



Eran Abegg Call

December 2, 1929 - October 29, 2018

Eran Abegg Call, age 88, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2018, due to conditions incident to age. Born on December 2, 1929, in Colonia Dublán, Chihuahua, Mexico, he was the youngest child of Anson Bowen Call and Julia Sarah Abegg. As the youngest of 12 children, he was taught the importance of serving others and hard work by his mother, father, and siblings. Eran's mother passed away when he was seven years old, and was raised by his dear father, "Papa Call," and his older siblings.

He graduated from the Juarez Stake Academy in Colonia Juarez, Mexico. He then attended college at Brigham Young University where he received a bachelor's degree and ran the 440 for the track and field team.

Eran was called to serve a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mexico. He then served in the US Army in Panama during the Korean Conflict where he taught the gospel to the Kuna Indians of the San Blas Islands, baptizing the first Kuna Indian into the Church.

Upon his return to Brigham Young University, he met his bride, love of his life, and best friend, Katherine "Kay" Groesbeck of Springville. After a brief courtship, Eran and Kay were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 24, 1955. Later he attended New York University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration. After graduating from NYU, they moved back to Utah to allow Kay to finish her nursing degree, fulfilling a promise Eran made to Kay's father.

Over Eran's professional career he was active in business—from managing a department store to real estate investment and development. Eran's central career was as a faculty member at Brigham Young University, from which he retired in December 1994. Eran was an active member in the community serving on the boards of several charitable organizations. His true passion was helping the less fortunate.

Over the course of his life, he established numerous dental and medical clinics,

orphanages, and schools in Mexico and Central America, rallying the aid of many physicians, dentists, hospitals' and business people and support in an effort to improve the lives of thousands found in humble circumstances.

At the age of 40, Eran was called to serve as mission president of the Mexico, Mexico City Mission. Within 10 days of his calling by Pres. Harold B. Lee, Eran, Kay and their 6 children were in Mexico City ready to serve. This Church calling was among many Eran would receive, including Bishop, Stake Presidency Counselor, Sealer, Director of the Church Education System in Central America, Patriarch, Mexico MTC President, General Authority Seventy, Area President Mexico North Area, the first Temple President of the Monterrey Mexico Temple, and full-time Public Relations Missionary in the Caribbean Area. Together he and Kay served over 16 years in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Eran was blessed with a keen mind, dogged work ethic, deep compassion for the needy, and a pure and enduring faith in Jesus Christ and His restored gospel. He will be remembered, especially by his children, for the love and respect he held for their mother, his wife and dearest friend, Kay.

He is survived by his daughters, Katherine "Kathy" (Robert) Hymas, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, Christine (Guy) Golightly, Spanish Fork, Julia (Daniel) Doxey, Provo; sons, Robert (Suzanne), Oregon, John (Ann), California, Steven (SueEllen), Orem, Thomas (Hilary), California, Matthew (Maria), Indiana, David (Shanni), Spanish Fork; as well as 18 granddaughters, 25 grandsons, and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife Kay, by his parents; his sisters Lorna, Ola, Fulvia, Nelda, Vesta, and Ruth; brothers Ara, Omer, Homer, Adro Thone, and Arnold.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 3rd, at 12:00 noon, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel located at 4200 North Foothill Drive, Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Interment in Springville Evergreen Cemetery, Springville, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Springville Evergreen Cemetery

1997 South 400 East

Springville, UT,

Events

NOV 3 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 11:30AM

Edgemont 14th Ward

4200 North Foothill Drive, Provo, UT, US

NOV 3 **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Friends:

I was always proud to be a cousin by marriage of your father and grandfather, Eran A. Call. He was a magnificent man--a great example of the fruits of faith and the pioneering of his ancestors in the colonies in Mexico.

You have my sincere condolences on his death, but my joy in looking forward to a wonderful reunion in years to come.

I am sorry that being away on Saturday kept me from attending his funeral.

President Dallin H. Oaks

Dallin H. Oaks - November 05, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ November 2, 2018

Call Family--

Our deepest condolences upon the passing of the family patriarch. He was an outstanding soul with a huge heart. He and his eternal companion have blessed the lives of so many people over the years. Thank you for sharing him. (Jan and Eran were on the BYU-Provo faculty for many years [Multicultural Education/McKay School of Education] and served with Dr. Dale Tingey and the Indian Services scholarship board).

Sincerely,

Drs. Terry and Jan Clemmer, SLC

JW Clemmer - November 02, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ Brother Call was one of my first Sunday School teachers after my mother joined the church in Panama. At my young age, he helped me to gain an understanding of and a love for the Savior and His church that has continued to grow and strengthen me and my family. Thank you, Brother Call.

Jean Bouche' Gunn

Jean B Gunn - November 02, 2018 at 10:43 AM



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We were visiting Mexico City and my sisters and I got Montezumas revenge at the local hotels so Uncle Eran and Aunt KAY invited our family to stay at the Mission home to recover. I had to stay down one day recovering while everyone went sight seeing. His dark haired daughter about my age stayed back to look after me. That kindness has stayed with me and I have hoped to see her at a Call reunion one day to thank her....One of the younger daughters. I don't remember her name but the Apple didn't fall far from the tree in kindness and generosity. They were so kind and generous to my family and took us sightseeing despite their busy schedule. Uncle Eran missed a flight to the funeral of Uncle Charlie (?) due to it. I remember how disappointed he and KAY were to miss it but they were great examples in how to handle frustration and disappointment. They had no idea the impression they left on me that week.

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Prayers and Comfort to his Immediate Family and Loved Ones.

Cynthia Maw

Cynthia Maw - November 01, 2018 at 07:12 AM



“ I believe it was Katherine....so thx to her!

Cynthia Maw - November 01, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ I will always be grateful in remembering that Uncle Eran and Aunt Kay welcomed me to their home each weekend while I student taught in Price during my BYU days. I remember that they bought real butter for me since that was what I was used to eating at home on the ranch and I didn't care for margarine. I remember the special German Pancakes and the good advice I received in their home. There are so many fun memories. I remember thinking as a young girl how Aunt Kay was a real Princess in her wedding gown. She was my ideal and I admired how Uncle Eran treated her like a queen. My love to all of this special family. Margaret Young Dyal

Margaret Young Dyal - October 31, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ I remember playing at the park across the street from their house with my cousins. I remember Uncle Eran and Aunt Kay coming to visit me in my apartment at BYU. It was awesome that they thought of me. Early in my marriage with young children, we visited their home and I worried about my children breaking their things and Aunt Kay said, "don't worry my house is childproof." I will cherish these special memories. They will be missed. It is bitter sweet to have that generation pass away, but there is great rejoicing in Heaven. Dorothy Young Lee

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Cynthia Maw - November 01, 2018 at 08:04 AM



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Bob & Gloria DeWitt - November 01, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ I was one of several hundred lucky young men and women to serve in the Mexican Mission with President and Sister Call there to lead us. Their warmth, humor and dedication to the Gospel of Jesus Christ were exemplary for me, and helped lay a foundation for future service in life. Condolences to all affected by the loss of this great man.

Raymond Evans - November 02, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ Many great memories of the Call Family.
Sending our love thoughts and prayers of comfort to the family.
Till you meet again.
Craig and Leisa Watkins

Craig - November 03, 2018 at 12:55 AM