



Kent Ellis Wilson

January 22, 1967 - June 25, 2021

Kent Ellis Wilson, age 54, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully at home on June 25, 2021, after suffering a massive stroke. He was the fourth child of Rosemary Ellis and Melvin Grant Wilson, born on January 22, 1967, at LDS Hospital in SLC, Utah. He was blessed to belong to a large, boisterous family who rejoiced in their “pioneer heritage”, tracing back to the very early days of the Church. When the family moved to Provo in 1973, they lived in a beautiful orchard where he was surrounded by six brothers, three sisters, grandparents, and dozens of cousins.

Kent made friends easily, brought home good report cards seemingly effortlessly, and excelled in every sport he participated in, from pitching in Little League to golfing and water skiing whenever he got the chance! After graduating from Timpview High School in 1985, he served an honorable mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Buenos Aires Argentina South Mission from 1986-88. He attended BYU and Dixie State College. Kent was a gifted “handyman”, a perfectionist, a “Jack of All Trades” and “Master of Many”. He was proficient at HVAC, plumbing, electrical, a framer, carpenter, tile setter, repairman, and welder. He loved nothing more than a challenge and was a genius at making something out of “almost nothing” or fixing the unfixable! Many can attest to his beautiful handiwork and meticulous attention to detail. Often, he served without pay or gave a “family discount”. After retiling his mother’s bathroom, she said “Kent, this is a work of art!” and he replied, “Oh no, it’s a work of love!” (Very endearing words for his mother). Kent’s big strong hands and generous heart never stopped working until the day before he died.

After Kent’s marriage to Sandy Stenerson in 1994, they became the proud parents of Chase Ellis Wilson, who brought his dad great joy. They were later divorced, and Kent married Jennifer Bain. Eventually their family grew to include Hayden Ellis, Evan Ellis, Carter Ellis, London Rose, and Bridger Ellis Wilson. Their dad was extremely proud of his six beautiful children and used many opportunities to teach them what he considered important life lessons. He also enjoyed teaching them--and anyone else who wanted to listen--about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved sharing the Book of Mormon and had a

strong testimony of its truthfulness to the end of his life.

Kent is survived by his mother Rosemary, his beloved children, brothers Grant Ellis (Amy), David Ellis (Amy), Jared Ellis, Stephen Ellis (Amber), Joel Ellis and Glen James (Noelle) Wilson; sisters Tamara Lyn Nixon, Bonnie Kay Searing, and Melanie Rose (David) Gartner; many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Preceded in death by his father Melvin Grant, infant grandson, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, June 30th, at 11:00 am, at the Pleasant View 6th Ward, 2445 North Timpview Drive (650 East), Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Provo City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Provo City Cemetery
610 South State Street
Provo, UT, 84606

Events

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

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Pleasant View 6th Ward
2445 North 650 East, Provo, UT, US

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Comments



“ Elder Kent Wilson was a great missionary. He loved the people he served and was loved by everybody he became associated with, including companions, members and non members of the Church. A meek, always smiling sweet and great soul. I feel honored to have served as Kent's Mission President for about the second half of his mission, having presided the Argentina Buenos Aires South Mission from 1987 to 1990. My deep gratitude for parents and siblings who helped raised up such a great man who has done so much for so many. My wife Nilda joins me in sending to you our heartfelt condolences. May the comfort coming from the Lord through the Holy Ghost gives peace and hope that you will see and be again with Kent one day. With love and warmest regards,

Carlos E. Agüero
Mendoza, Argentina



Carlos E. Agüero - June 30 at 10:42 PM



“ I was surprised and saddened to learn of Kent's sudden illness and passing. What a great man with such a big heart! I've never known anyone so positive and friendly. He would always drop whatever he was doing when he saw me and come over to say Hi, shake my hand, and share his greater-than-life smile!

As just one of many examples I know others could share, I want to share a great memory of my last interaction with Kent from just a week and a half ago. Kent told me he had saved some topsoil for me if I needed any. When I said I'd love to get some, he immediately hooked the trailer back up to his car, came over to my house, and dumped it exactly where we needed it. Wow... and he gave me the "family discount"! I was looking forward to having him help me fix my deck and do some flooring, and I'll miss the chances I was looking forward to to learn from him.

I loved our many discussions over the years, and I often felt that Kent was my ministering brother due to how he always made me feel. I loved discussing with Kent details of the plan of salvation, temples, intelligent design, and the "damnable philosophies of men" that were and are tripping up so many of us. Now, I'm sure he's learning a lot more about those things than we can imagine, and I know he's happy to be reunited with his dad and others who've also passed on from their mortal journey.

Kent, you made many of us so happy while you were here. Yes, there were times you could be overbearing as you were figuring things out for yourself, but we are so sad you're gone. We will miss you, your happy smile, and your great heart. May the Lord's peace be with you!

Eric J Ruff - June 30 at 11:31 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss.

Kent was the envy of many of us growing up as he had the looks, the charm, and inevitably the attention of the ladies!

He made camping trips, service, and everyday conversations a whole lot more fun. He often treated others better than he treated himself. He was not perfect and struggled more than most with some of life's temptations.

The kindness and love he showed to others though will most certainly benefit him in ways we cannot now comprehend.

I look forward to meeting up with Kent again. May his immediate and extended family be comforted is my prayer. Love you guys!

John Larsen - June 30 at 02:49 AM



“ Hi Family of Kent Wilson, I'm so sorry to know about the passing of Kent. I went to school with him from kindergarten through 12th grade. Kent was cute and fun to be around. He would light up the room. Kent got along with everyone. He always had a good relationship with his cousins Natalie, Keri, and especially Justin. Kent knew how to socially read a room, and knew how to interact with people to make them feel at ease. I have very fond childhood memories of Kent, and I'm grateful to have known him.

Sheryl Biggs - June 29 at 11:55 PM



“ Kent (Jaq) was my beloved uncle, I have many memories of just talking about the gospel and especially the validity of the Book of Mormon and dinosaurs in the days of Adam and Eve! He had some good theories, and he could talk your ear off for hours if you let him. He was a very good HVAC duct worker, I remember how quickly and how nice all his ducts looked when I worked. I have great memories of sitting in the back seat of my dad's truck during rush hour on the freeway on a hot summer day, and just listening to Pa and Jaq just yapping and talking about stuff. And I just loved sitting and listening to their conversations. Another awesome thing I remember is when Jaq was asking me about if I was going on a mission and I said, "Yea" (the scriptural kind of yea as in yea, verily verily...) And he told me how even after all his bad choices and his mistakes he's made in life and his history with the church and everything, he just told me that going on a mission was one of the greatest things he did, and he never regretted it, and he helped make me more excited for coming out on a mission. I'm gonna miss him.

Hyrum Wilson - June 29 at 10:53 PM



“ Thanks, Hyrum! We're all so proud of you. I'm glad you shared your experience of working with your dad and uncle Kent. Yea, you shall never regret your loving service to the Lord through teaching your fellowmen. We missed you today, but I'm so glad you joined us in spirit and zoom.

Bonnie Searing - July 01 at 12:54 AM



“ Kent was my idol as a teen. Excellent missionary and positive person who defended his beliefs well. Couldn't stay mad at him long because he endeared himself to everyone. I've never seen someone make friends so quickly and effortlessly.

Kent is one of the most vibrant, fun people I know. An excellent conversationalist. We talked about everything, and he'd have knowledge; or at least a logical opinion, about any subject, and if he didn't know... he could BS the shiz outta ya.

I have many, many fond memories of Kent; whether it was just chillin at a family barbecue at Rosemary's; or singing U2 together at karaoke, or mooning while water skiing. He is a good example of including everyone in his circle. Kent is charisma... I will miss him terribly.

He lived life to the fullest. I have discussed with a few of his kids all of the great attributes he has given them. He is intelligent, handy, forgiving, jovial, friendly, helpful, and many other great things. I cherish those memories of him.

You struggle no more brother...

I would say Rest In Peace, but I know that you will not rest while there is work and service in Heaven to be done. Heavenly Father needs help around the house. I love and miss you Kent, until I see you again!

Jason W Scott - June 29 at 06:56 PM



“ Well said, Jason. Its always good to see you.

Bonnie Searing - July 01 at 01:07 AM



“ Dear Family! Kent and I were mission companions while serving in Argentina, I treasure up some of the moments we spent together like our Christmas 1987 reading Jesus the Christ and sharing ice cream. He was always willing to serve and he helped me to learn English as well.
David Fontes, from Uruguay

David Fontes - June 29 at 04:49 PM



“ We are so thankful we met Kent! He helped us finish our basement bathroom and taught our Grandson, Cody, how to use his tools to install drywall. Kent would usually whistle while he worked. We love Kent! Kent's testimony of Joseph Smith being the prophet of the Lord was powerful!

Janet Hughes - June 29 at 02:20 PM



“ Thanks for sharing Tammy. Kent was always so kind to me when I was a child. Some of your other brothers would tease me unrelentingly, but Kent was gentle, wasn't he? I wish we'd had more interactions as adults, but I think my perception of him way back then was probably spot on. Kids can perceive goodness and I always knew Kent was good. Hope he's enjoying all the company on the other side! We'll miss him here!

Mary Yang - June 29 at 02:06 PM



“ He was one heck of a kickball player in elementary school. Always kind!

Kimberly Seamons Roy - June 28 at 11:29 AM