music which included singing and playing the piano. He taught his children to love music and every one of his children is musically inclined.

Jay was a dedicated and passionate teacher for over 20 years. He taught great literature to middle and junior high students, as well as Seminary. Prior to his retirement in 1995, he obtained his master's degree in Education from Brigham Young University. Education was very important to Jay and he was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren for their efforts in continuing their educations.

Jay is best known for his love for the gospel and his passion for helping others. He loved studying the scriptures and sharing his knowledge with those he served. He also loved writing poetry and was an avid journal keeper.

Jay loved gardening and was a master gardener. He was known for his large and meticulous gardens filled with vegetables and flowers. He grew the most beautiful dahlias, irises, and gladiolas. When it was harvest time, Jay could be found in the kitchen canning

countless bottles of goods for the winter months. Jay was a great baker. He was known for his famous chocolate chip cookies and his scrumptious homemade breads. One way in which Jay showed his love for his family was when the family would get together, Jay made sure he presented a feast fit for kings!

Jay is survived by his children: Kristine Quinn, Fruita, CO; Juline Canto (the late Ron Canto), Mapleton, UT; Shirline Tefteller (Glenn), Highland, UT; Michael Van Wagoner (Kate), Mapleton, UT; David Van Wagoner (Sue), Bear River Valley, CA; Mark Van Wagoner (Lynnette), Mapleton, UT; Jon Van Wagoner (Jennifer), Lake Oswego, OR; Lesa Irwin, Port Angeles, WA and Geoffrey Van Wagoner (Crystal), Grand Junction, CO; sister, Larue Sharpe, Twin Falls, ID; brother, Gene Van Wagoner (Norma), Hurricane, UT; brother, Mark Van Wagoner (Natalie), St. George, UT; and 52 grandchildren, 71 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren who all felt they were grandpa's special grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; infant son, Matthew Mark; grandson, Michael Shayne Thompson; great grandson in-law, Cory Cloward; great-grandsons, Gabriel and Josiah Prestwich.

We will miss you father dear, "Grandpa Alva," but we are comforted by the knowledge the gospel provides that you will be near during special occasions and those special times when we need you the most.

In lieu of flowers, Jay would love for you to make a donation in his memory to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionary fund.

A special thanks goes out to A+ Home Health Care, especially his girl, Kori and her years of dedication and patience, Legacy House of Spanish Fork, especially the wonderful CNA's and Med Tech's who patiently and lovingly served Jay and for those who would share their talent on the keys of his piano, and to his angel daughter in-law, Lynnette Van Wagoner, and her countless hours of service which brought joy and peace beyond measure. We are grateful for anyone who made Jay's life a better and more rewarding 89 years.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 07, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Mapleton 18th Ward chapel, located at 1215 North 1000 West in Mapleton, Utah. There will not be a viewing. A dedication of his grave will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, 2000 South 400 East Springville, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

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# Events

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**Springville Evergreen Cemetery SEP**

1997 South 400 East

Springville, UT,

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**Memorial Service**

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1215 North 1000 West, Mapleton, UT, US

# Comments

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“ He was a convicted child molester. Let's not forget that.

**Rebecca** - January 08 at 09:52 AM

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“ The best father a girl could ever hope for!

I love you the most, dearest father!!

**Lesa Nicole Irwin** - August 29, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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“ Juline lit a candle in memory of Alva Jay Van Wagoner



**Juline** - August 29, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ I also lit a candles..rest in peace daddy..your no longer in pain..

**Kris** - August 30, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ I loveyou daddy and always have...your no longer suffering....ill miss you, till we meet again and ill be happy....I love you te te o nan wagit....

**Kris** - September 08, 2019 at 12:27 AM