

Brent Mac Taylor

April 4, 1949 ~ January 28, 2022

Brent Mac Taylor was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on April 4, 1949, and passed away peacefully on the morning of January 28, 2022, in his home in Draper, Utah, while holding his beloved wife's hand, at the age of 72.

Brent grew up in Coltman, Idaho, and was the oldest of five children. The themes of leadership, service, and friendship were prevalent throughout his life.

Brent enjoyed a pleasant childhood living in "the country". His parents taught him to work hard and he had several chores growing up such as milking the family cow each morning. He was able to spend lots of time with his grandparents and cousins from both sides of his family and developed a strong family identity including a deep connection to his German heritage. As the oldest brother, he loved teasing and pranking his younger siblings and formed many lasting friendships with boys his age as they terrorized the neighborhood.

He learned to play the trumpet and was proud to be 'first chair' in his high school band.

He married Vicki Clark Taylor on June 11, 1971, in the Idaho Falls, Idaho LDS temple. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all of their children, grandchildren, and siblings. Brent and Vicki had a wonderful, happy marriage, and others would often comment what a great couple they were. They were best friends and did everything together including golfing, horse riding, traveling, and church service.

Brent considered rearing their five children as one of their greatest accomplishments and they now adore their twenty-one grandchildren.

Brent received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from BYU and upon graduation, went into the family business with his dad and two brothers. Brent eventually became the president of the family business, Decker's, Inc, which provided the greater Idaho area with sanitation products and services. After selling the business in 1995, Brent continued in the industry and later served as Regional Sales Manager for WAXIE Sanitary Supply for several years. Because of his hard-working style, engaging personality, and quick wit, he quickly became highly regarded by his customers, employees, and peers. He was often sought out for his keen business acumen and was relied on to provide highly-insightful judgment.

Brent enjoyed horses throughout much of his life. Most summers were filled with weekend trail rides, camping trips into the wilderness of Idaho, and the annual fall hunting trip with his brothers, sons, and father. On these trips Brent was the campfire entertainer, sharing stories and jokes and telling the group where "a guy could go" to explore different parts of the country. He enjoyed learning the lay of the land and finding great hunting spots.

Brent was larger than life and had a witty personality, quickly putting others at ease and making them laugh. He had a special talent for creating nick-names for individuals in his life, including his siblings, school teachers, and friends. We always asked him how he came up with them and he would say, "they just come to me".

His children and grandchildren loved to see him joke around and sing, “If I were a Rich Man” from Fiddler on the Roof and impersonate the lion from the Wizard of Oz by singing, “If I were the King of the Forest!”

Brent was hard-driving and impatient when something needed done. One of Brent’s mottos was “Do it Now” and “Do your work”. He worked hard every day of his life. We joked that his theme song was "I’m in a Hurry to Get Things Done", by Alabama.

Brent had a strong testimony of his Savior Jesus Christ and the blessings of loving and serving those around him. He accepted and served faithfully in many church positions, including Bishop, Missionary Training Center Branch President, temple worker, and in a Bishopric at BYU-Idaho with his cousin, Brad Foster. As a young man, he served as a missionary in Berlin, Germany, and remained fluent in the German language throughout his life. He and his wife, Vicki, also served a Family History mission after his retirement.

Brent was in charge of his life up until the day he passed away. Two months before his passing, he informed his family of their assignments for his funeral, including the precise minutes each person should speak. He wanted to make sure his sweetheart, Vicki, was cared for upon his passing and made assignments for each child.

Due to Brent’s failing health in his last couple of years, he and Vicki became nearly inseparable, and he frequently expressed his adoration and gratitude for her loving care.

Brent is survived by his wife, Vicki, and their five children: Greg Taylor (Vicki Jo), Jed Taylor (Julie), Teneal Taylor, Doug Taylor (Adele), and April Meyers (Todd). Brent and Vicki have 21 beautiful grandchildren. He is survived by his siblings, Greg Taylor (Chris), Teresa Taylor, Kurt Taylor (Leisa), and Nita Bloxham.

The family will receive guests at a viewing on Tuesday, February 1st from 6 to 8 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, UT. The Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 12 noon in the South Mountain 7th Ward Chapel, 272 East Traversepoint Drive, Draper, Utah, with a brief viewing from 1100 to 1145. The services will also be streamed via Zoom.