

Jon Rulon Larsen

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If you knew Jon well, you knew he was one of a kind—one who was sent to this world with exceptional talents and abilities, designed to teach and lift up his fellow man. We were fortunate enough to have witnessed his intellect, love, and desire to assist everyone to experience the transformative power of the Gospel. I have had the honor of knowing Jon for 37 years. In that time I have had extraordinary and transcendent discussions and experiences with him, from numerous enlightening discussions in the home of Hugh Nibley, to napkin notetaking at Apollo Burger, to the ruins of Chaco Canyon, to the other world of Third Mesa. What I write here is wholly inadequate to convey years of knowledge. If you're going to have a discussion with Jon on the Book of Mormon or the rest of the scriptures, you better come prepared; otherwise, it's as if you're bringing a knife to a gunfight. He could, and did, give his mission presidents, Boyd K. Packer and Truman G. Madsen, a run for their money. His gift was to ask the question that caused you to ponder, and that few could answer. Years ago, we coined a term for those whom we felt were aware and awake to the realities of this world—that term was "dancer." "But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced" (Matthew 11:16-17). Jon listened intently to that music in the scriptures being piped and to The Piper, and he did dance. There are a great many contrary voices yelling for our attention. Jon's assessment was to trust no flesh—including his own. He found Christ taking that same position in his own ministry: "For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee..." And Christ was including himself in that comment—standing there, as He was, before His disciples in the flesh. Jon may have had his shortcomings, but he reminds us of what Brother Joseph said, if we would not condemn him for his faults, he would not condemn us, but carry us on his back into Heaven. Jon had taken him up on that.

- Paul Durham

My deepest sympathy to Dee Ann and daughters. Jon and DeeAnn hosted many fun parties for our water aerobics group. Every time we went to their home, we saw the many creations that Jon had done . His creations included Harry Potter, hanging candles for Halloween, a beautiful back yard with impressive flower gardens. Along with Dee Ann, He was always a welcoming host.

- Janice Hansen

I love Jon. I considered him a dear friend. I enjoyed serving with him in the Granite 11th Ward Bishopric.

- Charlie Rudd

Jon Larsen Our Comrade and Friend Your American Legion buddies are going to miss you Jon. You' were the spark of Post 140. And now, our friend, you've gone. Together we have honored fellow veterans when they die. Now with sadness in our hearts we're telling you goodbye. We too, in turn, will be called home when our time here is done. and we'll march right up to heaven and join you one by one. And as we march thru heavens gates with joyful happy tears, We will meet the many veterans we have honored through the years. Ron Tranmer / Post Bugler

- Ron Tranmer

We are so sorry to hear that Jon had passed away. Robert call me with the sad news. Jon will be missed by many people, us included. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Much Love and God Bless, Marv & Sharman

- Marv & Sharman Bateman

I had the privilege of having Jon in our home on many occasions as we discussed the gospel of Jesus Christ. I will always treasure those times and the wisdom he shared. Fair winds and following seas leatherneck.

- Cody Hatch

So saddened by Jon's sudden departure from this earthly life. I was so grateful to you both for attending the dedication of Taegan's gravesite in May. Seeing you both meant a great deal that day. You have been great neighbors and friends. We have shared some interesting experiences together. My heart goes out to you Dee and your girls and their families.

- Connie. CONNIE de Mik

Dear Dee Ann, Our deepest sympathy to you and your girls. We are so saddened to hear of Jon's passing. Our friendship thru the years is something we will cherish forever. We both love and respect Jon and believe him to be a great man. His love for the Corp is something to be proud of and Tom has always loved and respected him for that. He was a good friend and will be sorely missed. Dee Ann, although we are here in St. George, it is our hope you will fill our love and arms around you during this most difficult time. Love always, Tom & Penny

- Tom & Penny Gwilliam