

Melvin "Mel" Delbert Wilkey

May 31, 1940 ~ June 16, 2023

My deepest and most sincere condolences go out to you and your family.

- Wade Williams

Mel was such a great guy! He always asked how I was and cared about my life even when I was just a little kid running around the Rose Shop! My deepest condolences to his family!

- David Larkin

Mel was a friend for over 50 years. He knew how to love and to selflessly serve and care for others. We were recipients many times of his beautiful creations; floral arrangements, ceramics, embroidered dish towels etc. He was always busy, doing for others. We enjoyed his annual Christmas parties for most of the years we knew he and Diane. We will miss him! The twins learned from the best and have taken great care of their Dad for a long time now. Mel and Diane couldn't have asked for better care. Our love and condolences to Diane and the kids. We love you! Gary and Susan Johnson

- Susan and Gary Johnson

I loved seeing Mel at work for so many years - he always had a smile and made beautiful floral arrangements to take home to my wife. Prayers and condolences to the Wilkey family.

- Brandon Glade

I have lost a dear friend. My love and deepest sympathy to Dianne and to the children. I have very fond memories of our good times together. I hope Mel can help keep Mike in line until I get there to take over.■

- Karen Jones

I will miss that "giant of a man". Such a genuine love for others. Every Christmas when I set up my porcelain nativity I think of Mel. I always look forward to visiting with he & Dianne - such a sweet couple.

- Claudia Johnson

I will miss Mel coming into Ensign and always stopping by my desk and saying hi and teasing me just a little. He was a great man.

- Melissa Wiley- Ensign Wholesale

All I can tell you is the party on the other side is likely out of control. He and the group of life long friends have shown us the way of life and happiness… thank you Mel

- DR Cahoon

Mel was Mr. Rose Shop. What a kind, charitable, Christ-like person. As mentioned in his notice, a friend to all. For those who worked closely with Mel at Larkin Mortuary, how often would we find him working on his "day off" or after hours preparing a "special arrangement" for a neighbor, friend or loved one. He was one of a kind. We love you Mel and missed your regular presence these last few years at 260 as you dealt with your own health issues. You've lived a good, exemplary life . . . which we all would do well to emulate. My best wishes to your family during this difficult time.

- Mark Hewlett

Uncle Mel will be greatly missed!!! He was truly a man of Christ like service. All of my family has benefited from his amazing talents!!! He has been a support through all of our triumphs and trials. He was there at every wedding, mission farewell and funeral. He did the food and flowers for mine and my kids weddings. He taught me that the thing that people remember most about a wedding, is the food. But I remember the flowers! He had an amazing talent and his arrangements were always unique and beautiful!! He brought flowers every Memorial Day starting when Grandpa Peterson died. When I was a young girl he made Mother’s Day and Christmas corsages and my sister and I would go door to door and sell them. It was such a fun way for me to earn money. My favorite funny experience was lunch at JB’s restaurant in Cedar City. Uncle Mel was the only male with a table full of women and children. Mom and her sisters were there and Lauri and Melanie. We were all seated at a big table in the middle of the room and I had some of my kids too. Around the outer edge of the table were tables and booths that were empty. A bus full of tourists arrived and the waitress seated the guests in the tables surrounding us. Not long after we heard them talking.about us!! They thought Mel was a polygamist!!!!! Not to disappoint, as we got up to leave the restaurant, Mel got up, put his arm around Aunt Dianne and loudly proclaimed for all in the room to hear “. I am going home with her I sleep with her the most,,”. I never heard him complain about anything but cell phones, , texting and technology. He was truly a “people” person and he served the “one” he loved serving family, friends, his ward family and.veterans in the hospital. And if you weren’t family he made you feel like family. He is loved by all who know him. Thank you to the Wilkey family for all you have done for us!!!! Mel bore testimony of life after death and I look forward to a sweet reunion some day. Our love to Aunt Dianne and all of the Wilkey family.

- Lorie and Dana DeMille

I will sure miss this wonderful man! I had the pleasure of working beside Mel at the Rose Shop. His enthusiasm for life and love of people was contagious. I learned a lot about design but even more about life. He shared lots of

wisdom and life lessons. Always had a fun joke or story too. He loved Dianne and his family with all his heart. He loved to feed people and to share. We have enjoyed his delicious jams and have beautiful ceramics he has given our family. We will all miss Mel.

- Amy Curtis

Such fun memories of Mel keeping our stomachs stuffed while on temple trips. Sure love him and Diane! He will be missed

- Janice Hemmert

So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. My condolences and love to his family. I had the privilege of working with Mel for a few years at The Rose Shop. His talent, kindness, friendship, generosity, and humor was a delight. He truly touched many hearts and lives for good. I am so grateful to have crossed paths with him and will always remember him as an amazing example of service and friendship.

- Kristy Wray

My memories of Mel started early and continued through weddings and learning so much from him about service and loving people. We love him and Diane and our love and prayers go out to you and your family. The reunion with the ‘Young Marrieds’ will be epic!!

- Evelyn and Bob Gibson

Oh how Mell will be missed. He is the Best-and greatest example of a Christ like life. What an example he has been to our family. And will be so missed! Diane and family we love you all. And we are praying for peace.

- Greg and Brenda Stevens.

Dianne, I laughed hard at Mel’s Gambling teaching moments with the Grandkids!!!! ■ I bet that had him grinning from ear to ear. I had logged off my work from home headset to enjoy my front row zoom seat. I’ve been reminiscing all week … He’s one of those mentors you can’t remember HOW you met because he’d always been in your life ■

- Cindy E Jones

Thank you for a lifetime of friendship with the Lobrot family! We appreciate the Wilkey family and send you our love and sympathy. Mel certainly lived his life well. Love, Mark and LaReen Judd

- LaReen Lobrot Judd

Mel was one of my favorite people, his amazing contagious personality will be truly be missed. I still display my collection of ceramic eggs he gave out every year.

- Kyle Cherrington

I will deeply miss Mr Wilkey .. I lived 5 houses down at my grandparents house with my mom Leslie Cox and I didn't know of his passing til now and my heart goes out to Mrs Wilkey hope she is doing alright and hanging in there my love and deepest condolences

- Lil jo stone