



Norman Leon Lyde

April 27, 1944 - March 21, 2020

Norman Leon Lyde was born April 27, 1944, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Nolen A. and Marcella May Tomsik Lyde. He died suddenly of natural causes at home on March 21, 2020.

As a child he lived in Libya, Germany, and France. He attended junior high and high school in Tampa, Florida. After graduation he attended Vanderbilt University for a year and then transferred to Brigham Young University, receiving a BA in political science in June 1969. Before completing his degree, he served as a missionary in Australia for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1967-1968 where he was known as “Lolly Lyde”.

In June 1969, he entered the United States Army and served three years as an artillery lieutenant. He graduated eighth in his class at Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. During 1970, he served in Vietnam as a forward observer with an infantry company and was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Bronze Star.

Beginning in the fall of 1973, “Mr. Lyde” began his teaching career at American Fork Junior High School teaching social studies. On December 22, 1973, he married Sally Sue Roth. While teaching, he received a Master of Education from BYU in June 1977 and in June 1979, he entered a doctoral program at the University of Florida and received a Doctor of Education in December 1981.

Norman loved being a teacher, storyteller, and entertainer. He created an engaging classroom with slide shows and other multimedia, while decorating his classroom with routinely-updated wall-to-wall posters. He looked forward to making a movie every year, starring the students and faculty. In the fall of 2019, he retired from AFJH after 46 years of teaching.

He loved music, movies, and reading. He liked learning magic tricks to keep his mind sharp, but also to teach others in entertaining ways. He loved serving the Lord and

teaching the gospel. He served as stake president in the Orem Utah Aspen Stake, spending hours preparing talks. He had a gift with words and knew how to make others feel good about themselves.

At the time of his death, Norman and Sally were anxiously waiting to serve as military relation missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the North Carolina Raleigh Mission at Fort Bragg.

His family remembers him being very generous, patient, and funny. He is preceded in death by his son Michael Norman and mother Marcella Pike. He is survived by his wife, Sally, and children: Elizabeth Smith (Greg), John (Lorien), Emily Evans (Mike), Matthew, Steven (Kathryn), Kevin, and 20 grandchildren.

He will be buried at Camp Williams with Military Honors.

Cemetery

Utah Veterans Memorial Park

17111 S. Camp Williams Road

Bluffdale, UT, 84065

Comments



“ Mr. Lyde was the best teacher I ever had. No one could ever match his genuineness, or involvement with the students. He performed elaborate magic shows that were very impressive as well as hilarious, and he prepared them for no reason other than he wanted to see his students smile and laugh. He made movies with his students every year that the entire school looked forward to watching on the last day of classes, and it wasn't hard to see the love and passion he had for film and his teaching career. His positive affect on students will last them their whole lives and I consider myself incredibly lucky to have met him. He understood the importance of fun in the classroom, and I know I'm not alone in saying he changed my view on education at a young age. It is not an easy task to lift up and expand the minds of teenagers the same way he did. He was undeniably a giant among men and I am certain stories about him will continue to be told for many many years. I only just found out about his passing as I was trying to contact him to thank him for being such an inspiring role model, and tears immediately began streaming. My condolences to his family and those lucky enough to have been close to him. He was an amazing example of love and selflessness, and I pray one day to be able to tell him in person.

Landon - July 02 at 01:14 AM



“ Dear Sally and Family,

We were very sorry to hear about Norm's passing. We have always loved your family and Norm or President Lyde was especially dear to John. He appreciated his leadership so much in the Aspen Stake. We always looked forward to hearing his engaging talks on any occasion. He was a great example to us. Our love goes out to your family at this time.

John and Sharon Call

Sharon Call - April 01, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ Hey Sally this Terri Fish from Gainesville. I have such fond memories of your family there. Sorry to hear of Norman's passing. I hope to see Ann in the near future. God bless your family!

Terri Fish - May 01, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ I was just thinking of Mr. Lyde a few days ago, and came across this obituary this afternoon. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was so kind and generous to me as a student all those years ago, and the experience of being in his class made my junior high years less painful.

Partly due to his influence, I too served in the military and then moved into education. I hope that I can serve my students as capably and devotedly as he did his.

David Harris, AFHS class of 1990

David Harris - March 29, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ I was one of Mr Lydes students in 1973 when he began his teaching career at AFJH. I will always remember him for his subtle sense of humor and for showing us the movie called Future Shock. We all thought that thing depicted in that movie where so far out there but they ended up coming to real life. Thanks for all the great times in the old Jr.High

Dave McDaniel - March 29, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ Mr. Lyde was my social studies teacher and my 9th grade student government advisor at AFJHS. We all loved and respected him. His expertise in his subject matter created a fun and engaging learning environment. As student government leaders we welcomed his insights into leadership, his example of kindness and unselfishness, and his incredible ability to make the challenges of the present connect to the lessons from the past.

My best to his wife and all his family. I am so sorry that I just learned of his passing today on March 28, 2020.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Halstrom Merrill
AFJHS 1976-1977 Student Government

C Merrill - March 28, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Mr. Lyde taught me I could accomplish more than I thought. As an 8th grade student, I was the first student from AF Junior High to go to the National History Fair in Washington D.C. Mr. Lyde, and my Aunt Janice Mayne made that dream a reality for me. He saw more than a mischievous 14-year old boy, and helped me find the drive and talent underneath to excel. Thank you, Mr. Lyde. RIP. -Todd Glover

G TODD GLOVER - March 28, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Mr. Lyde was truly a teacher that changed my life. He is an example of what a good and faithful person looks like. His smile warmed my heart and I needed his life lessons through my junior high years. He will forever be missed. I am grateful for the year I got to spend with him and his quick-wittedness. He is extraordinary. My condolences.



Cambrie Kruger - March 28, 2020 at 12:37 AM



“ Me. Lyle was the best teacher I ever had. I was planning n his class 7th and 8th grade. I loved coming to class. He made me feel so special when he chose my story to read in class. His stories inspired me to enjoy writing. I learned to love American History because of him. His service in the military taught me to be a better citizen and to be more patriotic to this wonderful country. To be in his class was a treat. It was the best part of my day. Mahalo nui loa Mr. Lyde and ALOHA!

Benjamin Vergara - March 27, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Sally and family, We would like to send you our deepest and heartfelt condolences at this time. We loved being in the same ward with you in Orem. When we moved in you were so sweet to invite us over for dinner and to welcome us into the Ward. We loved having Norm as our Sunday School Teacher and I was lucky to have Sally as my Visiting Teacher. You both were amazing. When Norm became the Stake Pres. his influence and love was felt by many. He was such a great speaker, storyteller, and loved how he could talk about three different things and tie it altogether. He was truly a gifted teacher.

Marlin and Brenda Siebach

Marlin and Brenda Siebach - March 26, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ My Lyde of one of my most influential teachers in my Jr High years. An amazing man who loved to teach. Loni Sealy Hatch

Loni Hatch - March 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ I happened to look at the obituaries just now and noticed that my favorite teacher passed away. I had him for all three years of junior high and looked forward to every day in his class. He was always very prepared and knowledgeable and make each lesson very interesting. People always say that history is so boring but history became my favorite subject after having him as a teacher. When people ask me to think about my favorite teacher, I think of Mr. Lyde.

Christine 1974-1977

Christine Lent - March 25, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of the best teachers in my whole education. I wanted to be in his class. He made history come alive and things matter. Thank you, Mr. Lyde, for having such a profound influence in my life.

Kate Ashton - March 25, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ How can you honor a man whose influence carries on forever? I had Mr. Lyde in a Student government class. I was able to work very closely with him while writing and prepping assemblies. I still have some of his hand written plans for them. I had no idea he received the purple heart. His humility shows the giant of his character. I had the opportunity to see him while I helped out with AF Jr. scoliosis and vision screenings. It was such an honor to visit with him again. Who can ever forget the incredible painted cartoons on the walls! Who can forget how red his face would get when frustrated with a student. Mr. Lyde, I thank you for your example, your sacrifice, and your expectations. I have 2 favorite teachers in my life, and Mr. Lyde is the first. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss. I thank you for sharing such a wonderful person with us all. Till we meet again.
Janice C. Hanson

Janice - March 25, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ Norm was a good friend and colleague of mine at American Fork Jr. High. Because he used a lot of multimedia in his classes we often work closely together. He was a great teacher and had a significant influence on hundreds of his students. We feel badly that he didn't get to serve as a Military Relations missionary. We enjoyed that service and know he would have been a great source of strength to the soldiers at Fort Bragg.

We are so sorry for your loss.

Gary Grover

Gary Grover - March 25, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ I had Mr. Lyde in Jr. High for Utah History. He made the subject come alive. He took us on a pioneer journey through a class project and celebrated our learning with a mountain man rendezvous. He was truly a master teacher, inspiring all his students to try harder. He will be greatly missed.

Aleesha - March 25, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was my favorite teacher I ever had. Six years after leaving his classroom, and I still fondly remember him through stories with my friends and family. We all looked forward to being in and seeing his movies at the end of the school years. He will forever be remembered in the hearts of his students and loved ones



Jenna Long - March 25, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of my most favorite teachers of my entire school years. Navigating the awkwardness of those junior high years was made a bit easier by this wonderful man who had a talent for making each student feel loved and important. He also instilled in me a love for history. I think of him every time I hear “We Didn’t Start the Fire” and I can still picture in my mind’s eye the slide show he made to go with it. What a humble, incredible, talented man who touched the lives of many thousands of impressionable junior high kids. Rest In Peace Mr. Lyde.

Chrystal Christensen Smith - March 25, 2020 at 01:43 AM



“ I taught with Norm for 37 of those years. He was an amazing teacher and human. His passion for knowledge and teaching was infectious. The world was a better place because of him

Sherrie Scott - March 24, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Mr. Lyde is one my favorite teachers I’ve ever had. I am very sad to see that he is gone and that he wouldn’t be teaching anymore students. He really inspired me and I loved all of his different lessons and how he made every day a new and exciting way to learn. I especially loved all of his magic tricks . I’ll sure miss him.

Kaylee Hollingsworth - March 24, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ This is a touching tribute to one of my favorite friends and colleagues, Norman L Lyde. We knew each other for many years as junior high teachers. He taught at American Fork, and I taught at Lakeridge in Orem. I observed him once, as part of a District Competition. He was outstanding! We also served in the church together in the Aspen Stake.. I was called as a Bishop when he was serving as our Stake President. He did a wonderful job, and gave great counsel to me. He is one of the best men that I have ever known. Sally and family, you are very blessed!
Roger Schlappi



Roger Schlappi - March 24, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Mr Lyde was my history teacher at AF junior high in 1982. He was awesome. I can honestly say he was my best teacher. Not only was he a great teacher but he made me feel special. He relieved the awkwardness of being that age. My deepest gratitude for his life. The world is not as good a place without him.

Jeron Jensen - March 24, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was the best teacher I ever had and was honored to be his final class he ever taught in late 2019, he engaged my class with magic tricks and movies, and most of all he was a kind and compassionate human being. I will never forget talking to him and hearing his stories, I was extremely sad when he retired because of some health concerns and was even more devastated when I heard he passed away I will always wish he would still be my history teacher. He was someone who I was proud to have known and still am. rest in peace Mr. Lyde.

Wyatt Oakes - March 24, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ Norm's life and mine were intertwined for many years. He was my Elder's Quorum President when I was in college, Years later while serving as Bishop, the Lyde's moved into my ward. Norm served as my Exec. Sec. and Gospel Doctrine Teacher. His classes were filled and overflowing. We served together on two high councils and when Norm was called as Stake President, he invited me to be a counselor. Our families enjoyed many activities together. Girls Camp was among my favorites. I love and respect the Lydes so much, and will miss Norm greatly. He is a good man and this world is better because of him.

Michael Busenbark

J Michael Busenbark - March 24, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ I was in President Lyde's stake when I was young - Aspen stake. I remember loving when President Lyde would get up and speak. He was so engaging and spiritual. He was so much fun to listen to at any time- youth conference, stake conference ... anytime! The earth is missing a great man at his passing but certainly he is going on to heaven to cheer people and continue to create great things. I am sure he touched my entire family that way - Love Natalieand the Alan and Becky Wilde family :)

Natalie W. Ririe - March 24, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ November 9, 2019 at Mountain Ridge Jr. High.



Nancy Taylor - March 24, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ The loss of a great man! We were fortunate to live in the same Orem neighborhood with Norm, Sally, and family. Norm was a great friend and example. We loved his Sunday School lessons and felt robbed when he was taken by the Stake for other assignments, but we knew even more souls could then be influenced by his gentle touch. It was all such a long time ago, but it all seems like yesterday.

To Sally and the rest of the family: Thanks for sharing him with us. May you be sustained in this difficult time. We know Norm will be working on even greater projects in the future. May the sweet memory of his friendship bless you in this time of loss. Jan and Stan Weaver.

Stan Weaver - March 24, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ As many have already mentioned, Mr. Lyde was an amazing history teacher, and a great man. A couple of memories: I vividly remember sitting in his classroom at AF Jr, and seeing all the posters on the wall, including one that I made. He made me want to do my best. I also remember him showing the video from his knee surgery. I loved his passion, as well as his humor and way of entertaining while he taught.

About ten years after I had him as a history teacher, I had the blessing of being a student in an institute class that Brother Lyde taught at the Lone Peak seminary building. I was so excited to have him as a teacher again, and he didn't disappoint. He was as good humored as ever, but what stood out the most at that point was his love, the testimony that he bore, and what he taught me about faith and obedience. I know he's a good, good man who blessed many and will be missed by many.

Ronald Guymon - March 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ To this day I still LOVE history because of the passion Mr. Lyde had for it and teaching. I was incredibly blessed to be in his class....a long time ago. Every time I hear the song, “Stop Children What's that Sound” I think fondly of him.

May his family find comfort during this difficult time.

Melissa Hansen - March 24, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ I have never forgotten Mr. Lyde’s enthusiasm for history, his fun and vibrant classroom, or how he made me feel cool and special. He helped awaken such a fascination with history within me that I went on to get a degree in it myself! Jr. high can be a stressful place - Thank you, Mr. Lyde, for being that light in the world!

Tomi Ann Pearce Hill (class of 97)

Tomi Hill - March 24, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of my favorite teachers. He was funny, creative and engaging. It was clear he enjoyed his job and loved people. I don’t know of a single person who had anything negative to say about him. Wonderful man. My deepest condolences to his loved ones and the community.

Chandra Patey - March 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of my favorite teachers of all time. He instilled in me a love of history and a deep gratitude for those who served our wonderful country. I always felt humbled by his service and remember what a wonderful story he told. That love led me to become a history teacher as well. I am so very sorry for your loss and pray that your family may be comforted at this difficult time. - Sherry Gross Hansen AFHS Class of 1993

Sherry Hansen - March 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of my favorite teachers he knew how to teach and engage his students in fun learning activities and his magic tricks were the bomb and most importantly he cared about his students. He will be missed

(Weston Rockwell) Graduating class of 2023

Weston Rockwell - March 24, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was one of the most beloved and influential teachers I ever had. He instilled in me a love for my country. He made history come alive and I remember feeling deep, emotional feelings in his classroom. I still think of him when I hear old songs he used in his slideshows. What a wonderful person he is! I am so sorry for your loss and I will be praying for you to be filled with peace and comfort now and always. - Nicole Wride Revill, AF Class of 1994

Nicole Revill - March 24, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ John, Lorien & kids,
GASP! It's hard to put into words our sympathies. The memories you have of your dad & grandpa will help carry you through this time of grief. Reading through all of the notes, it is not surprising at all that there are so many. Great teachers and great men leave a great legacy - including his family. May the Lord's peace be with you now and always.
Love ya,
Karma Griguhn
(Kerry & Alex send theirs too)

Karma G. - March 24, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ One of my favorite teachers! Definitely had a way to make history fun and exciting. I still remember some of his lessons and walking into his classroom filled with various posters about the event we were studying. God bless your family and may you find peace during this difficult time.

David Price - March 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ A wonderful Stake President and example for us. Love to Sally and his family. God Bless you.

Joan A Jackson - March 24, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Sally, Our condolences to you and your family. He was a master teacher and had a unique way to draw you into his discussions.
Richard and Joanne Loosli

Richard D Loosli - March 24, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ This was such a shock to me, I learned so much about US history from him and was one of the people who inspired me to pursue a career in schools.

Riley Hoggan - March 24, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Dear Sally, We are so sad to hear about Norm's passing. Wonderful memories of years ago all together in the Sharon Park Stake. May the Savior wrap His arms around you during this time. Love from Garlan and Carolyn Fitzgarrald and family.

Carolyn Fitzgarrald - March 24, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ I am very grateful that I had Mr. Lyde as my history teacher. I still remember his awesome classroom filled with posters made mostly by students. He encouraged me and helped me have confidence. I made quite a few posters that he proudly hung on his classroom walls. He made learning fun and instilled confidence in my wavering Jr. High self. He was a wonderful teacher!

Melissa Johnson - March 24, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ So sad to hear this! Mr. Lyde was an amazing person! The Best Utah history teacher ever. He always knew what to say to is awkward 7th grades to make us feel special and important.

Amanda Denbow Terry - March 24, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ Oh Sally! I'm sorry to hear of Norms passing! What a wonderful Stake President he was. I have fond memories of you two going on walks and saying hi to me along the way. You were an amazing family. May God bless and comfort you.

Vickie Russell - March 24, 2020 at 06:59 AM



“ i hated school but i never had a dull moment in me lydes class.. he was always energetic and uplifting. he always had some kind of funny trick or a self made movie he would put on in every class. he never let anyone feel left out. he was my favorite teacher by far. i had even just seen him at the store merely 2 months ago. he's was an angel in this world. i'm so sad he's passed...

ally - March 24, 2020 at 02:15 AM



“ Mr. Lyde is by far the best teacher I've ever had. He taught with so much passion and passed it down to each of his students. He had a ton of brain teasers around his classroom and one year after I graduated, I bought him one for christmas. He still remembered me and was so happy and genuine. Truly and amazing man and my personal hero. Sending love to his family

Morgan Allen - March 24, 2020 at 01:33 AM



“ So very sorry for the families loss. Hugs to all & prayers for Norman's peaceful eternal rest. It is clear he had a deep love for the Lord and led an exemplary life. May his spirit live on through his loving family.

Janet Ley-Pike - March 24, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ I worked with Mr. Lyde as a counselor at American Fork Jr. High. He was a treasured colleague. There was never a student that was placed in his class that was not inspired, nurtured, and successful. Some of the most difficult students found a home where they felt loved and needed. I am sorry for his passing and want his family to know his influence will be felt for eternities.

Donna Barnes

Donna Barnes - March 24, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ I heard about Mr. Lyde from my older brother that didn't like school, but loved Mr. Lyde as his history teacher. History wasn't a favorite subject of mine, but Mr. Lyde made learning about history exciting and engaging. As a 7th grader trying to navigate the early teen years of my life, Mr. Lyde was a bright spot. I was one of the lucky few to be in his annual movies during my Jr. High years and it was fun to see his passion for film. He is one of the great ones!

Randan Manuela - March 24, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ To this day I have never forgotten the kind of teacher Mr. Lyde was. He was the one that sparked a flame inside of me in the digital film world. He knew exactly how to connect and make learning a joy. I still have a box of projects I made while in his class. They are treasures to me. This makes me so sad to know of his passing. He truly made a difference in so many lives.

sonrisa hasselbach - March 24, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ My most fond memories of Mr Lyde was the way he could engage us Jr High kids in learning about US and Utah history. My favorite memories were of creating and 'traveling' the Mormon Pioneer trail, and watching a video he created from the song 'I didn't start the Fire' with all the events in US and World history the song talks about. He was always an amazing teacher and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Kim Koenig - March 24, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ I first knew Mr. Lyde as our Stake President. Though I was young I remember he was always cheerful and took the time to know those he served. Then my family moved from Orem to America Fork. Mr. Lyde since taught many of my siblings. I wasn't lucky enough to be in his class but any time he saw me in the halls he greeted me with a smile and asked how I was doing. I'm grateful for the influence his had on me.
May his family feel comforted at this time.

Alicia (Lowe) Thomson - March 24, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ I have never forgotten Mr. Lyde. He gave me a book with an inscription and his signature in it at the end of my 9th grade year and I treasured that for a long time. He taught me how important it was to pay attention to what was going on in my country and in the world and to participate as a citizen. What a great man who influenced so many young people for good.

Elayna - March 23, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ My Mom introduced me to my love and respect for history and Mr Lyde helped that love grow even more. I remember drawing a picture of a Minuteman with my Step Dad Keith for Mr. Lyde's class. I knew Keith did a good job on the drawing when Mr Lyde asked if he could keep it. I remember bringing antique war items to class to show Mr Lyde. I thought I was a pretty big deal when I was in one of Mr Lyde's yearly movies for the school with Jake Black.

Thank you Mr Lyde for serving our country and driving my love for history.

Josh Whitehead - March 23, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ Sending my condolences to his family! He was one of my absolute favorite teachers during my jr. high years! His passion for history showed as he taught. He was an incredible teacher!

Alicia - March 23, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Mr. Lyde was not only my favorite teacher, but my daughter's as well this past year. He is an amazing man and will never be forgotten.

Jason Ruch - March 23, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ Great teacher! Sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed

Dan Harrison - March 23, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ I had Mr Lyde in 8th grade.... US history? I can't remember, exactly. My Lyde was a tough teacher but fair teacher. He made the funniest voices, told super interesting stories, and created assignments that kept us from being too bored ;) He had a rule that students were not allowed to write or pass notes in class. The consequence for breaking this rule was that he would take the note and read it to everyone..... I, in my infinite wisdom, broke the rule and got caught. Mr Lyde took my note and put it in his desk. I was sweating bullets because the note that I wrote was to a boy that I liked and I did NOT want Mr Lyde reading it in front of the class. He did not read it in front of MY class... but he did read it in other classes. Inevitably, people figured out that I was the one who wrote the note and I was MORTIFIED! But! I never wrote another note in his class again, so lesson learned, right? He used to let me come into his class to read before school started because I got distracted to easily to read in the halls like the other kids. I explained to him that I wasn't much of a talker in the morning and I appreciated that he ignored me when I came in the mornings. He obviously cared.

Julie Flower - March 23, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ I will remember Norm for all the wonderful things he did for the students and faculty at AFJH. I taught with him for 33 years and appreciated and admired him for the example he set for all of us. He will missed by all of us.

Janet McDaniel - March 23, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ I taught with Norm for 35 years. Norm could reach students that the rest of us could not. He instilled a love of history in generations of students. I am a better person for my interactions with Norm. Happy Trails, Norm. Love Kathy McDaniel

Kathy McDaniel - March 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about his passing. Mr. Lyde was one of my favorite teachers as he made class fun while we learned. He put his all into it and you could tell he cared about us. May your family be surrounded with as much love as he poured into his students over his years.

Tyson Walker - March 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ What dear memories we have of raising our children with the Lyde children. Norm and Sally were wonderful neighbors and friends for many years and Norm was always such a great guy. His many years as our stake president set an example of how to live the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you Norm. We have always loved your sweet family. You are a great guy, a true American hero, a real disciple of Christ. Heavenly Father has gained a wonderful angel in the Kingdom. May He comfort your loved ones. Gary and Becky Downey

Becky Downey - March 23, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ he was my favorite history teacher sending love for ur fam

Elizabeth Ault - March 23, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ I remember walking into Mr. Lyde’s classroom for the first time as a seventh grader, scared to death of having to learn Utah history. I remember the outlandish cartoons and caricatures which plastered the walls—many propagandist-like pieces. I remember an assignment he gave us where we were a wagon train and had to choose carefully what supplies we needed before we left to cross the plains (seems pretty relevant right now!) and then, each day, he would draw a card from a pile with a new problem along the way of our fictitious journey for which we either were or were not prepared. I could hardly sleep at night, wondering if I had made the right choices! He just had a way of making history come alive within you. Because of him, I know what the 21 gun salute is, I know who the doughboys were, and most importantly, I know how contagious passion for what you love can be to others. What a profoundly beautiful life. Oh Captain, my Captain!

Klint Armitstead - March 23, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ I started teaching in social studies at AFJH the year before his first retirement; I can't believe he retired twice in my career. I've already missed seeing Norm at school since his 2nd retirement in October 2019 and I am now so sorry I'll never see him again. I'll always miss his 'grunts' in meetings and telling me every morning I saw him "Another Day" or when I asked how things were going he'd typically reply "We'll see". His willingness to share movies, posters, and force other teaches to be in his movies (even though I tried to avoid acting he often managed to convince to do it for the kids) will be missed at AFJH.

Norm was an amazing teacher and I have only hoped to be as good as he was. He taught me a lot in my first year about how to work through the hard times in our profession. He shared with me how one time kids snuck in his room and destroyed his giant roller of maps- but he kept using them every year to teach students about respect. But that is who Norm was- he didn't just teach History he also taught kids how to be better people.

My own son was lucky enough to have Norm for US history and he helped my son learn to put his best effort on projects and tests- my son really wanted that candy bar for having the best score.

Norm, you touched the hearts and minds of so many kids over your decades of teaching. Thank you for all you did for me personally and for your friendship over the past 18 years. When you retired in October you left a huge hole in our Social Studies department, now you've left a huge hole in our hearts.

Derek Smith - March 23, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ I couldn't wait to hear his talks in Stake Conference; I loved them! I'm so sorry that he's gone, what a wonderful man.

Debi Rowe - March 23, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ I was lucky enough to share Norm's classroom for his last couple months of teaching. He was kind and generous to me, and the students loved him. I took over his classes when he retired, and months later, the students still ask me to do things the way he did, which always makes me smile.

Candice Stratford - March 23, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Best uncle ever! He was so creative and when I was young, I went to school with him one day! I had so much fun. Great teacher, great Father, amazing man.

Pamela Burbie - March 23, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ Such a great man and spiritual giant. I will always remember his talks during stake conferences from my youth. My condolences to his family. We have lost a great leader, and humble servant of God.

John Lott - March 23, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Brother Lyde was my all time favorite Stake President. His talks were sooo good. My heart goes out to his family. I didn't know him in his roles of husband and father, but I bet he was a good one.

Jean Sink

Beverly J Sink - March 24, 2020 at 01:35 AM