



Marion Kent Harding

February 13, 1941 - September 29, 2019

Marion Kent Harding, our loving and hilarious father, husband, son, brother, and friend to everyone, passed away peacefully Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the age of 78, surrounded by family. It was the worst case of "SIMILARITY" that has ever been seen!

Kent was born February 13, 1941 to Marion (Bud) Edward Harding and Ora Mae Henrichsen Harding in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the 2nd out of 3 children born to them. He grew up in Salt Lake City, on Park St. where he enjoyed life with his friends, and everything Roy Rogers and his horse Trigger, during what he called the simpler times of the 1950's. In his youth he discovered his love of auto mechanics, and Coca Cola. He would work for free at a gas station down the street from his house. His boss ended up giving him a bottle of Coke each day for wages, to which he was thrilled with, and thus began his lifelong love of the soda, and the smell of gasoline!

Kent met his sweetheart, Janett Ann Langford Harding at a dance in December 1965. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on April 15, 1966. They had 4 children, and together they raised their family in Sugarhouse, a neighborhood in Salt Lake City. Kent and Jan were a surprising pair, for as the saying goes, "opposites attract". Because of their differences however, they worked extremely hard to make their marriage work, which was not always easy. They each sacrificed a great deal for the other one's happiness. This was a tremendous example to their children.

Kent was a hard worker and took pride in his jobs, whatever it was. This was another legacy he left to his children and grandchildren. He felt very fortunate to have enjoyed every job he had. He spent 14 years as auto mechanic at the Motor Pool at the University of Utah, and then 30 years as a mechanical custodian in the Physical Facilities department for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In addition, he also have several night jobs as needed when his kids were young. He did whatever it took to support his family.

Kent was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served

in many callings, but his favorite assignments included: according him, called to NOT be in the choir, being Secretary in the Sunday School, and Greeter for Sacrament Meeting. He loved welcoming everyone to church, regardless of their walk of life.

Kent had a one of a kind sense of humor, which will be tremendously missed by everyone who knew him. One never knew when to take him seriously. He especially enjoyed making people laugh at his own expense. His nickname, Sir Butthead, as he was affectionately known to his family, is an example of this.

One of his greatest legacies was that of being a friend to everyone. Wherever he went, he would give a friendly hello to everyone he came across. This included waving at his neighbor's homes as he would drive by in his car, or later on, in his motorized wheelchair. In the last several years, he loved sitting at the end of his driveway greeting and waving at every car or person that came by. He always said he needed all the friends he could get.

Kent is survived by his children, Jerry (Patty) Harding, Michelle (Jake) Colton, Cindy Harding, seven grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Renee (Bill) Reich, Doug (Wendy) Harding, and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jan Harding, son, Paul Harding, and parents.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Sugar House Ward, 1950 South 1200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, where Viewings will be held Friday, October 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Saturday from 10:00 to 10:45 am. Interment in Salt Lake City Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank his neighbors, friends at Smith's Marketplace Gas Station (aka Kent's Cave), and staff at St. Joseph Villa for the love and support in the last 7 years, and for good times he had with all of you. You gave him something to look forward to.

Happy Trails, Kemosabe... "until, we meet again..."

Funeral Directors: Salt Lake Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Events

Salt Lake City Cemetery

200 "N" Street

Salt Lake City, UT, 84103

OCT

Viewing

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Sugar House Ward

1950 South 1200 East, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84105

OCT

Viewing

10:00AM - 10:45AM

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Sugar House Ward

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Funeral Service

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Sugar House Ward

1950 South 1200 East, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84105

Comments



“ Kent, Jan, Jerry, Michelle, Paul & Cindy are some of my best memories of our Sugar House days! Kent had such a unique sense of humor & complete control of the "way homer" joke or story telling! I have so many memories of this wonderful family it's hard to pick just one, but Kent had a true testimony of the Savior. He took his church callings as seriously as his employment. I remember Kent & Paul having a prayer before they went home teaching & asking to be able to help those they taught & to be sensitive to their needs. Kent's sweet humility was the hallmark of the man he was. AND Kent loved turkey!! It's been a privilege to know you. Much love!
Sandy Shea & family

Sandy Sheea - October 07, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ Uncle Kent was a wonderful man & friend! All of my encounters with him were very good! Almost always he'd say something to me with just a serious face, then chuckle and say he was just joking, THEN back to being serious once again. You know i could just "snap Ryan"! He was so happy and loved all of us! I'll miss you Uncle Kent! Love Ryan J

Ryan Harding - October 07, 2019 at 08:46 PM