Roger Wendel Christensen

November 4, 1944 ~ June 23, 2017

Roger Wendel Christensen, 72, of Sandy, Utah, passed away Friday, June 23, 2017, in Murray, Utah. Roger was born November 4, 1944, the son of Wendel A and Nora Hurst Christensen.

Roger was raised in his beloved Fairview, where he made life long friends. He graduated in 1963 from North Sanpete High School in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, where he was Senior Class President. He was active in athletics, lettering in football, basketball, baseball, and track. His love for sports continued throughout his life. At a young age, he worked for his Dad at Wen\s Service in Fairview where his Dad taught him how to build things, repair things, and how to love and serve his community.

Following High School graduation, Roger began his education at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He chose to delay his education to serve a 2-year mission in the Alaskan-Canadian Mission. Upon returning home, he soon married his middle school sweetheart, Anna Jean, the daughter of Coy Emerson and Mable Oldroyd Blackham, on January 8, 1966, for time and all eternity, in the Manti Utah LDS Temple. Together, their greatest joy was raising their 4 children. Roger graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from Utah State University. After graduation, He worked for many years as a manufacturers\ representative in electronic sales, and he operated his own company, Christec. Following retirement, he worked as a device designer and product manager for various medical companies in the Salt Lake area.

Throughout his life, Roger has been active in the LDS Church. He has a deep love for his Heavenly Father, the Savior and for everyone in the Sandy Utah Crescent Stake. His strong testimony will bless and sustain his family and all of those he served, throughout eternity. He truly loved to serve and always did so willingly. Over the years, he has served as Stake Young Men\s President, High Counselor, Counselor in the Bishopric, Bishop, Counselor in the Stake Presidency, and as Stake President. During this time, he also taught early morning seminary. He loved the youth of the Church. In 2004, he was called to serve as Patriarch for the Sandy Utah Crescent Stake, a calling that has brought him great joy for the past thirteen years, giving 728 blessings. His wife served at his side as scribe.

Roger had a life-long love for scouting. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and the District Award of Merit. He truly valued the attributes embodied in the Scout Oath and Law. Both of these were more than just recited words, but principles he lived by. He was thrilled that all three of his sons became Eagle Scouts.

Roger loved his yard, vegetable garden, and raspberry patch. He was well known for his specialty, raspberry jam. You knew you were loved when you received a bottle. Many bottles were returned for refills!

Roger had a special gift of making others feel genuinely valued and loved. It didn't matter who it was, Roger took the time to make others feel important. He was a great example of service to all those that knew him, most importantly to his family. He loved working side by side with his children, and grand children, helping them with

projects and repairs, because he could fix just about anything. He gave of himself without hesitation and truly showed his love for others through Christ-like service.

Above all, Roger's greatest love was being a husband, father and grandfather. He loved his family more than anything and they all knew that they meant the world to him. In return, he has left a lasting imprint on each of their hearts and we will be blessed forever by his legacy. As Roger would say: \"Keep the Faith.\"

He is survived by his wife, Anna Jean; his children: Annette (Lee) Westenskow, Jeffrey Roger, (Janalyn Anderson), Mark Alan (Trina Stanworth), Matthew Wendel (Karen Elmer), 18 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren; 2 sisters: DeAnn (Jerry) Barentsen, and Julie Rae (Marcus) Nielsen; sister-in-law: Nedra Abegglen, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, his wife\s parents, and his step-father-in-law, Reed H. Walker

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 1, 2017, at 11:00 am at the Pepperwood LDS Chapel, 2195 East Pepperwood Drive, Sandy, UT. Visitations will be held Friday evening from 6-8 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) in Sandy and Saturday morning from 9:00-10:30 prior to the services at the church.

Online condolences welcomed at www.larkincares.com. In lieu of flowers, family suggest donations be made to the LDS Missionary Fund.