



## Boyd Willden

December 8, 1933 - November 15, 2018

Boyd Willden passed away on November 15, 2018 at the age of 84. He was born on 8 Dec 1933 in Redmesa, Colorado to Ray and Lilly (Zufelt) Willden. He married Helen Blackburn on 25 Sep 1958 and had 7 beautiful and faithful children. His bride and his children are his most prized gifts. Each of their seven children served missions for the LDS Church and married in the LDS Temple and still love, serve and associated with each other often.

Boyd served a life changing LDS Church Mission in Northern California in 1955-57 and soon met his beautiful and faithful bride Helen (a dedicated nursing student) and they were soon married and began their family.

Boyd's desire for an education was interrupted many times while designing and building a new home their first year of marriage. Service in the US Army Reserve for six years and a call to the LDS bishopric the first year of marriage were great blessings but meant postponing full-time education several years. Eventually he graduated with a teaching certificate and served in the Seminary and Institutes of Religion for 30 years continuing his education and serving in the LDS Church along the way in Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Boyd and Helen worked in family history together for over 50 years and enjoyed teaching and serving together.

After Boyd's retirement, he and Helen served a full-time mission in the San Pablo, Philippines Mission, then a mission in the Washington DC Temple and another full-time mission in the Salt Lake Family History Center. They continued as church service missionaries for another six years and were still teaching in the local family history Library.

### Boyd and Helen Willden's Family

Children (7): David L (Sharon Rencher) Willden, Susan Rae (Greg) Madsen, Mark B

(Danielle Dowdle) Willden, Douglas S (MarySue Russell) Willden, Lynn C (Lori Hillam) Willden, Timothy D (Danai Jackman) Willden, and Stephen L (Holly Larson) Willden.

Grandchildren (33): Vanessa (Tyler) Brown, Sarah (Lucas) Garcia, Laura (Winston) Behle, Bryan Willden, Jonathan (Calley Mortensen) Willden; Michael Madsen, Brian (Carlee Johnson) Madsen, Staci (Craig) Stirland, Scott Madsen; Candace (Chandler) Rieske, Chase (Karli Mishell) Willden, Morgan (Chase) Adams-Hart; Elizabeth (Austin) Poch, Daniel Willden, Caleb Willden, Anna Willden, Isaac Willden, Bethany Willden, Joshua Willden; Makenna Willden, Dallin Willden, Jake Willden; Dakota (Maren Aase) Willden, Birlyn (Richard) Larsen, Aysia Willden, Dallas Willden, Logan Willden, Londyn Willden; Ethan Willden, Jared Willden, Audrey Willden, Jessica Willden, and William Willden.

Great-Grandchildren (12): Abby, Cameron, Shae, and Regan Brown; Mason, Matthew, and Livia Garcia; Jackson Behle; Parks Madsen; Seaborn Rieske, Hunter Adams-Hart, and Conner Boyd Willden.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, November 19th, at 11:00 am, at the American Fork 37th Ward, 1100 East 400 North, American Fork, Utah, where Viewings will be held Sunday, November 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and prior to services on Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in American Fork City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## American Fork City Cemetery

600 North 100 East  
American Fork, UT, 84003

# Events

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**NOV 18** **Viewing** 06:30PM - 08:30PM

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American Fork 37th Ward  
1100 East 400 North, American Fork, UT, US,  
84003

**NOV 19** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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American Fork 37th Ward  
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**NOV 19** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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American Fork 37th Ward  
1100 East 400 North, American Fork, UT, US,  
84003

# Comments

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“ Holly lit a candle in memory of Boyd Willden



holly - April 27, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ I'm sad to learn of Boyd's passing. He was a wonderful friend, and great cousin to get to know. I first met Boyd in 2004 while serving as a missionary at the temple. My initial approach was to see if we were related because my 3rd G. Grandfather was/is Charles William Willden. After speaking with him, I soon learned that we were indeed related through the same person which makes us 3rd cousins, 3 times removed. Not only was I related to him, but to Helen as well through my G. Grandfather Norman Ingalls Bliss. These two good people have always been very kind to me. Boyd always shared family names for me to do, as did Helen. In 2006 they invited me to a family reunion and from that time I was always included which I appreciated deeply. I have always considered him a great friend and cousin. I will truly miss Boyd. He was, and always shall be known as Faithful. -Robert

Robert J. - January 03, 2019 at 11:10 PM

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“ Boyd Willden baptized my parents, Richard and Gaynor Rozier in 1955 in Fresno, Ca. I was just a year old at the time, and my brother was 3. Our parents went on to have 6 more children. Elder Willden helped change generations in our family by helping to bring the gospel to our parents. We are eternally grateful for his service. I was sorry to learn today of his passing. May all of his family be comforted at this time.

Jill Rozier Heasley Shelley  
Jillyds@sbcglobal.net

Jill Shelley - December 08, 2018 at 01:22 PM

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“ Brother Willdon was a dedicated worker at the Mount Timpanogos Family History Center. He continued serving for many days when it was a great struggle for him to even come, but he kept coming up until he could no longer continue. As a co-worker with Helen and Boyd, I always knew they could answer almost any question I or a patron might have, and Boyd was always able to solve many technological problems we had with our computers and printers. He always did so with a great sense of humor but also with humility. His testimony of the work for our ancestors was inspiring as was his devotion to the Church. He will be missed, but what a wonderful example and legacy he has left through his service. Helen, thank you also for your sweet spirit and example. We at the Center are hopeful you will one day—when you are ready—return to serve with us. Love, Tina Adams

**Tina Adams** - November 19, 2018 at 05:45 PM

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**Stephen Willden** - November 17, 2018 at 07:43 PM

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**David** - November 17, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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**Stephen Willden** - November 17, 2018 at 06:46 PM

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**Stephen Willden** - November 17, 2018 at 06:42 PM

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**Helen Willden** - November 17, 2018 at 09:43 AM

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“ The Paul and Jean Heaps family send their condolences at the passing of Boyd (or Brother Willden as we more commonly referred to him!) We enjoyed the time you spent living amongst us in the Old Mission Ward and were impressed by the great service you gave and the wonderful example of your family. We were touched by the committed and dedicated service that was offered by Boyd as well as Helen and the family as all served so faithfully in the Church. A great example!  
Love,  
Paul and Jean Heaps  
and Family

**Jean Heaps** - November 16, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ Dear Helen and family,

We read of Boyd's passing in the newspaper this morning and want to send our condolences to you all. I worked with Boyd in the Seminary and Institute program for many years. His dedicated service in both the classroom and in the Central Office were deeply appreciated by the many students he taught and also by administrative staff in the Central Office. Also his dedicated service outside of S&I are also dully noted. I personally will always remember his smile and kindness. I'm sure that you all have great memories to treasure. Best wishes. Bruce and Pat Lake

**Bruce McAllister Lake** - November 16, 2018 at 10:46 AM

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“ Dear Helen and family, We are so sorry to hear of Boyd's passing. Because of both of you setting us up on a blind date, we have had 59 years of a wonderful, happy marriage. We can't thank you enough. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We know you will have the wonderful support of your family to keep your spirits up in the future. We love you both. Al and Linda Dansie

**Linda Dansie** - November 16, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dearest Helen and the rest of the Willden family:  
I have met many of you and love some of you like family. I wanted to express my deepest sorrow and condolences at Boyd's passing. The few times I met Boyd I found him to be kind, gracious, and witty. I really enjoyed getting to know him. Mostly, I always felt from him a love for the Savior Jesus Christ.  
"Well done thou good a faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord."  
Sincerely,  
John Esser

**John Esser** - November 15, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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