

Darrell LeRoy Bennett

February 16, 1938 ~ September 16, 2023

Darrell Leroy Bennett returned home to the loving arms of his family, his Savior and his Heavenly Father in his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his children and his wife in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the age of 85.

He is survived by: his wife, Celeste (Sue) Bennett; son, John and Kelly Bennett; daughter Celest and Jay Taylor and daughter Jennifer Ogden; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was born in Delta, Colorado, to Voyza Bell Graves and Ralph Alden Bennett on February 16, 1938.

Darrell was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held the office of high priest. He served a two-year mission (from 1958 to 1960), mostly in Colorado, which was part of the Western States Mission. He was an active, devoted member of the Church. He was an example to all and his heart's desire was to serve the Lord at every opportunity.

Darrell did whatever work was at hand with a goal of providing loving support to his loved ones. He worked in a variety of jobs such as heavy equipment, driving big trucks, driving the fun bus to Wendover and driving school busses, building roads, pressing clothes, delivering pizza, and selling Fuller Brush. He received an accounting degree from Utah State University in 1972 and spent the rest of his career as an accountant.

Darrell’s heart belonged to his family. He found joy in serving his family in whatever they needed. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are the light of his life. Wherever his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were to be found, at school, at a dance recital, in a gym, on a basketball floor, or on a golf course, that’s where he could be found. His grandchildren called him "Gramps." His great-grandchildren called him "Soda Grandpa," because he took soda and snacks to every event.

He loved playing sports and watching others play sports. He was always one of the most valuable players on any team sport that he participated in. Baseball, basketball, and golf were all fun to him. Sports served as a deeply woven thread that ran throughout the fabric of his life. Watching it on TV, participating in it or being with his grandchildren as they competed in a variety of sporting events was always satisfying to him.

All his family members and his friends will remember him as a loving, giving man. His legacy and example will live on forever!

His funeral is going to be held on September 23, 2023, 11:00 am at the East Millcreek 6th Ward (3103 East Craig Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 94109). A viewing will be held prior from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 pm at Springville City cemetery.