



## Elvin R Tanner

March 28, 1933 - July 17, 2018

Elvin R Tanner, 85, of Lindon, Utah, returned to his Heavenly Father on July 17 at 11:50 pm while under the tender care of Utah Valley Hospital. His wife and four children surrounded him as he passed due to complications associated with Parkinsons.

Elvin was born March 28, 1933 in Roosevelt, Duchesne County, Utah to Hyrum Edward Tanner and Ethel Lorean Hunt Tanner. He graduated from Hinckley High School in Millard County, Utah, where he was a top basketball and baseball player. He met the love of his life, Josephine Elizabeth Garrison, while serving an LDS mission in the Spanish American Mission. About a year after returning from their missions, they were married in the Mesa, Arizona LDS Temple for time and all eternity and settled in Delta, Utah to work in the family bee keeping business.

Shortly after their first child was born, they moved to Provo, Utah to start college at Brigham Young University. Elvin graduated with a B.A. in Psychology and then attended the University of Utah where he earned a Masters degree in Psychiatric Social Work. Returning to BYU, he earned a Ph.D. in Psychology and started his career at Cal State University Chico in Northern California. A year later he returned to BYU where he had a prestigious career as a professor and clinical psychologist and finished his career as Clinical Director of the counseling center. He retired from BYU in 1997.

Elvin's church service included many positions including BSA Scout Master, Stake High Council and Bishop. In his retirement, Elvin and Elizabeth served 3 additional LDS missions, first in the Bolivia, Cochabamba Mission followed by a mission in the Spain, Tenerife Mission in the Canary Islands and lastly they served a service mission in Nauvoo, IL.

Elvin had an amazing impact on the lives of all those with whom he came in contact. He had an infectious joy for life and a crazy sense of humor. He was a hard worker and always served others when he saw a need.

His wife, Elizabeth Tanner, his four children, Kirk Tanner (Lisa), Heidi Tanner Roberts (David), Danna Tanner and Dustin Tanner (Marie), as well as 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren survive him.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, July 25th at 11:00 am at the Lindon 16th Ward, 612 West 100 South, Lindon, Utah, where Viewings will be held Tuesday, July 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Lindon City Cemetery, 600 North 200 East, Lindon, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Lindon City Cemetery

600 North 200 East  
Lindon, UT, 84042

# Events

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**JUL** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Lindon 16th Ward  
610 West 100 South, Lindon, UT, US

**JUL** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Lindon 16th Ward  
610 West 100 South, Lindon, UT, US

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Lindon 16th Ward  
610 West 100 South, Lindon, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Elvin Tanner was my Bishop and also my teachers quorum advisor. He had a formative influence on me as I was growing up and my interactions with him were always inspiring and uplifting. He was kind. He set an example for me of what it means to serve others. I am grateful for his influence on my life.

Stephen Van Orden

Stephen Van Orden - July 27, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ Karen and I are grateful for the experiences we had living in Lindon and sharing many experiences with Elvin, Liz, and their children. Elvin was a tremendous role model for me. He truly helped me in my career. I loved my associations with him in priesthood and church service. May our loving Heavenly Parents provide peace and comfort to all his posterity! Bruce Van Orden

Bruce Van Orden - July 27, 2018 at 07:37 AM

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“ Elizabeth and family. We express our love and sympathy. It was wonderful working with Elvin at BYU. May the Lord bless all of you. love, Phillip and Joyce Kunz

Phillip Kunz - July 24, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ Elvin and I served in the same mission ,Spanish American, back in the mid 50ies. He was an excellent missionary. I have had the opportunity of seeing him at many missionary reunions over the years. I extend my condolences to the family. May the Lord bless you at this your time of need.

William [Bill] Scott - July 24, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Tanners:

On behalf of our family we just wanted to express our love for you with the parting of Elvin.

He always treated us with so much kindness. We are sad we cannot attend as we are away on a family vacation this week, our hearts and prayers are with you.

Mark and Tami Walker Family

Mark L. Walket - July 24, 2018 at 07:07 PM

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“ Best. Dad. EVER!! Love you, Evinrude!



**danna tanner** - July 24, 2018 at 01:44 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Elvin's passing. My condolences are with your family. so glad Phil and I had the pleasure of visiting with Liz & Elvin a few months ago, and renewing old memories from when we lived in Woods Cross, next door in the Trailer Park there.

Elvin baptized me and we gained a lot of spiritual growth from the Tanners. I truly feel your grief and pain since I lost Phil on April 15, 2018 and life will never be the same. The memories and our faith will get us thru tho Liz. (my number is 801-319-2712, call if I can help you in any way, please) Love and Prayers, Sue Faulk

**Sue Faulk** - July 23, 2018 at 12:05 AM

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“ When Elvin was as student at BYU and Elizabeth was working, I took care of their darling two year old boy, Kirk. I was a student's wife with a baby at home. Our association with Elizabeth and Elvin is a nice memory in our lives, as they were very impressive, caring parents. A few years ago, we had a nice visit with them.

We send our love and condolences to the entire Tanner family, especially to Elizabeth and Kirk.

Adele and Jack Livingston  
The Woodlands, TX

**Adele and Jack Livingston** - July 22, 2018 at 04:11 PM

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“ We will miss this gentle giant. Our prayers are with you all. Love you, Shirley and Jim.

**Shirley Arnett** - July 20, 2018 at 02:17 PM

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“ There are many things I'll miss about my dad, among those things is his incredible sense of humor – his silly jokes and poems and terrible puns. As a family, we had a handful of inside jokes – like when he'd quack at us to let us know he thought we were full of nonsense. And his grin! Whether he was joking or teasing, he'd get a glint in his eyes and a grin on his face, and you'd know he was about to be funny. He usually responded to a good joke with that grin, so I considered it a great accomplishment if I could actually make him laugh. Even up to the very end, he still had that glint and that grin while he was cracking jokes with us, letting us know that it was okay to keep laughing, even in our sadness – ESPECIALLY in our sadness!

I love you dad! I know you're grinning bigger than ever now!



Heidi Roberts - July 20, 2018 at 11:25 AM

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“ I was daughter-in-law for 37 1/2 years. Elvin always treated me with love and respect. I loved it when he called me LisaBelle. Much like with my own father, I never wanted to do anything that would disappoint him. He welcomed me with open arms into the family and I am happy and proud to be a Tanner. I will miss you.

Lisa

Lisa Thomas Tanner - July 20, 2018 at 12:55 AM

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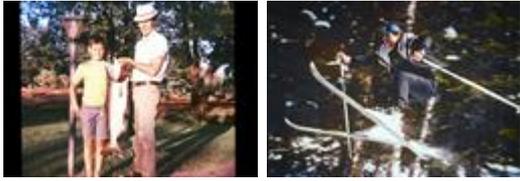


“ Dad, I miss you so much, but I'm happy you are now pain free and with your family on the other side. I hope it was a grand reunion.

Thank you for always being there for me. You were a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather. My life has been filled with fun times we had together, and life lessons that I'm trying to pass on to my children and grand children. These are experiences and memories that are mine for all eternity. Thank you for everything you were and everything you've done to make my life wonderful.

Love you more than words can express.

Kirk



**Kirk Tanner** - July 19, 2018 at 07:41 PM