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Carl Vance Smith was born to loving parents, Laura Poppleton Gunnell Smith and Vance Thomas Smith, on September 28, 1947, in Boise, Idaho. He passed on to the next life peacefully at his home in Sandy, Utah on January 1, 2019, surrounded by his loved ones. His return was anxiously awaited by his Heavenly Father and loving family, especially his mother, who passed on when he was five years old.

Carl grew up in southern Idaho, the son of a hard-working farming and ranching family. He learned to be a hard worker, master problem solver, and could fix virtually anything. He was and is a wise, gentle, soft-spoken man whose opinion was respected and valued by many. He served an honorable mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Guatemala/El Salvador mission from 1965-1968. He loved his mission, and he loved the people of Guatemala and El Salvador. His experiences there molded his future education, career, and life of love and service to others. He loved to work with people, and his profession allowed him to positively teach and influence many people during his life and career.

He attended Ricks College, where he met his eternal love and companion, Elizabeth Hunter. They were wed on September 11, 1969, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They started their married life together in Provo, Utah while attending Brigham Young University. He obtained his Doctorate degree from BYU in 1978. He was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many callings. He and his wife served in the Salt Lake City Inner-City Mission for two-and-a-half years as well as in the Hispanic Initiative for two years. He had a deep and abiding faith in our Heavenly Father's Plan of Happiness and in the atonement of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vance; mother, Laura; and step-mother, Barbara Loughmiller Smith. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Shayla (Jason) Vanderbeek, David (Angela Marie) Smith, Phillip (Angela Nicole) Smith, and Jennifer (Robert) Stanger. He is also survived by grandchildren, John (Claudia) Vanderbeek, Carly (Devin) Pfister, Ryleigh Smith, Sydney Smith, Lauren Stanger, Anna Stanger, Chloe Smith, Naomi Smith, Makenna Smith, Kyla Smith, and his great-granddaughter, Mia Vanderbeek. He loved and continues to love his family. They are his greatest treasures and spending time with them was his favorite hobby. He is also survived by his siblings, Karen Smith, Tanda (Shayne) Packer, Brent (Mary Ann) Smith, Lesa (Lindsay) Mann, many nieces and nephews, and an army of in-laws.

A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 12:00 pm at the Sandy Crescent Stake Center (10945 South 1700 East, Sandy, Utah). There will be time to visit with the family from 10-11:30 am on

Saturday at the same location. He will be interred at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah.