



## Donald Bishop

April 29, 1948 - September 10, 2017

Donald Reid Bishop was reunited with his late wife and sweetheart Leslie, just after 10 PM on Sunday, September 10, 2017, what would have been their forty-sixth anniversary. Don was born April 29, 1948 in Price, Utah to Neldon Reid Bishop and Dortha Jean Reid. Don was the oldest and only boy of five siblings. Much of his life was dedicated to his family of eleven children, his grandchildren, and his love for broadcasting. Don also loved his faith, hunting, camping, shooting, researching family history, telling stories, playing with his grandchildren, music, driving, cars, radio, and sports.

Don was a faithful and active member of the LDS church and loved to share his testimony with anyone who would listen. He was a pillar of strength and faith for his family throughout many family tragedies, most especially the loss of his wife and his children's mother. Don was also a Vietnam Army veteran who loved his country and was very patriotic. Those who knew him will remember him using his "radio voice" to tell detailed stories about all of his incredible life experiences. Don also had a fulfilling career in broadcasting, where his voice was heard by millions of people all throughout the country. Don did a great deal of voice work and service for the LDS church and Living Scriptures organizations. He served an honorable LDS mission in North Carolina and Virginia, where he blessed the lives of everyone he met.

He is survived by his eleven children, Michelle Hale, Michael Bishop, Jenny Smith, Adam Bishop, Kristy Bishop, Rebecca Strongo, Renee Geslison, Elizabeth La Casse, Steven Bishop, Robert Bishop, and Rachael Barton, his forty-two grandchildren, and his sisters Diana Alba, Debbie Hamilton, Karen Draudt, and Barbara Parry, along with many others.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, September 15th, at 11:00 am, at the American Fork 14th Ward, 1100 East 400 North, American Fork, Utah, where Viewings will be held Thursday, September 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Redwood Memorial Estates Cemetery, 6500 South Redwood Road, Taylorsville, Utah at 2:30 pm.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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**Redwood Memorial  
Estates**  
6500 South Redwood Road  
Taylorsville, UT, 84123

# Events

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**SEP 14 Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM  
American Fork 14th Ward  
1100 East 400 North, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

**SEP 15 Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM  
American Fork 14th Ward  
1100 East 400 North, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

**SEP 15 Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
American Fork 14th Ward  
1100 East 400 North, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

**SEP 15 Grave Dedication** 02:30PM - 03:00PM  
Redwood Memorial Estates  
6500 South Redwood Road, Taylorsville, UT, US,  
84123

# Comments

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“ Don was a good man and did his best to remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout his life. I am thankful to have him for my brother. Don's life had more than it's share of trials but in spite of that, he was generally a happy person who enjoyed every day. I think every conversation I had with Don ended with him telling me he loved me. As Elizabeth said at the funeral, Don never failed to say "I love you." Don loved and cherished each of his children. He never hesitated to elaborate on the special talents and qualities that each possessed. I am thankful for the knowledge that Don's life and eternal progression continue on the other side of the veil. I look forward to the day when I will embrace my big brother again.

**Diana Alba** - October 02, 2017 at 07:22 PM

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“ I had the BEST brother in the world. He was always there for me no matter what. When I was 16 I had the pleasure of living with his family in Dallas, TX where his 3rd child Jenny was born. I traveled with them to Denver to start a new job at a Radio Station there. After my mission, I lived with him again for a summer in Buffalo Grove, IL near Chicago. Right before my first daughter was born my car died on us and so he was thoughtful and allowed us to borrow his Plymouth Champ for a couple of weeks until we got my car fixed. We even got called to serve in the same states on our missions so there was always plenty to talk about. His pesty little nickname he had for me was Barbara Louise Mishap. He told me once when I was feeling rather inadequate about myself around certain people that I shouldn't feel that way and that I was just as good as those people and to always look up and be the kind of person he knew I was. I remember when he took his job in DC, I rode with him as far as Ohio and then he dropped me off at our sister's house and drove on to DC. It got a little scary when we stopped in a bad side of town in Gary, IN to get gas but I always felt safe around him. I miss you so much already. I will miss the family get together's with your kids and giving you a hug and talking to you about things from yesteryear and politics and world events. XOXOXO.



**Barbara Parry** - September 18, 2017 at 12:09 PM

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“ I had listened to Don on the air at KIIS when I was in high school. Then, lo and behold! I went to work at KAYK AM/FM in Provo, Utah--working for one of my idols! While I was training, he put me on the air--for the first time--during his afternoon drive slot one day for an hour or so. I have never been so nervous or exhilarated in my life! I worked weekend overnights for him, and he was always upbeat, fun, and hard-working. As the program director, he brought all us diverse DJs together and was a great leader. I admired him then, and I admire him now. Gone too soon.

Cari Bilyeu Clark

**Cari Clark** - September 17, 2017 at 08:34 PM

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“ Don was a friend, colleague and mentor, universally liked by all those who had the privilege of working with him over the years. His loss is one that is greatly felt.

He had worked in many markets large and small including LA, Dallas, Chicago, DC as well as his home in Provo. I first heard him when I was in college at the University of Maryland in the late '70's and he was at WPGC in DC. Many years later at Unistar / Westwood One / Dial-Global, we often reminisced about his days in Washington.

As D-G was preparing to shut down the LA facility, Don and I sat down in the Production studio for an interview for the WPGC Tribute Site. Those interested in learning of some of his career highlights can hear excerpts from that interview as well as his airchecks at his page here:

[http://www.amandfmmorningside.com/wpgc\\_don\\_bishop.html](http://www.amandfmmorningside.com/wpgc_don_bishop.html)

Don is now at that great transmitter in the sky. His is the eternal light that shines brightly at the top of that very tall tower..... May he RIP.

**Lee Chambers** - September 15, 2017 at 12:25 AM

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“ Don and I worked at Westwood One. When I was new to the office, he would visit often to check in on me and make sure I felt welcome. As the years went by he became a friend I could count on to be there with a warm smile and an enchanting story of his life, challenges and journeys. He was a fellow voice actor and we would discuss our goals and projects together. He had one of the most incredible voices I'd ever heard. I'll never forget him voicing a Disneyland Promo for me that sounded so good, you'd think it was the voice at Disneyland on the overhead speakers! Talented yet humble and certainly one of the kindest people I've crossed paths with. Sending warm condolences to the family. He was a huge contributor to our Formats and will forever be in the history books as one of the greats.

**Heather Martinez** - September 14, 2017 at 03:02 PM

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“ I worked with Don at the Unistar radio Network in Hollywood, then we moved to Valencia, Ca. when after we merged with the Westwood One radio Network, Don was both a program Director and an on air talent, and talent he was. a great natural voice and delivery, always quick with a smile and a kind word and maybe a corny joke. he was very strong in his faith and his family, but would only talk about those special subjects when asked. a true professional and all round nice guy. I know all of us who worked with and knew him at WW1 send our condolences and sympathy to his extended family & friends, we'll miss you Don...

**Bob Blackburn** - September 14, 2017 at 12:33 AM

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“ I first met Don while working at Westwood One. He was the production voice for our oldies format. No matter how much work I had for him, he always took his assignments with a smile.

Don was a kind, caring and mild mannered person. He always had a good word for everyone. He was so easy to talk to and really cared about people. Radio is a business full of people with big egos. Don was confident in his ability but was never egotistic. I am deeply saddened by his death and my deepest thoughts and sympathy goes to his family.

Ric Santos

**Ricardo Barboza** - September 13, 2017 at 04:50 PM

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“ Lee Chambers is following this tribute.

**Lee Chambers** - September 13, 2017 at 03:46 PM

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“ Hi, and my sincere condolences....I first met Don at KFXM in San Bernardino in 1972. He was hired to do the 6-Midnight shift so I saw him every evening when he relieved me on the air.

He had such a great voice and "sound" and the station was very happy to have him.

His good friend Carl Watkins, who was on the air in the mid day shift before me recommended him to the station.

He only spent about a year there and his great talent brought him to a much bigger market, Dallas TX, where he did a shift on KNUS.

Our paths crossed a few times during our broadcast careers. He was doing mornings at K-100FM in Los Angeles when I was hired there in 1976.

We also worked together at Transtar Radio Networks, which became Westwood One Radio Networks.

He was always very mellow and kind and I was so sorry to hear he had passed.

Once again, my sincere condolences. He was a great talent and a very nice man.

Best...Bruce Chandler

**Bruce Chandler** - September 13, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ Not sure what the full story is on this, but I think my dad threw the pitch at a White Socks game. In any case, it was a fun thing to learn about him.



**rebecca strongo** - September 13, 2017 at 01:17 AM



“ I'd forgotten about this picture. Thanks for posting. That is so cool!

**Barbara** - September 13, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ I don't remember this at all. I'm so glad they posted it.

**Debbie Hamilton** - September 14, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Don at two stations in Provo, Utah: KFMY and KEYY. Although Don was from a relatively small town in Utah, it didn't take long for him to make it to major markets such as Dallas, Chicago, Washington, DC, and others. He had one of the cleanest, purest on-air deliveries I ever heard. He was not on a superb talent, but also a devoted husband, father, churchman and an outstanding citizen. He was a tremendous credit to radio and to the name Bishop. My main regret is that I had not been in touch with Don for several years. Surely, he is enjoying a wonderful reunion with Leslie right now.

-Larson Bennett

**Larson** - September 14, 2017 at 11:42 PM

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**Barbara Parry** - September 12, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ Will someone please name who the children are from left to right. Thank you.

**CTV** - September 13, 2017 at 02:13 AM



“ Left to right, Karen, Diana, Barbara, Debbie and Don. Bishop Kids..circa 1962? Taken at Bishop family home, Orem, UT

**Barbara** - September 13, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Thank you!

**CTV** - September 13, 2017 at 01:22 PM

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“ I worked with Don during his radio career with Westwood One. He was a kind, warm man - with a wonderful set of "Pipes" ... that is what we call a great voice, in the business. Condolences to his family and friends.

I've attempted to upload a piece of Audio here, but not sure if I am able.

Scot Kirk

**Scot Kirk** - September 12, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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**CTV** - September 12, 2017 at 08:57 AM

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“ I love uncle Don's laugh. That is what I remember most. When we were kids and your whole family came to visit us in Ohio it was so exciting! I remember being a little shy and him trying to break me into a smile and it worked! He always had a fun story to tell and he had a big heart and cared for others. It broke my heart when Leslie died. I couldn't understand how something so awful could happen to those I loved. I know they are together now and that makes me smile. He sure loved his kids a lot and I know you will all miss him. I am grateful I got to call him Uncle. Love to you all.

**cristina alba- miller** - September 12, 2017 at 12:57 AM

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**rebecca strongo** - September 11, 2017 at 11:43 PM

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“ Don is my big brother. We, his 4 little sisters, always had Don on a pedestal. We would tease him about him being "our claim to fame!" Don had a great radio voice. It was a talent and a gift from God that he loved and developed. One time Don was in SLC. I don't remember if he was in the Church Office Building or if it was at General Conference but he was pretending to be Richard L Evans, the great orator for the LDS Church's radio and t.v. show: "Music and the Spoken Word". Brother Evans heard Don and came up to him and told him what a good job he did and that he had a great talent. He told Don that maybe someday Don would take his place. Don dreamed about that possibility for a long time.

Over the years I was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader in our Ward. Don always took the kids on a tour of the radio station showed them how to work "the boards." He loved to show people how cool radio was.

I love my big brother so very much.  
God Bless his children and grandchildren.



**Debbie Hamilton** - September 11, 2017 at 09:37 PM

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“ My condolences go out to all of the Bishop family. What a wonderful eternal family.



**Marcie Van Cleave** - September 11, 2017 at 09:19 PM

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rebecca strongo - September 11, 2017 at 07:11 PM

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Renee Bishop Geslison - September 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM