

Ronald Kent Nelson

January 11, 1938 ~ March 3, 2026

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers for your entire family.

- Jerry Gowen

I am sincerely for your loss, and your tribute to Kent is beautiful. It is clear he was very loved. I am so sorry to miss his services, as I will be out of town. I would have loved to celebrate his life with you in person. I joined the Utah Scrabble Club just over a year ago, and despite Kent beyond infinitely better than me, he was very welcoming, encouraging, and supportive of me as a new player. I was lucky enough to be in Phoenix with Kent at his last tournament - which was my first tournament. Catching up with him every Wednesday at club and talking about our families, the Jazz, cribbage, our experiences as teachers and coaches of our children were some of my favorite times at club. I was so impressed with Kent's skill level, strategy, and expertise. It is not easy to become a master at anything, and he certainly did that. Despite being an elite competitor he was always gracious whether he won or lost (which he rarely did!) I am really going to miss Kent. I will never forget him telling me his favorite things (besides his family) were "competing and eating." Classic! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

- Bridget Chiazzese

Oh Jolene we are so sad to hear this . You have been a great friend and couple that we have always looked up to. We will see you at the viewing Love you so much Jacque and Boyd Butler

- Jacque Butler

Sending prayers of comfort to Jenn and all family and loved ones. I'm grateful for the nice example he was to me as a kind and loving father. -Aly and Family

- Alyson Grimshaw Baird

Such a blessing to have known Kent and your family. My thoughts, prayers and love are with all of you.

- Barbara Lloyd

I'm saddened to hear about Coach Nelson's passing! He was a great mentor, friend, and coach at West Jordan Middle School! When the school district said that the High School Swim Coach needed to be a teacher, Coach Nelson stepped in. He didn't know a lot about training swimmers so he was there to back up the coach that knew how to train us. I worked at the pool too as a life guard and swim instructor and I would always see him and work with his daughter Kim. I appreciate all that I learned from Coach and I will always have fond memories of him in Gym class and at swim practice! Thank you Coack Nelson for your example and kindmess towards me. It definitely was not unnoticed! Until we meet again!

- J.C. Cowan

Jolene ■ sweet friend I just saw this on Face Book. I'm so sorry . I would have been to his funeral. I loved Kent . He was always so nice, funny, loved his humor. You are right it's just temporary ♥■■ . I love you very much. Pepper ■■

- Becky pepper