



Mr. Monty C. Groesbeck

December 3, 1928 - July 20, 2013

Monty C. Groesbeck passed away peacefully at home Saturday, July 20th surrounded by his family. He was born in Provo, Utah, December 3rd 1928 to Mary and Earl Groesbeck . He is survived by his wife Marilyn, sisters Marilyn and Kaye, brother Pete, and his four children: Dave, Debbie (Greg), Jeff (Vicki) and Doug (Pam). Monty also had 12 beloved grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved little sister Anne Christine.

Monty was raised in Springville, Utah, and always fondly remembered his youth there; he graduated from Springville High School in 1946. He served an LDS mission to Germany as the first of five missionaries allowed in that country after World War II. Upon returning from Germany, he finished a degree in history and German at BYU. While at BYU Monty met his wife Marilyn and they were married in the Logan Temple on July 28th , 1954. Monty began his professional career as a school teacher in 1958 at Dixon Jr. High. While teaching at Dixon he completed a Master's of Education at BYU in 1967. In 1976 he became Dixon's assistant principal and two years later he moved to Provo High where he was assistant principal for 12 years. Along the way he affected the lives of many students both as an educator and as a friend. Monty also served for 34 years in the Air Force dedicating two years active duty immediately after earning his BA. He retired a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves.

Monty was an avid runner most of his life, completing many marathons including the Boston Marathon in 1985. He also loved hunting, fishing, and exploring Utah's backcountry on his ATV with family and friends. To Monty, any time spent in the outdoors was time well spent. Monty believed in giving back to the community he loved, and while Monty chose to never run for public office, he served on multiple community councils and committees. He remained active in the church throughout his life and served as Bishop of a BYU student's ward for many years.

He had a deep appreciation of classical music, BYU sports, westerns, and pumpkin pie. He was a true Provo High Bulldog, and their greatest cheerleader. But by far, his greatest

joy came from spending time with his grandchildren (and urging his own kids to have more).

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Perpetual Education Fund.

We would like to pay special thanks to Dora, Marie, and Kathy, our Home Hospice Angels.

A Viewing will be held Monday, July 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Provo Grandview 6th Ward, 1600 North 1880 West, Provo. A Viewing will also be held at the church on Tuesday, July 23rd from 9:30 am to 10:30 am with Funeral Services beginning at 11:00 am. Interment services will be in the Springville Evergreen Cemetery with military honors rendered by the U.S. Air Force.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Springville Evergreen Cemetery

1997 South 400 East

Springville, UT,

Events

JUL 22 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Provo Grandview 6th Ward
1600 North 1880 West, Provo, UT, US, 84604

JUL 23 **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
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JUL 23 **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM
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Comments



“ Mister Groesbeck was my history teacher at Dixon Jr. High way back when. A good and caring man I will always be grateful to have had in my life.
Sincerely, Paul Hunter.

Paul Hunter - May 01, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Bishop Groesbeck was my bishop freshman year at BYU. He was instrumental in preparing me to serve a mission. After a talk I gave in sacrament meeting one Sunday that included a story about J. Golden Kimball, I remember Bishop Groesbeck added to the story and shared a few more tales about his relative J. Golden (uncle, I think). He was a great man and his influence lives on in many of us who were touched by him.

Orman Anderson

Orman Anderson - May 17, 2015 at 01:15 PM



“ My condolences to the Groesbeck family. I loved Monty. He had such a positive energy and was a 'people builder'! He always encouraged others to give their best and was an example of the same. Memories go back to Dixon Jr. High School. My last memory of him was in the 1987 St. George Marathon, in the last 6 miles, I passed him and a runner he was running with (giving moral support!) and he called out encouraging words, which helped me on my way. (Still my personal best marathon!) I've lived the last 30 years out of Utah & wish I could have seen more of him at the races & in everyday life! God bless you & comfort you all.

Anita Rawlinson - August 14, 2013 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and Family, Your loss is felt and shared by so many in our community.

My first encounter with Mr. Groesbeck was as a young student at Provo High School. He was always effervescent, full of energy and a true delight to taunt and visit with no matter the topic. He just had a great way with with young people and seemed to always have a patient and understanding heart.

Years later, I worked with Monte in a community setting. He communicated his views frequently and well. He was a strong advocate for what he believed in and as result influenced many.

Monte is a great soul. While we will all miss his unique personality and many wonderful qualities, those of you who knew him best will of course miss him the most. Please know of our deep respect and sympathy for your great loss. His absence will be felt, but his legacy of influence and goodness is still alive and with us!

Lewis K. Billings

Lewis K. Billings - July 26, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ Groesbeck family.....Mr. Groesbeck was my favorite teacher! I have thought about him many times throughout the years. He loved teaching and it showed. He would make each day a pleasure to come to class. He inspired,motivated and loved us. You could always count on him for sound advice with humor! I am proud to be numbered with the many students he taught at Dixon Jr. High.

My sincere condolences
Kathleen Jackson Goulding

Kathleen Jackson Goulding - July 24, 2013 at 02:28 PM



“ Dear Aunt Merilyn,Dave, Debbie,Jeff,Doug, I am so sorry that I missed the funeral today, i really wanted to come but it conflicted with a family vacation. Uncle Monty is one of my favorite Uncles, Every time we had a family get together,like christmas at my house Uncle Monty would always joke around with us kids, he was always so funny and fun to be around. My condolences to all of you, my prayers are with you at this time.with all my love, Shelley Cunliffe Ashby

Shelley Ashby - July 23, 2013 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Aunt Marilyn, Dave, Debbie, Doug, and Jeff: Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss. I loved Uncle Monty and will miss him much. He was always so kind to me when Gloria and I visited Utah. I appreciate the interest he showed in my career, my assignments, and my family. Uncle Monty always spoke animatedly and lovingly about Aunt Marilyn, his children, and grandchildren. He was truly proud of each of you and loved you very much. I wish I could be with you all to celebrate Uncle Monty's life. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. I hope that your faith will sustain you through this difficult time in your lives. With much love and affection, Bob DeWitt

Robert (Bob) DeWitt - July 22, 2013 at 09:43 PM



“ Uncle Monty always made me feel important and special. I will miss his laugh, his jokes and his hugs. My love goes to Aunt Marilyn, Dave, Debbie, Doug and Jeff. So glad I was able to visit him a couple of weeks ago.
Gloria DeWitt



Gloria DeWitt - July 22, 2013 at 10:15 AM



“ One of my favorite teachers. I learned so much, so sorry for your loss.
Joy Kelsch Eves

Joy Kelsch Eves - July 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ Always wanted and expected best for the kids he worked with. Thank you for sharing your talents. I am sorry for your family's loss at this time.

Alicia - July 21, 2013 at 07:03 PM



“ Dear Groesbeck family.

Elder Groesbeck was the first missionary I saw in Germany, it was in Freiburg im Breisgau when I was a young 12 year old. He was an American who was tall and the fact that he was from Utah was awesome for 3 young children who had only known of the LDS church for a couple of years and had at that time been only members for a short time. He was in our home on several Sundays coming by train to Kenzingen and my sister and I were assigned to pick him and his companion up from the train station and show him how to get to our home where we held church meetings . Some years later our family emigrated to Salt Lake City and always wondered what happened to those young missionaries. When I saw the obituary in the Newspaper this week I immediately knew he was that first young American missionary I met so many years ago. I am sorry for your loss and so glad I was able to recognize Monty, a name we had not heard of before. Trudy Schenk formerly Huettlinger

Trudy Schenk - July 25, 2013 at 11:06 AM



“ He was loved and respected by many students including me. My condolences to all of his family for his passing. Mr. Groesbeck - I finally learned to spell people.

Jody Richards - July 21, 2013 at 06:51 PM



“ Charlene Stutz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Monty C. Groesbeck



Charlene Stutz - July 21, 2013 at 04:50 PM