

## Wayne Edward Brickey

January 19, 1945 - April 10, 2017

On April 10, 2017, at age 72, Dr. Wayne Edward Brickey graduated from this life, cancer and the effects of conventional treatments being his final test, and is now beginning his higher education in the realms of glory. January 19, 1945, Wayne was born of goodly parents, Marjorie Marian Millet and Purl Emmett Brickey. At age 14, he read the Book of Mormon, which led to the baptisms of himself and his brother and sister into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the reactivation of his mom. Thus began a life of enthusiastic discipleship, serving in the Great Lakes mission from 1964-1966, and becoming a teacher in the Church Education System. He married his sweetheart, Joanne Rossi, on June 10, 1967 in the Los Angeles, California temple. Throughout his years as an LDS Institute teacher, he lived in many areas in Utah, California, Idaho, and Missouri, and traveled the world in his capacity as a teacher and tour director. He earned degrees in education and psychology, and a Doctorate from BYU in Educational Leadership. As a prolific author, he has been published in magazines, online publications, LDS church curriculum, and several books. He impacted the lives of countless people with his teaching, his insight, his selfless service, and his true love of God.

Wayne joked about his short stature in his self-deprecating way, but he was indeed a giant among men. He was both a scholar and a laborer, a champion weight lifter and a champion of the wandering soul, a friend to hard work and a companion to contemplation. He relished symbolism, connection, and simplicity. He had the ability to take on the interests of those he loved, primarily to connect with them, so his hobbies and interests varied greatly. He loved reading, writing, music, wrestling, football, gardening, farming, boating, brick laying, guitar, drums, motorcycles, weightlifting, teaching, and more. Many people smiled to see this Institute teacher riding in his typical suit and tie, on his not so typical motorcycle.

Wayne truly exemplified his own teaching: "If affliction calls into question our friendship with God, then affliction is an opportunity to answer that question with faith. It is easy to say "yes" to discipleship in well-lit chapels and in good health. But, as in getting married, the first yes launches a long relationship filled with opportunities to say yes again. The

second yes, confirming the first, is not usually spoken in words. But however spoken, the demanding language of loyalty makes clear what and whom we love. Our gift to speak the quiet grammar of faith, the rich dialect of cheer, and the sweet poetry of patience will be lost when we leave this mortal scene. If we do not make statements clearly in that language while it is our turn to do so, we will forever wish we had. God accepts the early yes, the one that gets things started. But the latter yes, uttered in discomfort, is the convincing one. Our second yes and the ones that follow will stand forever as monuments to our lives. Perhaps they are the only things we came here to say.” (from Making Sense of Suffering) He said what he came here to say. We will forever cherish his greatest sermon, a life well lived.

His last words, the whispering efforts of a suffering and sincere soul, were, “If I could give one word of counsel, it would be to pray. Pray, pray, pray.”

Wayne Brickey is survived by his beloved and amazing wife of almost 50 years, Joanne Rossi Brickey, his favorite brother, Jim, & Elaine, Brickey, and all of his twelve children, their spouses, and 46 of his 48 grandchildren, who each seem to think they were his favorite: Daniel & Kamie Brickey, John Brickey, Sarah & John Young, Joseph & Angela Brickey, Mary & Dan Cole, Ruth Brickey, Wayne Jr & Caran Brickey, Anne & Aaron Schofield, Caroline & Emil Lavaki, Naomi Brickey, Esther & Joseph Buhidar, Samuel Brickey, Rachel & Tom Nordgren, John E, Cade, Matthew, Jacob, Hyrum, Emma, Rachel, Michael, Isabelle, Iain, Rebekah, Carlos, Marco, Gabe, Xavier, Anka, Rowan, Pheobe, Abby, Adam, Jennifer, Sal, Nauvoo, Isaac, Soren, Eve, Rael, James, Sariah, Esther, Eli, Nicolas, Raqael, Ephraim, Mary, Sarah, Eliza, Sam, Damien, Elivia, Hannah, Teo’isi, Elora, ‘Aokosi, Bente, Naomi.

Wayne Brickey was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Naimah Lavaki, grandson, Lucian Brickey, his parents, Purl and Marjorie Brickey, and his sister, Laurie Adomonis.

Funeral Services will be held on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at 11:00 am, at the Orem Park Stake Center, 195 S. 300 W. Orem, Utah. Public viewings will be Thursday, April 13th, from 6 to 7:30pm, at the Park 8th ward building, 114 S. 400 W. Orem, Utah, and Friday, April 14th, from 9:30 to 10:30am at the Orem Park Stake Center, 195 S. 300 W. Orem, Utah. Interment will be at the American Fork Cemetery, 600 North 100 East, American Fork, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends give a potted plant (perennials and berries are best, but any plant will be great) or another contribution for a memorial garden dedicated to our beloved friend, father, teacher, and mentor.

Feel free to comment on this website on your feelings, memories, and connection to Wayne Brickey.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## American Fork City Cemetery

600 North 100 East

American Fork, UT, 84003

# Events

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**APR 13** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Park 8th Ward

114 South 400 West, Orem, UT, US, 84058

**APR 14** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Orem Park Stake Center

195 West 300 South, Orem, UT, US, 84058

**APR 14** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Orem Park Stake Center

195 West 300 South, Orem, UT, US, 84058

# Comments

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“ My husband and I were privileged to be taught by Brother Wayne Brickey. We bought all his books and read from them nearly every day. We are saddened to read of his untimely passing and the suffering as he fought with Cancer. We had so hoped to get to go on another trip with him as educator. Our sincere condolences to the entire Brickey family. Your Dad is one in a million. He touched so many lives for good.

**Ginna Sanders** - May 06, 2017 at 03:36 PM

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“ Just a note to Joanne to say the very insignificant words - I am so sorry for your loss. My Tom has been gone for over 11 years and My encouragement to you is that your love will grow greater and more meaningful which makes the loss easier to bear. May the Lord bless and continue to comfort you. Deanna

**Deanna Bean** - April 26, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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“ Tom and I loved the classes we took from Wayne and our association on the CES trip to the "Book of Mormon Lands" We loved his scholarship, genuine interest in everyone, his great sense of humor and his abiding love for the Savior. We have his books in our home and refer to them often, they have motivated us many times to strive more to come to know and appreciate our Savior. I saw him several months ago in the temple and it was good to have that opportunity to once again feel of his sincere interest and love.  
Deanna Bean

**Deanna Bean** - April 26, 2017 at 12:40 PM

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“ Growing up in San Diego, my father was the Bishop who interviewed Wayne for Baptism. The San Diego 8th Ward was our ward family and I remember Wayne Brickey.  
Though he is about 5-6 years older than me, I remember sitting in the 8th ward chapel and hearing Wayne give his report from his mission. He spoke of actually praying for adversity while on his mission. I was mesmerized by the deepness of his thoughts and the ability he showed as a teacher. I have admired him this many years and wish to pay tribute to him. What a legacy he has left his family.

Linda Howard

**Linda Howard** - April 19, 2017 at 01:31 PM

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“ I love him so much! Our family has so many, many beautiful, poignant and spiritual memories of him. I think I'll share a favorite funny one of him, though. One day when he was at the house with our younger children, a mouse ran up his pantleg while he was sitting at the kitchen table! The manner in which he got rid of it outside was hysterical to my children and to us when he retold the story. And although I was horrified with the thought of a mouse running up his leg, we laughed until we cried. I knew he understood the problem of field mice on farms in Missouri. Oh, how we miss and love him...

**Colette Steele** - April 19, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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“ Wayne is my friend and our friendship continues God be with you till we meet again.  
Michael John Andersen

**Mike Andersen** - April 17, 2017 at 06:46 AM

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“ Wayne always encouraged me in gospel teaching and gospel living. He made me feel that I could become, with time and effort, the kind of daughter Heavenly Father desires me to become.

Like the Savior he was a builder of people and things. He leaves a legacy of love, honor, and good works. My life has been blessed by Wayne Brickey. He will be greatly missed by family, all the friends that knew him, and those who were touched by his teaching and writing. We are grateful to have known such a man as Wayne Brickey.

Christina Parkinson

**Christina Parkinson** - April 14, 2017 at 08:29 AM

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“ Love to the Brickey family from old Idaho friends and colleagues. Wayne the gentle and gentleman farmer while in Pocatello was a steady light, always on and brightly illuminating our ways with insight and love. God bless you all with continued peace and joy. Roger and Earlene Porter

**Roger Porter** - April 13, 2017 at 11:38 PM

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“ Wayne & Joanne along with their family have been valued friends of the Mary Ann Page (now Gilliland) family for many years. Wayne was teaching Institute at Dixie State College and two of the Page children (Kent and Lanay) were privileged to have him as a teacher. Kent also requested that Wayne speak at his missionary farewell. Wayne spoke at Allen Page's funeral here in St George in 1987. Wayne and Joann were continually concerned about Mary Ann and Glen after Allen's death. After Mary Ann being single for 10 years she married Robert Gilliland. Wayne was concerned that he was a good man and of course Mary Ann knew that he was truly a blessing in her life and the lives of the three Page children.

After Mary Ann married Robert (Bob) Gilliland they moved to Logan and later came back to St. George. Bob became acquainted with the Brickey family and valued their family. Mary Ann and Bob had the privilege of touring Israel with Wayne as tour director. His knowledge of Israel and the Savior's ministry there was amazing. He not only knew where we were going and what we were going to experience, but he knew it in depth!

We also became aware that he and Joanne were instrumental in helping one of the Missionaries we served with while presiding over the Ohio Cincinnati Mission. (Ward & Amber Hunter) to prepare for her endowment and their subsequent sealing while in Missouri. They were saddened when we informed them of Wayne's passing.

Wayne taught a special Institute Class in our Stake for at least three years we are aware of his service.. He would teach one class in the afternoon and another that evening. Wow, what depth of knowledge and understanding he had of the Scripture he was teaching! He could teach an hour and a half on just a few verses of a chapter! This knowledge he so willingly shared served many people. His books have made his knowledge and testimony a wonderful lasting contribution! There was never a doubt about his close love for his Savior and the Church. He is a true Disciple of the Savior as is his wonderful wife Joann.

We express our gratitude for our association with this great man, Sister Brickey and family. There is no doubt but he was welcomed with the words: "Well done good and faithful servant!" We extend our love and sincere sympathies to Joanne and all of the family!

Robert & Mary Ann Page Gilliland  
Lanay Page, Kent and Heidi Page and Family Glen and Rachel Page and Family

Robert and Mary Ann (Page) Gilliland - April 13, 2017 at 10:57 PM

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“ I met Brother Brickey when he lived in Gallatin when he was having a garage sale north of town . Me not EVER knowing a stranger began to chit-chat and within minutes I knew if he was of the Mormon faith he was a good good man! After that when I'd see him around town I'd always take time to say hi; how have you been?? I can't say enough kind words for such a Godly man!! I was sad I was unable to hear

him speak the last time here was in Gallatin. I was with some of the sisters a couple weeks ago & they told me he was not well. sending prayers for all his family & friends.  
Sherri Pettit Smith & family

**sherri pettit Smith** - April 13, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ What a beautiful comment, Sherri. Yes, he will be so missed...

**Colette** - April 19, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ Brother Brickey was my seminary teacher at Box Elder High school in 1970. He came in at mid year as a replacement for a teacher who resigned. I appreciated what he taught and his sincerity. I will always remember the story he told of having his life preserved in an auto accident by adhering to gospel principles.

C.H.Higgs

**C H Higgs** - June 23, 2017 at 01:30 AM



“ Brother Brickey was my institute advisor many years ago...the first year we had the Young Adult committee. He taught me so much about the Spirit, about doing things but not overdoing things. He taught me how to listen and be still. Whenever I spoke with him, he seemed to be able to look right into my soul. My soul treasures that year we worked with him side by side. I love you, Brother Brickey! Thank you for being you and sharing your soul with us. -Becca Sutton Anderton

**Becca Sutton Anderton** - April 13, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ I'll always be grateful my son was able to take his seminary class. I loved listening as I waited to take my son to his, Freshman year of high school.

Institute classes were the best. I always looked forward to learning from the wonderful spirit that was always present.

I'll always remember the day he took his extra \$5 out of his pocket one day & asked us what we thought the Lord would want him to do with this extra \$5 that he happened to have that week.

For some reason, that really hit me -- he taught in ways that made you think about why you think the things you think. And if that's what the Lord wants you to know. So grateful for all he shared with the many classes he taught.

We were all so blessed by his faithfulness.

**Annette** - April 13, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ When I was as a missionary serving In the Gallitin Ward from January to June 2011. Something that I remember was Brother Brickey classes Wednesday nights in the primary room. His testimony of the scriptures and the savior was so powerful to me even til this day as he was a spiritual giant that admire. I felt the spirit so strong with him and I was greatful to know him.



“ I'll never forget the warm welcome that you gave me when I was new to the ward, the many faithful hugs that came after, the laugh that we shared after I did a forward flip while racing my teenage son at Adam-ondi-Ahman, or the inspiration that you gave at the intimate fireside that I attended. You were the kind of person that made everyone feel at home, no matter where they were or what they were doing. People mattered to you, enough to always remember their names and details about them. Your loving nature, powerful spirit, and incredible gospel knowledge left a lasting impression. You will be respectfully and fondly remembered as our "Gallatin General Authority." I do so love you, Brother Brickey, and I will eagerly anticipate your warm welcome and faithful hug on the other side of the veil.



Jason Ray France - April 13, 2017 at 03:22 PM

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“ A special memory for me of Wayne Brickey was his 2016 trip last year to Missouri. Among other things, we made a "walk-about" out in the fields of Adam ondi Ahman looking for a possible crossing of the Grand River for that year's upcoming Far West Youth Conference activity. (By the way that activity was not permitted) However our short hike turned out a lot longer than planned. I was so concerned about Wayne's energy but he was in his element there in that special place and would never admit to being to tired. Spending several hours with him walking there had to be a highlight in my life. Missing him now so very much. Maybe he can still enjoy walking there in spirit. I will be remembering him forever. Love Mike Steele

Mike Steele - April 13, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ What a beautiful memory, Mike. Yes, we love him so much and already miss him...

Colette - April 13, 2017 at 03:09 PM

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“ Brother Wayne Brickey and his wife, JoAnn, have been among my favorite people I've had to privilege to associate with, ever since meeting them over 20 year ago. Brother Brickey was our Home Teacher and he was the best and truest Home Teacher I have ever had. He was an extraordinary example of the pure love of Christ and true humility. He had a brilliant mind and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. He was one of the greatest men I have ever known and I'm so sad that I didn't spend more time with him and JoAnn, What a wonderful couple. He will be missed greatly, but I'm sure he's a great blessing to many now. Your family will be in my prayers.

Love the Brickey Family, Maryan Peterson

Maryan Peterson - April 13, 2017 at 10:57 AM

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“ I loved attending his institute class, he was a wonderful man and teacher. He was also very funny. I'm glad I was able to meet him and learn from him.

kim (chaves) Nottingham - April 13, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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“ He was our bishop at Wymount 20 years ago when we were young married students. He took a special interest in us. He got back surgery and rode his motorcycle to church. I was just thinking about him this week. He called me to be an organist and I told him I was a pianist and could not do that. He said, yes you can. He was right. Now I have been playing the organ in church for 20 years thanks to his encouragement. Love to you all!

Jenny Cole - April 12, 2017 at 11:30 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences and love to a wonderful man and family. What a blessing it was for us to become acquainted with Wayne, to have learned from his teachings and his example. We will forever cherish that in his last months he taught the temple preparation class to our son Tanner. We'll never forget him giving the book Making Sense of Suffering to us when we had a miscarriage. We have the utmost respect for him and know his spirit continues to live and to bless others.

John and Kim Faragher and Family

John Faragher - April 12, 2017 at 10:54 PM

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“ Wayne Brickey changed lives. His love of God, the Gospel, and his fellow man was tangible. Just talking to him, you could tell that he cared about you. He was wise and wonderful, with a great sense of humor, and a joy for life.

Wayne met my Dad when they were teenagers, befriended him, and changed the course of his life. The story I remember the best was how, for fun, they would pick a gospel topic, study it, and write a talk about it. (This was at 16 and 17 years of age.) Later, they both made teaching the Gospel their lives work. They both had a

profound love for the Gospel, and it shaped who they were/are.

My Dad came from a less active family, with more than its share of discord and turbulence. Knowing Wayne, made him a better person, and helped him find his path. I am grateful for Wayne's influence, support, and friendship in my Dad's life, and my own.

~ Clarissa Young

Clarissa Young - April 12, 2017 at 08:12 PM

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“ We love our dear friend, Brother Brickey. He would often come over to visit a very good friend and fellow CES buddy, Ron Louw. Ron loved to visit with Wayne and their conversations would always uplift Ron. Now they are together and I am sure busy teaching many the gospel. Love to you dear Brickeys. Thank you for sharing your husband and father with so many of us. Carol (Louw) Davis

Carol Davis - April 12, 2017 at 08:09 PM

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“ To Sister Brickey and the Brickey family, We are so sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father. We sat at his feet in classes in the St George Family History Library and their Genealogy Expo as well as in the 700 South ward building and his last Church History Tour in July of 2015. We will be forever grateful for his teachings, many of which we think of often and continue to live by. He was filled with wit and wisdom and knowledge and understanding. One left his classes feeling enlightened and eager to return for more. He continued to pass that on to others without regard for his own comfort and well-being. He is one of our heroes. We treasure the memories of his teachings.  
Barry and Phyllis Lewis

Phyllis Lewis - April 12, 2017 at 07:34 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Church History Tour July 2015



Phyllis Lewis - April 12, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ My sister, brother and I were on this tour. What an incredible experience we had with his inspired commentary! It will forever remain as one of the highlights of my life!

Lois Cottle

**Lois Cottle** - April 14, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ Thanks for letting us know. I am a better person for knowing him. He was a super teacher. He made leaning the gospel easy for us to understand and to live. He taught so well that wouldn't want to miss any classes. We miss him here in MO. Chris McDonald

**Chris McDonald** - April 12, 2017 at 01:44 PM

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“ My dear husband, Wayne D Eckman, passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2016. On that Wednesday I went to Brother Brickey's class, and he very lovingly commented on my husband. We love your dear family, and treasure our friendship. I would love to have been able to come to the funeral, but I just moved up to Bountiful to live with my son and his wife. I feel it best to not drive down there alone, and no one here is able to come with me. So please know how much I love you dear folks, and hope to keep in contact in the future. The knowledge of our eternal companionships will sustain you all, I know. It has been such a comfort to me, and enabled me to go on and try to make the rest of my life as useful as I can, to be worthy to be with my husband Wayne in the hereafter. I know they are watching over us as often as necessary, and I feel it at times! Love, from Pal Eckman

**Paralee M Eckman** - April 12, 2017 at 10:31 AM

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**Sarah Brickey Young** - April 12, 2017 at 10:05 AM

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“ It was such a privilege to know Wayne and listen to his beautiful testimony of the Savior. We will miss him greatly. May the Spirit be with your family and comfort you at this time. Our prayers are with you.

**Vicki Guerisoli** - April 12, 2017 at 09:48 AM

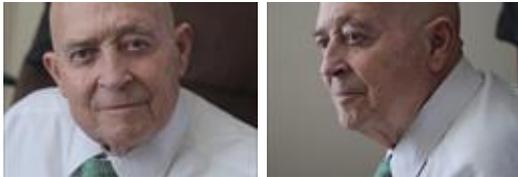


“ To our dear Joanne and family, we send our sincere love and heartfelt sympathy at this time. We rejoice that our dear friend has graduated with glowing honors knowing he has fought the good fight and now goes forth to continue to bless the lives of his brothers and sisters. We have been privileged to be blessed in many ways by his sweet spirit and over-flowing love and knowledge of our Savior, first in Sandy, Utah and recently as we have been blessed to share these past years in St. George. We will be forever grateful for his love shared, blessings given, and testimony borne to our hearts. God be with you 'til we meet again, dear friend. We love all of you. Bob and Carole Ziegler

**Bob and Carole Ziegler** - April 12, 2017 at 09:30 AM



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**Mary Cole** - April 11, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ My dear Brother Wayne. What a remarkable person and Friend. A true follower of Christ. Wayne now goes to prepare a place for his family for the eternities. To the Brickey Family, we love you. Rod and Patsy

**Rod** - April 12, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ Wayne and I would sometimes greet each other with a warm embrace and one hand behind the others neck. When he asked how I was doing, I generally answered: "Good." Wayne is the only person in the world who then asked: "Are you sure?"

Our love and admiration to all of you!

Eric and Sandra Stephan

**Eric Stephan** - April 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ I was blessed to know Brother Brickey for many years through our service together in the Church Educational System "family." Then we were both called to serve in a BYU Stake at the same time. Brother Wayne is always a very kind and caring person who is loved by those who know him. Dee and I want to express our sympathy his family.

Lynn and Dee Applegate

**Lynn Applegate** - April 13, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ I knew Wayne and Joanne as young college students in San Diego. I was their Institute Director and teacher. I believe that they met at the institute. It would have been between the years of 1960 - 1963. I went to the Office in Los Angeles in 1966 as Coordinator. I notice that he went to my old mission in the Great Lakes. I have watched his career over the years. He did very well. I would be happy to share any information about our experiences together if the family and Joanne would like it. My e-mail address is randcottrell@msn.com. Lee and I send our love to Joanne and the family. Ralph and Lee Cottrell

**Ralph L. Cottrell, Jr.** - April 13, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ It was a great privilege to share our lives with Wayne and Joanne. Our paths crossed again and again, seemingly by chance, but we know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ leaves nothing to chance. These serendipitous connections were welcomed and rejoiced over. In Missouri, or in the St. George Temple, we connected and picked up where we left off. We pray for his sweet wife Joanne and his great family, that the Comforter be with them at this difficult time. We love you. Chris and Sylvia Lindquist

**Sylvia Lindquist** - April 13, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ It was truly a blessing to have been invited to Wayne Brickey's class every Wednesday afternoon. He was so fun as he taught like a giant of a leader in the gospel, Joanne was always there supporting him. I have attended the St George Temple and served as an ordinance worker along with them. Love and miss you and all your family, Judith Asay

**Judith Asay** - April 13, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ Our Family The Gruwells had the privilege of living in the Utah Park Stake with Brickeys I remember My mom always tried to attend his know your religion class and I remember going to his class at byu during and One summer Wayne had the privilege of doing a break out session for My ysa summer summit in my ysa stake in apline Utah!! Wayne was running a little behind schedule and Sister Karen Markham asked if i could get a hold of him!!! This one time in october we were headed to newport beach and we stopped at costco in st. george to make a potty stop and we ran into Joanne and Wayne at costco Wayne was a spiritual gaint may the lord bring Joanne and Family Everlasting piece at this hard time!!!

**Megan Gruwell** - April 14, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ Can there be a better measure of a life than its impact upon others? Wayne Brickey influenced thousands of people through the course of his life. His ability to share his deep and abiding testimony of the Savior was unique among men. He was a powerful influence for good in my life following my return from my mission and during my service as a young adult/LDSSA leader at the Golden West Institute in the early 70s. That building became a reality thanks to Brother Brickey's efforts.

Joann, you and Wayne always made us welcome in your home. We feel deeply for your loss and pray the Lord's blessings may be with you and your sweet family.

Tim Treu-May 20, 2017

**Tim Treu** - May 20, 2017 at 02:24 PM