



Walter Cottle

September 11, 1935 - April 3, 2019

Walt was born on September 11, 1935 in a small white farm house in Trenton, Utah. Walt was the youngest son of Walter D Cottle and Leah Louisa Bunderson. Walt grew up on the family farm, surrounded by his many older siblings and his younger sister Leah. Walt attended a one-room school house and vividly remembers a few times getting only an orange in his Christmas stockings.

At 14 years-old Walt took over the running of the family farm due to his father's health concerns. His family moved to Logan where Walt graduated High School. Walt joined the Marine Corps in 1953. He met his beloved wife, Diann Marie Benschneider, at a church function in Norwalk, California. It was love at first sight. They were sealed in the Los Angeles Temple June 18, 1956 and made their home in Oceanside while serving in the Marine Corps.

Walt graduated from Brigham Young University with a BS in Business. He later earned his MBA from Utah State. Walt enthused his career with a 'farm-boy' work ethic whether as a pharmaceutical sales rep or as an Assistant Administrator of the McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. For over a decade Walt was Director of Central Purchasing for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and as such was able to travel the globe in a variety of church assignments.

Walt was called to serve as a Director of Temporal Affairs representing the LDS church throughout the Pacific Islands including Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia. He and Diann lived 'down under' with their young sons for over six years. Walt and Diann were able to travel the world and had many unique and touching experiences including returning to Christchurch, New Zealand, to serve as Senior Missionaries.

Walt was a hard-worker, an avid reader, a do-it-yourselfer, and a firm but loving father. He enjoyed snow skiing, golfing and camping. He was a voracious reader especially enjoying Louis L'amour and Jesus the Christ. Above all, he had a deep and consistent testimony of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Walt is preceded in death by his beloved wife Diann and by his grandsons Jason Harper and Devon Jones.

Walt is survived by his children: Lisa (Greg) Harper, Alan (Patty), Jolene (Russ) Jones, Robb (Karen), Gordon (Stephannie), and Chris (Amy). Walt has a posterity of 27 amazing grandchildren, and 30 beautiful great-grandchildren.

A Viewing will be held Thursday, April 11th, at Utah Valley Mortuary from 3:00 to 3:45 pm. Graveside Services with Military Honors to follow from 4:00 to 4:30 pm in the Highland City Cemetery, 6200 West 11000 North, Highland, Utah. An Open House in his honor will follow the graveside service from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Ivory Ridge Clubhouse, 32 East Clubhouse Lane, Lehi, Utah. All who knew Walt are invited to attend.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Highland City Cemetery

6200 West 11000 North
Highland, UT, 84003

Events

APR 11 **Viewing** 03:00PM - 03:45PM

Utah Valley Mortuary
1966 West 700 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

APR 11 **Graveside Service** 04:00PM - 04:30PM

Highland City Cemetery
6200 West 11000 North, Highland, UT, US, 84003

APR 11 **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Ivory Ridge Clubhouse
32 East Clubview Lane, Lehi, UT, US, 84043

Comments



“ When I think of my brother Walt, I think I had the very best. I sometimes feel like Walt was sent to care for me. We had many good times together. He was always caring and loving in all he did.

My favorite memory of Walt is he loved to tease and he would chase me and because of this teasing I ran into a barbed wire fence that caused scratches and problems with my upper arm. He was so worried because our parents weren't home. He took me in the house and cleaned it off good and covered my upper arm in a peroxide solution. It hurt like crazy. Then he wrapped my upper arm in adhesive tape. He was so happy he had stopped the bleeding. When my parents came home I could tell by the look on my mother's face she was concerned of how she was going to get the tape off.

This was his caring attitude. Always happy to help when he could. I was always appreciative for the bond between the two of us. We loved each other and was so blessed for the times we shared. When Diann came into his life he was so happy! How grateful I was for her and the beautiful family they have raised.

We love you all,

Aunt Leah

Leah - April 11, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ Aunt Leah! Thank you. We missed you!!! Love Jolene

Jolene - April 14, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ What a great example to all who came in contact with him Maybe we'll be neighbors in the afterlife. =)

Dave Weisenbeck - April 11, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Walt was much closer to my age than most of his siblings, so I have fond memories of how fun he was to be around when the family got together. What impressed me most was his kindness to us younger nephews. I also remember how well he could play the piano. On a couple of occasions, he would play and we would sing along in harmony. It sounded great and we would just laugh and sing and have a good time. He was just a kind and loving man. He will be missed. Ralph Cottle - Lee and Martha's son

Ralph Griffin Cottle - April 10, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Uncle Walt's passing, but when I imagine his reunion with Aunt Diann, grandsons, parents, and brothers and sisters and I am grateful that I know and believe in eternal life.
I have many memories of Uncle Walt; One that stands out is after a fun time of running around the spring in the corral with several cousins and siblings, then falling in that cold water spring, Uncle Walt pulled me out and made sure I was o.k, and of course I was and the playing continued on!
we also had a fun tree house, and fun jumping into hay stacks from the upper barn opening.
He was always kind, and very interested in what was going on in my life;
He and Diann were great examples to me as they raised their family; I am so grateful he and Diann are a part of my family life.

Rae

Rae Keiser - April 09, 2019 at 09:20 PM