

James Lawrence Deaton

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I knew Jim all of my career with UDOT. I worked directly for him in Ogden as his Maintenance Engineer. I have many fond memories of our relationship. Jim was truly one of the prime movers that brought UDOT into modern times. He is most likely one of the last old timers that made UDOT great. It was a privilege and a honor to work for him and to count him as a friend. I express my sincere condolences to you as a family and know that he is a better place.

- John D. Gunderson

In my career with the state I had several bosses across several disciplines. Jim Deaton surpassed all of my expectations in every way possible. He was a man of magnificent aplomb and character. He battled politicians and the special interest groups like no other man I have ever known. Jim won most of those battles gaining the respect of countless peers and authorities alike. I am so proud to have know this man and look forward to the day we can play golf and whatever the hereafter entails. Rest WELL my good friend and colleague.

- Mont Smith