



Harold Rosen

March 31, 1929 - November 26, 2020

Harold Earl Rosen passed away peacefully on November 26, 2020 due to complications from a stroke. He was born to Frank A. and Irene Horsley Rosen on March 31, 1929, in La Grande, Oregon. During the depression years of the 1930s, his family sought employment in Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and Washington. Harold graduated from Mason City High School, Grand Coulee Dam, Washington, then attended Brigham Young University in 1947. He was called to serve an LDS mission in Argentina in 1949. Upon release, he returned to BYU to graduate in 1953 with a major in Spanish language and literature. It was there that he met and fell in love with his eternal companion, Marlene Allen. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on June 5, 1953, and spent the next 62 years together until her passing in 2015. They had five children. In August 2016 Harold married Mable Orgill; she passed away in January 2018.

Harold enlisted in the United States Air Force and was trained as a Russian linguist for AF Security Service, working for three years in Anchorage, Alaska. Upon discharge in August 1957, he returned to BYU to obtain a Master's degree and teaching certificate in Spanish and French. After one year of teaching at the Lovell, Wyoming high school, he was hired at the University of Oregon. While there he completed his PhD in romance languages and in 1963 was invited to join the faculty of BYU. For the following 31 years, he taught in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. He also spent time on the Faculty Advisory Council and the Graduate Council. Harold directed European tours for BYU Travel Study. His command of Spanish, French, German, and Russian made him very valuable when traveling through Europe, and he readily spoke Italian and Portuguese after only a few days of being in each country. Harold directed six BYU study-abroad programs to Madrid, Spain—the first in 1970, shortly after the Church was recognized in Spain. He and Marlene developed life-long relationships with the Spanish saints and saw great growth take place.

Harold had a strong testimony of Jesus Christ and served in many positions within the Church including BYU branch president, high counselor, and bishop's counselor. He and his wife Marlene served four missions together; first in the Spain Sevilla Mission, twice as

the executive secretary to the Area President in Central America, and finally in the Santiago Chile Temple where he was a sealer. Their love for the Spanish language and Latin people has brought them great joy as they labored to advance the work of the Lord. Harold also spent many years in the Provo Utah Temple as a sealer, mainly performing Spanish sealings, but also did French, German and Russian. He also performed sealings for many of his grandchildren.

His life may best be described by this excerpt from Don Quixote de La Mancha, one of his favorite topics to teach. "Now look, your grace," said Sancho, "what you see over there aren't giants, but windmills, and what seems to be arms are just their sails, that go around in the wind and turn the millstone."

"Obviously," replied Don Quixote, "you don't know much about adventures."

— Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

Life was a great adventure for Harold, and he enjoyed sharing these memories with his family. He enjoyed tennis, camping, hiking (including Machu Pichu), fishing, traveling the world (including attending Spanish bull fights, floating down the Amazon River, and exploring the Great Barrier Reef), serving others, reading, and scouting—where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which set an example for many of his sons, grandsons, and one great-grandson who also became Eagle Scouts. He was a devoted father to his children and a loving grandfather.

He is survived by his four sons: Hal (Diane) [Cottonwood Heights], David (Phyllis) [Provo], Mark (Mary Ellen) [Murray] and Phillip (Karley) [Provo], and his fiancé, Lynda Twede who brought much joy the last year of his life. He has a posterity of 21 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren, with 3 more on the way. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jean, his wife Marlene, and his daughter Sylvia.

Harold will be laid to rest at the East Lawn Memorial Cemetery. A Zoom memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 7 p.m. MST

<https://byu.zoom.us/j/8018422442?pwd=SWZ3MkgyOEo5WVhzVUpFeThrK09EZz09>

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the missionary fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Cemetery

East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East

Provo, UT, 84604

Comments



“ I never met Harold, but I work with his son Dave, who is one of the most honorable men that I have ever met. It appears that the apple did not fall far from the tree. A great man, raised another great man and the legacy continues.

My deepest condolences Dave on the loss of your Dad, who from what I read was a wonderful human being. It appears that he lived a long and impactful life and I am sure that he is now enjoying a joyful reunion with your Mom. I will keep you and your entire family in my daily prayers.

Dave Hore

Dave Hore - December 06, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ Harold and Marlene were friends of ours in the Pleasant View Fifth ward for many years. Harold became very special to us when we adopted our son, Lance, from Costa Rica. Harold would translate letters from Costa Rica for me from the lady taking care of Lance while our government took so much time to get our paperwork done. Harold translated Lance's original birth certificate as well as the the certificate that showed us as Lance's parents, and all the legal papers from Costa Rica we needed to complete the adoption. I used to visit teach Marlene. She was always so gracious and the only person I ever visited who served little crackers and a little drink all with a dainty napkin. She was a great hostess. I was impressed with them while they served their four missions together. They were such good role models for the rest of us. We will miss both of them so much, but are glad they are together again.

Alden and Nancy Tueller

Nancy Tueller - December 02, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ He was a kind, gentle man who even in his later years reached out to others he lived near.

Karen Gardner Stewart - December 02, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Harold was always one of the best neighbors that we had, and he always set a great example to us of thoughtfulness and capable service in a kind, humble, unassuming manner. We traded Christmas little gifts for almost 40 years. I was always amazed at his tennis playing that continued for so many years. I always enjoyed attending BYU Women with Marlene and getting to know her daughter-in-laws at the annual BYU Women Christmas dinner. When I was Marlene's visiting teacher she always served us a little something to eat, which was typical of their thoughtfulness. We also got to know Sylvia and her children, as I gave them piano lessons for a while during the time they lived with their grandparents. They were so smart and talented in so many different endeavors while they were growing up. We enjoyed getting to know Karlee and Phil, and frequently borrowed a trailer from Phyllis and David. When Harold moved to Legacy he became a neighbor again of Sarah Baird, who was also a neighbor of ours in PV 5 who had moved to Legacy. When I had students perform at Legacy we got to see them both. Sarah passed away just recently, as did Richard Henstrom, another of our very good neighbors on 930 East. We miss Harold and Marlene very much, but are happy that they have been able to have a wonderful reunion. The funeral service was beautiful, and everyone spoke and performed so well. We have been so thankful to be able to get to know Harold and Marlene and so many of the wonderful, capable Rosen family. It has truly been a blessing to our lives.

Katherine (and Jim) Rosenvall

Katherine Rosenvall - November 29, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ I got to work at the assistive living that he resided at in 2017. He adopted me as his granddaughter. He and I would talk when I would come over to take care of the garbage. He would come to all of my piano performances and would write letters. Even after I left my job, we kept in contact. He came to my wedding and gave my husband and I a wonderful and funny card that I still have. I never really met my grandfathers. So Harold was the first grandpa for me. Best grandpa ever!

Hannah - November 29, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ We were privileged to become acquainted with Hal when we were called to serve as specialists in Legacy Village where he resided. We spent many hours visiting him and going with him on our Legacy bus to the Provo Temple. Hal was always bright, intelligent and so warm and friendly to us and other people. We enjoyed listening to his stories and although he was very humble, he was a man of great accomplishments and we were grateful to be his friend!

Tom and Mary Baxter

Tom and Mary Baxter - November 29, 2020 at 02:05 AM



“ One of my happiest memories is Dad putting Dave into my church group in Spain on study abroad. He put him there on purpose because he wanted us to get together!!! How cool is that? Turns out it was a good idea. Thanks, Dad, for liking me enough to help me find a great spouse!

Phyllis Rosen - November 27, 2020 at 11:50 PM



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Phyllis Rosen - November 27, 2020 at 11:31 PM