



Robert Larsen

July 25, 1935 - March 22, 2018

Robert Arland Larsen passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Bob was born in Logan, Utah, on July 25, 1935, the son of Arland Alvin and Fern Jensen Larsen. Bob was raised in Idaho, having lived in Blackfoot, Preston, Burley, Moscow, Idaho Falls, and Ammon. He went on a mission to the Northern States, served in the Army, and graduated from BYU. He worked in sales & management for several companies and retired from Wencor West in Springville, where he was Employee of the Year in 2002.

Bob married Carolyn Jensen in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1963 and they have seven children: Brenda (Kelly) Prestwich; Scott (Corinne) Larsen; Lane (Kristin) Larsen; Sandra (Eric) Eaves; Kimberly (Matthew) Krenzer; Cory (Shelly) Larsen; Ryan (Brienne) Larsen. Bob and Carolyn later divorced.

Bob married Lois Jean Ogden in 1996 and together they served three missions: Canada Vancouver, Texas Fort Worth, and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Bob is also loved by Lois Jean's children: Gary (Dana) Ogden; Greg (Carol) Ogden; Dana (Kary) Richardson; Diane (Kirk) Topham; Glen (Mindy) Ogden,

Bob was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a bishop and in many other ward and stake positions.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lois Jean, their 12 children; 53 grandchildren, and 29 great grandchildren; four siblings; Arlene (Gary) Bascom; Darla (Doug) Isackson; Steve Larsen; Chuck (Patty) Larsen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his little brother, Delray, who died at age 3.

The family would like to express thanks to Inspiration Hospice, especially to Wendy, Steve, Luis, & Sariah for their help and friendship.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, March 30th, at 2:00 pm in the LDS Chapel at 140 North 400 West, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from noon to 1:30 pm. Interment with Military Honors in Orem City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the LDS Church Humanitarian Fund.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

MAR **Viewing** 12:00PM - 01:30PM

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LDS Chapel-Orem

140 North 400 West, Orem, UT, US, 84057

MAR **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



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Jana Tuttle - April 03, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ Sariah Westfall lit a candle in memory of Robert Larsen



Sariah Westfall - April 01, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Bob was always so pleasant and happy whenever I saw him even through all of his pain and suffering and managed to still smile, laugh, and tell me funny stories whenever I would visit with him. His wife Lois Jean is one of the sweetest, kindest people I've met and she took such great care of Bob. I will miss Bob greatly. Sending my condolences to Lois Jean and to the rest of Bob and Lois' family and friends.

Sariah Westfall

Sariah Westfall - April 01, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ He was so kind to my husband, my kids, and me when we were in the same ward. Just a total light.

Sheri Purser - March 27, 2018 at 01:24 AM



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Jana Tuttle - March 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ I have so many memories I will cherish with Bob. Bob was the most genuine and loving person you would ever want to know. My kids were treated as if they were his own grandkids. We called Bob” Grandpa Bob”.

Bob soar with the angels!!! My God be with and your family until we see each other again

Amber Pilgrim - March 25, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ I think you might have to have been his child to have this memory, but Dad only had one form of dancing that I ever saw. It was a hop/stomp march and he did it to the Anvil Chorus. As little kids he had us all laughing our heads off, following him in a hop/stomp/marching frenzy. We had the song on a vinyl record by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and often begged him to play it so we could dance to it. I never thought this song would bring me to tears, but thinking of him dancing to it brings on a laugh/cry. Here it is for your listening enjoyment!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ET-lcvy2_GU

Kim Krenzer - March 25, 2018 at 02:22 AM



“ I loved Bob! Him & Lois Jean were so kind and friendly to my family when we were in the Ward! He was always asking how we were doing. He really made you feel loved and included. I am sad I'll miss the funeral because of work. Sending my love!

Priscilla Adams - March 27, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ My mom had been a widow for 17 years, always saying she would never remarry, when she met Bob and turned into a giddy school girl! When she called after their first date I was expecting her to say how uncomfortable she was, but instead she said “then he held my hand...and I likes it!” He was such a tender, caring companion! Bob loved everyone! You always felt he was genuinely happy to see you and interested in your life. He was the greatest missionary I have ever known! Even missing a flight; because he was caught up in sharing the gospel with someone! I'm so grateful he came into our lives! We will miss him so much!

Diane Topham - March 24, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ Bob was such a wonderful friend and always the one to plan the next party! He was always smiling and happy even the last few hard months! We have never witnessed a better missionary as he was always sharing the gospel which he loved and emulated so well. We have so many fond memories as we served in the Canada Vancouver Misdion together. We even finished our missions with a road trip throughout Canada. He will be so much missed by so many people who's lives he has touched as he has ours. Our love to Lois and his

wonderful family!

Ron and Nancy Whetman - March 30, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ Dad had a genuine smile and handshake for everyone. No matter what trial he faced in life, he could put his worries aside and greet everyone with a happy countenance. We live in another state, so the majority of our interaction has been phone calls. He was happy and enthusiastic every time we talked! He would often speak to each member of our family and he was sincerely interested in all of our lives. His conversation was positive, kind & loving...praising our kids for their accomplishments and giving us encouragement. We will miss hearing his cheerful voice on the phone, but his love and happy memories will always be with us!

Sandy Eaves - March 24, 2018 at 12:04 AM



“ Beautiful message, Sandy. He was a great man. Always so kind and genuine.

Tammir Richardson - March 24, 2018 at 10:32 PM



“ Lane's tribute below is a beautiful tribute that I endorse with all my heart. But I want to add what a loving, kind, enthusiastic brother he was! I am two years older than Bob, but when we were growing up, it was always Bob who thought up the fun things to do and led the way. Never into bad things, always good, wholesome fun things like forming a club to go exploring or to welcome a new person to the neighborhood. We both lived in Orem after we married and were having our families, and while we were raising our children, and we did a lot of things together and with our parents and siblings and their families who lived close and Bob was usually the instigator of fun get togethers. Bob has set such a wonderful example of an enthusiastic, positive attitude no matter what happened to him. I will always remember his phone calls-- HELLO ARLENE!!!! (in as enthusiastic a voice as you've ever heard!) THIS IS BOB! and then he would proceed to find out how I was doing before he ever let me find out how HE was doing. He rarely let me know even when he was having a really hard time. He has endured righteously to the end, and I am grateful for his example. I loved him dearly, and I will miss him until I meet him again in our Heavenly Home. His sister, Arlene Bascom

Arlene Bascom - March 23, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ Even after being bed ridden for over a year, Bob was always cheerful and positive. Whenever anyone would come to visit and ask how he was doing he would say he was having a very good day! He would then tell them that it was an even better day because of their visit!



- “ Favorite Dad quotes (usually quoting someone else):
- "Things just ain't as good as they used to be...and they never were."
 - "They may not remember what you actually say, but they will always remember how you made them feel."
 - "You have been checked out."
 - "Okay" (When asking if we can have a sleep over)
 - "Tell me about your day, and I want to hear every detail."
 - "Yay! Go Cougars!"
 - "Sure love you. Tell the family I said hi and give them hugs for me!"

These are a few of many. We will miss Dad very much, but we know he is once again happily teaching the gospel and handing out pass-along cards. Love you Dad!

Scott Larsen - March 23, 2018 at 08:24 PM



- “ He wasn't perfect, but dang he was on the right path! His life was full of the kind and gentle acts of a developing disciple of Christ that were refined through trials and challenges, some of them heart-wrenching and excruciating. It seemed to me he was always struggling, striving, pushing forward, repenting, reinventing, beginning again, and finding new ways to serve and bless those around him. He ended his life penniless and poor by the world's standards, with no assets and no remnant of the physical accumulations of life; but he is one of the wealthiest people I have ever known in things that matter beyond mortal life: genuine friendship and respect, humility and kindness, pure joy in the success and happiness of others, and an unshakeable testimony of his Heavenly Father and his Savior Jesus Christ.

Lane Larsen - March 23, 2018 at 09:03 PM



- “ Reading the comments already made I am overwhelmed with love for my brother Bob. He was nearly eight years older than me and to the end was the best big brother a girl could have. All through the years in spite of being swamped with a big family and trials of his own he was always there for me. He attended so many of my personal family events, and even baptized my son Ben (at Ben's request) when his dad was incapacitated. We shared a love of nonsense jokes and last summer were still laughing together at jokes he told me the day he returned from his mission! How I love remembering his great laugh. I have never seen anyone "endure to the end" with greater grace and humor than Bob. We had so many great talks this past year when he was largely bedfast and he never lost his ability to look on the bright side or lost interest in learning about new things, which is rare indeed. Because I'm a writer I plan on doing an article soon titled "Last Lessons from a Beloved Brother" because I learned so much from him. He has loved so many people so well that I can only imagine the joyous reunion he is having with those already in the spirit world. I believe that joy will just keep on going as we each rejoin him there!

Darla Isackson - March 24, 2018 at 09:51 AM



- “ My big Brother Bob was (and is) the best man I have ever known (or even ever hope to know). Bob was and I am sure, "is" the Kindest, Most Loving, Most Caring, Most Gentle and the Most Honest Man I have ever known. Bob was (and I am sure "is") the Best

Missionary I have ever known. Bob Loves his Savior "Jesus Christ" and has always shown it in both his actions and his words. Bob would never miss a chance to talk to anyone that would listen, all about our Savior and Redeemer and where we came from, why we are here and where we are going when we die. Bob truly cared about others, more than anyone I know and he not only said he cared but he showed it in his actions and deeds. All the years I was wayward (from the Church) Bob never gave up on me and always let me know he was there and that he cared but never tried to push me, just encouraged me to do the right thing. Bob had more influence on me coming back to the Church than anyone or anything. He set such a good example for me to follow and was always there to encourage and help me if he could. He never judged me and only let me know he cared. Bob even made a special trip to Mesa, Arizona to Baptize me after I had a change of heart and came back to the Church. Bob would always come and spend two or three days with me every time he came to Arizona to visit his daughter Sandy and her family and this was very much appreciated. Bob was genuine and true. Bob was not only my Big Brother, He was a true Friend and will be greatly missed.

I believe Bobs' daughter "Kim Krenzer" really said it best and I quote "The sun is setting here in Utah on the last day my dad, Bob Larsen, spent on earth. He passed away this afternoon around 3:30 pm after a long, but, I kid you not—cheerful—battle with heart failure. My dad would have won the prize for happiest dying man ever over these last 16 months! "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...I go unto the Father." (John 14:27-28). He is finally at peace, and he has returned home to his Father in Heaven. I feel such hope in that! But it still hurts, that's for sure. I miss you & love you, Dad!! I can't wait for your big smile and hug when I make that journey to the other side at life's end! God be with you 'til we meet again! "

Such a loving and wonderful tribute to a wonderful man that lived a great "Christlike" life, and set such a high standard for all of us to live up to! I live far away from family now (Topeka, Kansas) and am really going to miss my weekly phone calls with Bob and the wonderful times I have had staying with Bob and Lois Jean each time I would come to Idaho and Utah to see family. Bob, I am sure hurting inside and will miss you but am so Happy for YOU! You are HOME and finally at peace and soon you will have a perfect body that won't hurt and stop you from doing the things you love to do! May God Bless and Keep You Bob Larsen until we meet again in our Heavenly Home!

I Love You Dear Brother With All My Heart!

Your Loving little Brother, Steve Larsen

Steven Larsen - March 25, 2018 at 01:26 AM



“ Rest in peace Bob. You were a good example to all.

Grant Larsen - March 30, 2018 at 04:17 PM

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Scott Larsen - March 23, 2018 at 07:50 PM