

William (Bill) Elden Hadfield

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Growing up in Salt Lake City, I had the unique blessing of meeting my best friend in kindergarten at Dilworth Elementary. Tyler Hadfield (“Hady”) and I went on to complete elementary school, junior high, high school, and college together - and he remains the most loyal, supportive, and treasured friend in my life. Hady was raised by an incredible family. His mom and dad have always felt like second parents to me, and I’ve loved and admired his siblings since we were six years old. His father, Bill Hadfield, was a remarkable example of intelligence, hard work, good humor, faith, and devotion to family. Bill was even brave enough to employ me in high school and college at his “Lamp Company” for several years. I’ve often thought it both fitting and poetic that Bill made his living in the world of light and illumination - because he truly was a source of light in my life, and in the lives of so many others. Bill passed away this past Saturday. While I’m deeply saddened by this tremendous loss, I’m also profoundly grateful for the influence he had on my life. I believe we now have a wonderful guardian angel in heaven, lighting the way home for those he loved. I love you, Bill. Thank you for your example, your kindness, and the lasting impact you’ve had on my life.

- Bill Knowlton

Dear Jessica, It’s lovely to read about your dad and his incredible life. I am so sorry for your loss. He sounded like a wonderful man. May your family find peace in this difficult time. ■ Sending you love. EM

- Erin Minckley

Dear Gayle, Alex, Elden and family, You are in my thoughts. I wish you peace and a plethora of beautiful memories that you share with William.

- Wendy Locante

I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He and I were junior companions together in our first assignment in Japan to the Okamachi Branch in the Osaka area, way back in 1963. Although we had lost track of each other in the intervening years, I know I looked forward to reminiscing and laughing with him from time to time at missionary

reunions. I have fond memories of Bill from our fun but challenging times together in Okamachi -- his great goodness and positive personality have had a lasting impact on my own life. My sincerest condolences to your family.

- Robert Russell

I am truly sad to hear of his passing. I can honestly say Bill was always a pleasure to talk to. I did not know the scope of his life, faith, and family until reading his obituary. But knowing him as I did, it comes as no surprise. I never met him in person, but we had many years together doing business with each other. Our conversations over the phone would start off as business but always ended up talking as friends about many different topics. I used to make comments to my employees that I wish all customers were like Bill & Gayle. Craig Harris J. Harris Lampshades

- Craig Harris

My sympathy goes out to all members of your family. I admired Bill in many ways and appreciate the good example he was to me. He had a wonderful command of the English language which was impressive to me. May you all be blessed with your special memories of your dear husband, father, and grandfather.

- Coy Curtis

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