



## Wade Fox

July 20, 1962 - October 22, 2016

No longer encumbered by a failing body, this great man can soar. Wade Kaye Fox was welcomed back into his Heavenly Fathers arms on Saturday, October 22 after an 18-month battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He fought this battle like a true pioneer, never complaining, and always serving. Wade passed peacefully in his home in Pleasant Grove with his loving, sweetheart KayLee at his side.

Wade was born on July 20, 1962 to Kaye and Lona Fox in Lehi, Utah. He grew up on his family's farm and learned quickly the value of hard work. His passion for the dairy industry and woodwork began as a very small boy. Wade always took pride in his responsibilities and was a great leader and teacher to his 9 siblings that followed. When he wasn't busy with chores, Wade excelled in the scouting program, FFA and was captain of his football and wrestling teams.

Wade was sealed to the love of this life, KayLee Brady (daughter of Gene Lee and Nikki Brady) in the Manti LDS temple. They raised 6 hardworking children on the farm in Willard and then in Vineyard.

After they sold their dairy in 1997, Wade went to work for DHI in Provo where he carried on with his passion for the dairy industry. He became instrumental in the growth and development of their cattle feeding process. He put in a lot of hours and miles and loved the relationships he had with his clients at the dairies all over the world. Wade will be sorely missed by all those friends at the dairy's and at DHI.

Wade served diligently in many capacities within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served for many years as a devoted Boy Scout leader and took pride in teaching and leading young men to become honest, obedient, kind, hard-working, and faithful men.

Wade's proudest accomplishment was his family, and he was always happy to be with them. Time spent together often included service for family or someone in need. He lived

in service to others every single day. His dream was to serve a mission with his beautiful wife, but every day he lived as a missionary. His love for his Savior was evident to all those that knew him. We will miss his rib-crushing hugs, his quiet presence and eternal wisdom. He was a faithful, patient, and humble man who sought to uplift every individual that came into his life.

Wade is survived by his wife KayLee, his children Jared and Annica Fox, Shyanne and Bryan Jensen, Cody and Haley Fox, Brandi and Mark Nielsen, Colton and Lauren Fox, Desirae and Brice Mabey and 14 grandchildren. He is also survived by his parents, Kaye and Lona Fox, brothers (Steve, Robert, Nathan, Jason, and Lonnie), and 4 sisters (Jeanette, Alicia, Kristi, and Shanalyn) and many loved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a daughter in-law Dani Jo and grandson Zachary, and two brother in-laws Randall Sutherland and Kirk Brady.

All funeral services will be held at the Manila Stake Center, 850 North 900 East American Fork, Utah, which is located right by the Timpanogos Temple. Family will be greeting loved ones on Thursday, October 27 from 6-9 pm and Friday from 9-10:30 am. The funeral service will be held on Friday, October 28, at 11 am. Interment will directly follow at the Lehi Cemetery.

Funeral Directos: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Lehi City Cemetery

1100 N. 400 E.

Lehi, UT, 84043

# Events

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**OCT 27** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Manila Stake Center

850 North 900 East, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

**OCT 28** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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**OCT 28** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Wade was a great man, he always made you feel like a life long friend. I knew him for but a brief moment in his life and will be forever grateful for his kindness.

Sam Preisler - Silver Butte Holsteins, Kuna, Idaho

Samuel Preisler - January 31, 2018 at 06:48 PM

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“ I was very honored in knowing Wade, he was a great human being and a great friend. He will be in our hearts and memories always. God bless his family!!!!!!

PABLO RAYNAL REYGADAS - November 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM

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“ Extremely sorry to hear this news. May God bless the departed soul to stay in the heaven and May God bless the family in grief with utmost courage and confidence to bear this huge loss.



Pankaj Tuli - November 04, 2016 at 12:49 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Wade's passing. We are so grateful for the knowledge of the plan of salvation and the sealing power that you have taken advantage. We have great memories of your friendship in Willard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!!  
Brad and Sheryl Rex and family

Bradley Rex - November 02, 2016 at 11:46 PM

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“ We're so sorry to hear of the passing of Wade. What a wonderful man. He did so much for our boys. Our prayers and love are with your family.

Reed & Gizelle Pettingill - October 28, 2016 at 06:32 PM

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“ Many heartfelt condolences from the Johnson family. We know that God didn't create them any more amazing than Wade. Foxes were some of the first people we met when we moved from SLC to Orem. What a blessing for us to know such a good man and a good family. I love how patient and kind he was whenever we had questions about church, neighborhood, Orem history, family, cows, and just about anything. I sure appreciate sincere, patient, understanding people; and Wade was all of that. Praying for comfort for you all as you miss him and celebrate his wonderful life.

April Johnson - October 27, 2016 at 10:34 PM

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“ Chelsea Meacham is following this tribute.

Chelsea Meacham - October 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM

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“ Wade Fox was one of those adults who had such a profound influence for good on the youth and families in our little Springwater Park neighborhood and ward, and especially for my family, especially during the time he so willingly served in the bishopric with my dad.

When I think of the faces of my "growing up" days and the people who have truly impacted my life for good by their example and their faith, his is one of the ones that truly stands out. The Fox family has always been family to us. They, and especially Wade, loved and served us like family. I remember him showing up at our house often, tools and gloves in hand to help with eleventh hour yard projects, especially including many hours he and his family spent helping us dig "the moat" around the foundations of our home when we had to put in our own storm drain. I remember when he would show up at our house and ask then-toddler Joseph for one of his binkies every time he stopped by, until there were no binkies left, and Joseph learned to live without them. I remember the witness of the spirit every time we were privileged to hear the power of the plain and simple truths of his bedrock testimony of the gospel. I remember times spent playing at Fox's home with the kids, and the couple of times I was able to help out on the dairy during the summer with Brandi. I remember the cattle prod he brought to our ward's youth conference, and the sense of accomplishment you felt any time you truly earned that grinning "hehehe" of a laugh from him, the one with the twinkle in his eyes.

C.S. Lewis says: "In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye

have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."

Wade Fox has been such a blessing in my life, my family's life, and I'm sure in all of the lives of his family, friends, neighbors, and associates. His is a beautiful, strong, faithful, humble, compassionate, incredible soul, and the world is lesser for his passing. We will truly miss him, but we will trust in our faith, and in his sure faith, that we will see him again.

In the meantime, all our love and prayers for comfort and peace go to his dear family. May the holes in your hearts be lessened by the love of the people whose lives he truly touched, and the hope that comes with faith in Christ's atonement and a loving Heavenly Father's plan for the true joy of our eternal families.

**Chelsea Meacham** - October 27, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ Well said and Amen!

**April Johnson** - October 27, 2016 at 10:34 PM

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“ I will think of Wade every time I cinch my saddle, ride through the crisp morning air, experience the wonders of nature he so truly loved, serve and love others as he did, live by his example, and have his memories by my side with every campfire. I will miss this man more than words can describe. I love you brother!

**Matt Shill** - October 26, 2016 at 04:59 PM

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**Matt Shill** - October 26, 2016 at 04:16 PM



“ That is Wade with a smile as big as life! Whenever you had Wade around doing a job you knew it would be done right with confidence and sticking to the end. Wade had a great influence for good with everyone that he met. This pictures captures the way I want to remember Wade. Jan Anderson-his Bishop at one time in the Springwater Park Ward.

**Jan Anderson** - October 29, 2016 at 05:58 PM

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“ I will miss Wade and his technical skills. He helped me and my clients numerous times.

**Dr. Scott Bittner** - October 26, 2016 at 10:03 AM

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“ Dearest KayLee and Fox Family ~ Sending you all of my heartfelt condolences and love at this tender time of Wade's passing. What a gently giant in stature and spirit - always was and always will be! When he smiled and joked with you, you felt great in his presence. Oh, how he has loved you, KayLee, his beautiful high school sweetheart! Truly a wonderful friend to us all! We are so blessed to have his life, example and your sweet family as his enduring legacy. With much love & prayers for you all ~ Lori Ingram Vliet

**Lori Vliet** - October 25, 2016 at 11:08 PM

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“ Wade was unfortunately a part of the most embarrassing moment of my life, when I mistook him as my brother Daniel from behind (while at church). I was walking past him with my friend Mallory at the time when I made the unfortunate decision to smack his butt as hard as I could. I remember Mallory stopping in shock and saying, "What did you just do?!" I told her, "Don't worry about it, my brothers and I always tease each other like that. It was payback for him scaring me earlier" to which her reply was, "Yeah, that'd be cool....IF that were your brother!" I turned to see the pure horrifying shock on Wade's face as he grabbed his cheek. My hand suddenly stopped stinging from smacking him so hard, as my whole 16 year old body went numb, and I felt the blood drained from my face. We looked at each other for a minute. Neither one of us could move. I looked at him, he looked at me, and I will never forget that look of no utterance, but pure confusion on Wade's face. Before I knew it, I was home. I don't think I've ever ran so fast in my life. And of course my mother dragged me back to church. So sitting in opening exercises for Young Woman's, Wade came and put his hand on my shoulder and with kind of a smirk said, "That's ok, that's how most people give me my love pats." Mortified, I now owed the room an explanation. I don't think I looked at Wade for months. Still, I appreciated this man's (who was naturally a pretty serious person), attempt to make light of a situation.

Part of the reason this was so embarrassing was because of what a spiritual giant Wade was. I had always admired his testimony, and the way he always quietly served others. The earthly world has lost a great man, and the Heavens gained have an incredible missionary.

**Courtney Zuniga** - October 25, 2016 at 07:45 AM



“ Priceless, Courtney, priceless. Thanks for sharing.

**April Johnson** - October 27, 2016 at 10:25 PM

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“ Wade and kayLee were Lynette and mines neighbor, when they were first married. I have never seen a more hard working devoted man. I Have thought of his example often through out my life. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Joel and Lynette Cash

**joel cash** - October 24, 2016 at 08:39 PM

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“ Wade is a phenomenal example of what a Christian is all about! His service to my boy in the Scouts helped my son become a better man! I am so grateful to have known him and his family. Very solid people, and Wade is Apostle material. Glad his suffering is past and home where he will continue to bless the lives of those he surrounds!!

**Ralph Levin** - October 24, 2016 at 08:12 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Wade was a friend and a great dairyman. He will be missed.  
Steve and Kathy Frischknecht

**Steve Frischknecht** - October 24, 2016 at 06:36 PM



“ My memory of Wade is probably different than most, Lona was my teacher in primary when he was born. I remember him as an active fun little boy! My condolences and prayers for Lona, Kaye and Wade's wife, children and siblings.

**Cyndie Neel** - October 25, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ I was a classmate of Wade and Kaylee, the one thing that really stands out for me is that Wade was always kind, never judgemental, and it sounds like he has held on to this throughout his life. Kaylee I am so sorry for your loss and your grief. I will keep you and your family in my prayers

**Sandy Smith Carlisle** - October 25, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ My memory of Wade is when Kaye and Lona lived in the red brick home on state street and our family lived next door. My sister or I would often be asked to tend their young family which at the time consisted of Wade, Steve, Jeanette, and Robert. I cherish those memories.

Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers-

**Connie Winters Parkes**

**connie parkes** - October 27, 2016 at 01:20 AM



“ I came to know Wade & Kaylee when they moved to Willard. Wade managed the church dairy there. I had the opportunity to work with Wade as his assistant in scouting and deacons quorum. He is a great man, true friend and one of the greatest people I have known. God Bless you, Kaylee and Family.

Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely, Nathan Warren

**Nathan Warren** - October 27, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ The same here we knew Wade and Kaylee when they ran the church dairy. Our daughter was in school with one of their boys . Our deepest condolences to Kaylee and their family! You'll be in our thoughts and prayers!

Sincerely, Allen and Peggy Johnson and family

**Peggy johnson** - October 27, 2016 at 11:00 PM



“ Kaylee how grateful we are that we got to know Wade and your sweet family when you lived in Elberta. Even back in those early years of your marriage Wade was a giant of a man. He became Sam's favorite Priesthood Example. Our boys are now neighbors in Salem and so our thoughts and prayers have been with you. I had a sister with ALS and know some of the heartache that goes with this trial. Certainly you and Wade will be Eternal Sweethearts. Cindy Ford

**Cindy Ford** - October 28, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ Dear Kaylee and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you with the passing of Wade. We feel bad that we were not able to make it to the viewing and funeral due to conflicts. You and Wade are the greatest people we know and have associated with. You are truly the "salt of the earth" that has not lost it Savor. We remember you all operating the dairy in Vineyard; serving in the church and in the neighborhood; providing such strength and confidence to whatever you were engaged in. I remember one of the great "fathers and sons" outing was at the Fox farm where the Thanksgiving golf course is now. The pictures posted of Wade truly show the pleasant wonderful smile and true Christlike character of Wade. Kaylee, you and Wade have raised a marvelous, amazing family that will continue to bless and influence the world through eternity. May God bless you and comfort you always. With Love, Jan (Bishop) and Margie Anderson

**Jan Anderson** - October 29, 2016 at 06:25 PM