



Reed Makin

June 3, 1934 - January 18, 2020

Reed LeRoy Makin, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, January 18, 2020 in American Fork, Utah.

He was born June 3, 1934 to Parents, Mark Makin and Agnes Marian Noble. He was the youngest of 7 children.

Growing up, he and his brothers and sisters stayed close. His best friends in his life were his siblings; Allen, Erma, Jack, Earl, Lois and Glen. He loved camping, fishing, boating, and riding horses. In his later years, you would find Reed together with his siblings, and their families four-wheeling on the sand dunes at the Little Sierra Desert or riding horses in American Fork canyon.

He attended grade school in the historic Herrington school building and graduated from American Fork High School. After graduation, he started working at the Cameo Movie Theater working the projectors and struck up a strong flirtation with the cute Austin Girl who worked the candy counter.

Glenda May Austin and Reed were married in the Manti Temple on July 15, 1955. They shared almost 65 years of marriage and raised 5 children in the same house Reed was born and raised in. He became a father in 1956 when his first son Mark was born. The family grew with the addition of Paul, Brent, Trudy and Jamie.

Reed was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served the community with his father-in-law, Glen Austin, by volunteering as an original member of the Utah County Jeep Patrol. He spent many hours on search and rescue missions in his beloved Jeep. Reed served a short time in the National Guard until he was honorably released due to his health. For 35 years, he worked at Geneva Steel in Orem, UT as a millwright in the open hearth.

After his retirement in 1986, Reed and Glenda became inseparable. They traveled locally

and internationally through cruising and road trips. Family has always been a priority for Reed and Glenda evidenced by the many fishing, camping, and jeeping trips that dotted their life together. Reed and Glenda have been devoted parents and grandparents attending many activities including football games, baseball games, gymnastic meets, theatrical plays, ballet dances, recitals and more. Reed enjoyed being Grandpa to 15 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

After such a long active life, Reed's health slowly declined over the last few years ultimately robbing him of most of his sight. Glenda has displayed the strength of their love by being at his side caring for him with devotion. Reed often would be heard saying "I sure love that woman." with a grin on his face.

Reed is survived by his loving wife, Glenda May Austin Makin; his children, Mark Glen Makin (Connie), Reed Paul Makin, Brent Austin Makin (Jill), Trudy Ann Makin, Jamie Makin, and many grandchildren.

Reed is undoubtedly celebrating his reunion with his family who preceded him in death: his parents, Mark and Agnes Makin; his siblings, Mark Allan Makin, Erma Elizabeth Hamilton, Jon (Jack) Donald Makin, Earl Duane Makin, Lois Arva Hair, and Glen R. Makin; his Son-in-Law, Stuart William Lewis and grandchildren, KaraLee Lewis, and Brody Makin.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, January 23rd at 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, American Fork 6th Ward, 320 North 100 East, American Fork, Utah where Viewings will be held Wednesday, January 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in American Fork Cemetery, 600 North 100 East, American Fork, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

Cemetery

Events

American Fork City Cemetery JAN

600 North 100 East

American Fork, UT, 84003

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Viewing

06:00PM - 08:00PM

American Fork 6th Ward

320 North 100 East, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

JAN

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Viewing

09:30AM - 10:30AM

American Fork 6th Ward

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

American Fork 6th Ward

320 North 100 East, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

Comments



“ Dear Makin Family,
I met this amazing man when I lived in AF back in 1999. I loved his laugh, his greeting you at the door. He will be missed. I sure loved getting eggs and visiting with them. Blessings and prayers for your family.



Tamerie Jensen - January 25, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ We have had many fun Hot dog roasts with Reed and Glenda, and he does toast the perfect marshmallow. We have them as the best neighbors for about 18 years now. I love how when you went to visit them, you were made to feel like you were the most important person ever. We have watched a Jazz game or two and had fun checking out projects they were working on. Going out to feed chickens with Grandpa was fun too. They have treated us so kind and we have had the honor of adopting them as Grandma and Grandpa. Such kind people and good examples of how to live and treat people. Reed will be missed by our family. Best wishes to all those who love and will miss him.
-Love The McKinneys-

The McKinneys - January 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ I was so blessed to become a part of Reed and Glendas life I moved next door to them in 2015 and quickly became friends with these wonderful neighbors. One day Glenda seen me in my backyard and we began talking I told her how I had recently lost A very special lady I had cared for and later found out that Glenda and my sweet meme shared the same birthday November 2nd from then on I would clean the makins home often and Reed and Glenda would always say I was their daughter. The two of them became family to me Reed was quite the character he was very charming too. I lost my Dad in July of last year and stopped to visit with Reed and Glenda I was a crying mess and they were very comforting to me. Reed will be greatly missed. Love you Glenda so much xoxo

amber davis - January 21, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ He was my great uncle. I remember sleep over at his house (most people never got to do that) but our family was so close. He treated me like a grand daughter, he was so sweet and kind and a lot of fun! Love him with all my heart! I am so grateful for the time I spent with him and Glenda as a child and young adult!

angela shepherd - January 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ So many great memories of Uncle Reed. I had such fun with him, my dad and all of my Makin uncles. They were rugged ATV riders, we put a lot of tracks in the sand, and great story tellers.

David Makin - January 20, 2020 at 08:34 PM