



Paul Kitchen

March 6, 1934 - September 29, 2018

Our sweet husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend Paul Wilson Kitchen passed away at the age of 84 on Saturday, September 29, 2018. He passed away peacefully after joyful goodbyes with his family and friends.

Paul was born in Payson, Utah to Marjorie Wilson and Ralph Kitchen on March 6, 1934. He was raised in Provo and graduated in 1953 from Provo High School, where he excelled in sports; lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track all three years. He was All-State in football, basketball and baseball. He was also senior class president. He attended Brigham Young University on an athletic scholarship where he played football, basketball and baseball. His senior year at BYU he was awarded the Ed Stein Outstanding Senior Male Athlete award. He later played semi-pro baseball for Provo Timps.

Paul married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Ann Coon in the Salt Lake City temple on June 12, 1956. They made their home in Provo in the Grandview area where they raised their family, enjoying years of 4th of July water fights, Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas celebrations.

Paul was a revered teacher and coach at American Fork High School where he taught and coached for 35 years. He won four state championships in baseball, one in golf, two as the assistant basketball coach, and two as the assistant football coach. After his coaching career he officiated years of basketball and football games.

When Paul wasn't coaching or teaching he was living life to the fullest going hunting, fishing, and playing golf with friends, children and grandchildren. He had a special way of making each grandchild feel that they were his favorite.

Paul was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served diligently in several callings. He especially loved serving a mission with his sweet companion in the Washington D.C Temple Mission from April 1999 to April 2000.

Paul is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lisa, one son and three daughters: Brent (Effie), Charleston; Elizabeth (Glen) American Fork; Paulette (Lynn) American Fork; Michelle (Brian) Pleasant Grove; fourteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters Grace (Dale) Bountiful; and Marjorie Ann (Val) Bountiful. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant son, Bradley.

A Viewing will be held Thursday, October 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Grandview South Stake Center, 1122 North Grand Avenue, Provo, Utah. Funeral Services will be held Friday, October 5th at 11:00 am, at the same location where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, Provo, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East
Provo, UT, 84604

Events

OCT 4 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Grandview South Stake Center
1122 North Grand Avenue, Provo, UT, US

OCT 5 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
Grandview South Stake Center
1122 North Grand Avenue, Provo, UT, US

OCT 5 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Grandview South Stake Center
1122 North Grand Avenue, Provo, UT, US

Comments



“ I remember coach Kitchen well, he taught us many things, about competing and life itself, I think one of the real valuable lessons I learned from him was to stay on the right side of the road, RIP coach - Steve Greenwood

Steve Greenwood - October 04, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Uncle Paul. Here are a few... When I think of Uncle Paul I can't help but think of sports...all kinds of sports. He was very athletic and thoroughly enjoyed sports. Often when we'd visit Paul and Lisa, and Grandma Marj (Uncle Paul's mom) was there often at their home. Sweet Lady! We're glad we go to know her. Uncle Paul very much cared for his mom. He also cared for and loved Aunt Lisa and all of his family! I remember many of the family trips we'd have when we were younger; St. George, Grand Canyon, Zion, and other beautiful places all around Utah. Good time out camping, hiking and golfing! Each Christmas at the Family Christmas party, Uncle Paul would always have a "special gift" for Aunt Barbara...it was usually a body part off of the deer or elk he had shot during hunting season. Aunt Barbara would open it, scream in disgust and run-off. We'd all laugh! I think that that may be one of the things that Uncle Paul did most often, was make people laugh. We miss you Uncle Paul.

Brian Harris - October 03, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ I spent 17 wonderful years with Paul at American Fork High. He was a great mentor to me and perfect example for all the students. My condolences to Lisa and your family. May our Loving Father in Heaven touch your hearts and bless you abundantly at this difficult time. Mac Niel Ogden

Mac Niel Ogden - October 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ I always wanted to be a great baseball player like my Uncle Paul. I remember hearing stories about his days as an outfielder at BYU and as a semi-pro player. When someone told me he had a chance to sign with a minor league team associated with the Detroit Tigers, I said "Uncle Paul could have been like Al Kaline" - a Hall of Fame outfielder for the Tigers who was born the same year (1934). As the story goes, Grandma Marj (Paul's mother) persuaded him to stay in Utah and become a teacher and a coach... In his later years, Uncle Paul reminded me of LaVell Edwards - He looked just like him, had the same sense of humor, and had the same smile (we call it the Wilson smile in our family). My kids loved Uncle Paul too, even though he soaked them every year during water fights on the Fourth of July. We

will certainly miss him at family reunions, holidays, weddings and funerals, but we know he is now having a great reunion of his own with his mom and dad and his precious little boy.

Paul Callan

Nephew

Paul D Callan - October 02, 2018 at 05:46 PM

 “ 4 files added to the album Paul Kitchen



Sydney Halladay - October 02, 2018 at 11:37 AM

 “ My condolences to Brent and his mother and sisters. I have great memories of growing up playing a lot of golf with Brent and occasionally with Paul as well and being a friend of the Kitchen family. Ironically, he was the coach of one of our rivals in high school golf, but that only made it more fun and meaningful to play against AF. I enjoyed reading about his life, especially his Provo High athletic career, and I'll always think of him as a Bulldog. Kurt Kragthorpe, Salt Lake City.

KURT DAVID KRAGTHORPE - October 02, 2018 at 09:43 AM

 “ Lisa and family...so sorry to read about your loss. Our mothers were special cousins to each other and I remember fondly fun times with you and your family.

Fondly,
Karen Martin Campbell McCoun

Karen M. McCoun - October 02, 2018 at 06:33 AM

 “ the best memory I had of Coach kitchen was when he called me into his office, asked me if I wanted to be a pitcher. Indicated that I did and so began my training. He drove me hard every night made me run a ton of laps all practice and throw until my arm was numb, but soon I was pitching the ball and not just throwing the ball, the lessons stayed with me all my life. I have used this same lessons to help a lot of young players how to pitch what a wonderful example and a truly competitive example

Dennis Beck
1966 -1970

dennis beck - October 02, 2018 at 02:59 AM



“ Many, many memories of Coach Kitchen but my favorite is when we carried the Coach off the ball diamond at old Derks Field after winning the state championship in 1964. Thanks for the memories, thanks for all you taught us and thanks for helping us to grow up.

R. Merkley

Richard Merkley - October 01, 2018 at 08:49 PM