

Douglas Paul Kettle

February 27, 1945 ~ June 16, 2024

We express our deepest gratitude for the love and memories we have with our Husband, Dad, Father-in-Law, and Grandpa, Douglas Paul Kettle. He passed away peacefully on June 16, 2024, from a rare form of cancer. Today, we're holding tight to his favorite saying, "It will all work out!"

Doug was born February 27, 1945, in Roosevelt, Utah to Elton and Ardis Kettle. When he was 11 years old, his family moved to Taylorsville so his brother and sister could receive medical care for a rare genetic condition that left them physically disabled. Living alongside Denny and
Rose and watching his parents worry and care for them, gave him compassion—the lens through which he viewed people and situations.

He graduated from Granger High School where he participated in student government and played football. Following high school, he joined the Utah National Guard and was called to active duty during the race riots of 1963 in Atlanta, Georgia. After finishing active duty, he served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Central States Mission. He often said that these experiences shaped his faith and vision for the kind of life he wanted to live.

When he returned home, he attended Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in public administration. He said the greatest thing to come out of BYU was our mom, Charlene Johnson. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on May 29, 1968. And together, they created a home full of love, encouragement, and support for their six children, Michelle, Kim, Lori, Jeff, Cari, and Daniel.

Doug was the CFO of Valley Mental Health, where he spent 35 years helping to create programs and improve services for people suffering from mental illness. He loved this work and found purpose in advocating for people with mental health challenges, many of whom had no
one else. He often said that one of his life's blessings was the opportunity to work alongside so many wonderful and dedicated colleagues over the span of three decades.

Our dad loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as a bishop, high councilor, Young Men's president, and Sunday School teacher. Above all, he was an example of what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ with the people you are closest to.

He loved backpacking and camping with his family and friends. He enjoyed his yard and planted a vegetable garden every year—including this year! He went to the Sports Mall almost every day for 45 years, playing racquetball 3 times a week for many of those years. But he showed us that his greatest happiness was found in family life, spending time with us. He was our cheerleader. We will miss his bright outlook, sense of humor, and his calls to say, "I just want to check on you."

Doug is survived by his wife, Charlene and his children, Michelle (Michael) Torsak, Kim Kettle, Lori (Adam) Hunt, Jeff (Tyler) Kettle, Cari (Peter) Stevenson, and Daniel (Heidi) Kettle, as well as 15 grandchildren who he adores: Ethan, Cambria, Milo, Ellie, Sienna, Parker, Addison, Marcus, Dax, Blake, Cameron, Emri, Emmett, Grey, and Ollie.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Ardis Kettle; his sisters, LaRane, Rose, and Debra (Barlow); his brothers, Denny and Stephen; and his brother-in-law Duncan Barlow. And Charlene's parents, Wayne and Dorothy Johnson. We're picturing an exciting reunion!

We are grateful for our dad's intentional and consistent influence on our lives. For his good example. He made us feel like we were his favorite people because that's how he treated us. Today, we are especially grateful for Jesus Christ. That because of Him, this is not the end.

We thank Dr. Whisenant and Dr. Garner and the amazing nurses at Utah Cancer Specialists. Your care extended our dad's life and gave us the 18 months we prayed for. And thank you to Heidi Woker for bringing him comfort and bringing us courage in these final weeks.

There will be a viewing Friday, June 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens at 1950 East 10600 South in Sandy. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 22 at 11:00am in the Eastdell Chapel, located at 9855 South 2300 East in Sandy. There will be a viewing prior to the service in the Relief Society room from 10:00-11:00 a.m.