



## Larry Peterson

September 7, 1934 - October 5, 2021

Larry Neils Peterson, age 87, passed away on October 5, 2021 in Lindon, Utah. He was born on September 7, 1934 in Vineyard, Utah to Stanley T. and Minnie Peterson.

He married Joan Oakley on February 20, 1956 in the Salt Lake City, Utah temple.

Shortly after marriage, Larry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served his country proudly. After serving in the military, he accepted a job with IBM in San Jose, California. He quickly advanced into positions of trust and responsibility and managed many different departments including the Education departments for IBM and Siemens. He absolutely loved this role! Being in his element, he developed others to excel and succeed. Upon retirement, he returned to Utah County to be near his family and friends.

Larry, a people person, loved everyone he met. At work, church, or in the neighborhood, he brought out one's best attributes. Dad was very kind and always a gentleman right up to the very end. He always thanked everyone for anything he received, looking into your eyes, recognizing your gift. Ever an optimist, his good nature was infectious.

Dad loved sports. He loved golf and basketball. He especially enjoyed golfing with his sons, and most recently just five weeks ago with his daughter Kelly! He rarely missed a BYU game on television and always cheered enthusiastically in Cougar blue.

Larry was very involved in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a mission in Canada with his wife, Joan, and served in many capacities throughout the years. Members and non-members both referred to him as "Bishop" appreciating his leadership and wisdom as he helped them through difficult situations. He especially enjoyed serving in the Mount Timpanogos Temple.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Lou, children: Ken (Stacy), Mark (Mindy), Steve (Carol), and Kelly (Rebekah). He has 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. His family is the love of his life.

He is preceded in death by his son, Blake, and wife, Joan.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday October 9th, at 12:00 (noon) in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints church building located at 1051 East 200 South, Lindon, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Interment will be at Salem City Cemetery, 965 South 140 East, Salem Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Salem City Cemetery

150 East 1000 South  
Salem, UT, 84653

# Events

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**OCT** **Viewing** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Lindon 17th Ward

1051 East 200 South, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

**OCT** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Lindon 17th Ward

1051 East 200 South, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

# Comments

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“ Where does a hairdresser start when she (or he) starts to talk about thier clients who have become thier dear friends and even more like family. Dan and I came up this weekend for a family funeral and when I got online to view the obituary..... There was my dear friend and client Larry Peterson. I was taken back for sure. Ended up the two services were at the same time, or I would have been there for sure.. I have talked to Larry a couple of times since my leaving my Utah clients for Mesquite, where Dan and I have retired to , but honestly lately he has been on my mind, like I should just stop by to see if he still lived in He and Joan's home. Anyway.... I am so thankful and honored to have been his and Joan's at times, hairdresser and friend. Larry is everything you said he is in his life sketch. I could hear him in my mind talking about some of those very things and of his family and tending his son's dog .I loved how he truly listened and always was grateful and built others up. His kindness always made my day better. He loved all those things you mentioned and he truly loved the game of golf and to play with his son . That's great he just played with Kelly, he was so proud of her. He talked of his love for Joan and how much he was missing her. She was such a sweet lady and how beautiful they are together again. My condolences and blessings to the family. Dana Stubbs



Dana Stubbs - October 09 at 10:40 PM

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“ What an amazing man. Larry has a very tender place in my heart. He's had a tremendous influence in my life for 50 years. From Sunday afternoon motorcycle rides as a boy, to many memorable family vacations, celebrations and special events, to being his assistant in the priests quorum and having him send me on my mission. He has been such a compassionate and understanding man and when the worst experience of my life happened, he took me in his arms and said I was his son now. I will miss this giant of a man and love him dearly. I know he is thrilled to finally be reunited with many loved ones. To all Peterson's, you are my family and I wish you much peace and joy during this difficult time!



steve wright - October 08 at 06:17 PM



“What a great man. He will be missed, but we look forward to being with the two of them again. He was a marvelous missionary, a hard worker, and willing to share his testimony at the drop of hat. During his service in the Canada Edmonton Mission he strengthened the missionaries, kept our rolling stock in shape, and was willing to do anything called upon to do for missionaries and church members. He and Joan set a great example for all in the mission. Yes, he will be missed.

We loved both Elder and Sister Peterson. David and Barbara Randall

**David Randall** - October 07 at 08:38 PM



“We deeply love Larry and Joan. We lived in the same ward with them for 20 years and they instantly made us feel like we were good friends. They would stop by for visits on our porch. What great people they were. Love you Larry and Joan.

**Paul and Luanne Olson** - October 07 at 11:54 AM