

Duane Mar Young

March 5, 1934 ~ April 8, 2023

Duane Mar Young passed away April 8, 2023.

He was born March 5, 1934, to William James and Mary Kathryn Young in the heart of Altonah, Utah. He was the second of four children born in this family. He had an older brother Ted and two younger sisters, Sharleen and Marilyn.

On the day he was born, Dr. Miles drove up from Roosevelt to welcome Duane's entrance into the world. The Young family was not rich in cash but rich in laughter, love and respect. The parents taught their children to do their best.

He cherished his childhood growing up on a farm. He learned the value of working hard and had the opportunity to participate in many diverting country activities: such as riding horses, hunting and fishing, swimming the canals, playing sports, were among his favorite pastimes.

He attended school in Mt Emmons, Altonah, graduating from Altamont High School. In school, he formed life-long friendships.

After graduation, he enlisted to serve his country in the Air Force and was assigned to the special security service. Duane was stationed in California and Tokyo. (Even though records said he was assigned to San Antonio, Texas).

After parting ways with the Air Force, he married his sweetheart Marilyn Goodrich, for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. He graduated from BYU with a degree in math/education. Duane taught at the University of Utah while pursuing a Masters degree there. Later in life, he would go on to teach math at his first alma mater. Duane taught at Murray High School for over 30 years. He taught trigonometry, calculus, physics, among other related subjects. It wasn't too uncommon for Duane to run into former students, only to have them tell him his help went beyond understanding math but choosing a career path.

He chose the occupation of being an educator, and valued the opportunity of teaching math and physics.

Duane and Marilyn were the parents of four children. Lori Ann (Steve Oldroyd), Robert (Kim Young), JaNae (Josh McDougall), and Marc (Jill Young), along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Duane fiercely loved his family and loved being with them. He often took his children with him to irrigate the fields on the ranch, where he taught them the value of hard work. Marilyn knew that when the kids called and asked to talk to dad, she knew they were going to ask him for something that she would probably say "no," and that they could get it easier through dad.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and deeply loved the savior. He was a firm believer in prayer. And loved missionary work, teaching English and math on a service mission. He diligently worked at the temple every Friday night for twenty years.

Duane loved returning to Altonah and working on the family farm. He whistled as he worked.

When Duane was 13 years old, his father William "Bill" Young was killed while working, for the REA, on a high-voltage power line. This was a blow to the Youngs.

Among his favorite pastimes, being in Altonah, working the yard (especially growing lilies), reading, attending the symphony, live plays, playing games (card and board games), fishing, and working out math problems. He loved teaching others new things, watching BYU ballgames (although he cheered for both of his alma mater), and he loved to play chess and enjoyed chocolate milk with his breakfast, lunch and dinner.

He answered to many names: son, brother, sweetheart (only from his wife), dad, grandpa, uncle, cousin, friend, neighbor, bubs (his brother's nickname); his students called him "Doc" or Mr. Young, but he mostly answered to Duane.

The family felt his love, especially Marilyn, whom he loved deeply. Duane was proud of his Danish and English heritage. He loved animals and had several favorite pet dogs.

He is proceeded in death by his father, mother, step-father Leon Dump, brother Ted young, and sister Sharleen Goodrich. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also survived by brother-in-law Ron Goodrich, his sister Marilyn Brown (Ron Brown) some much-loved nieces and nephews, and some special cousins.

Duane would bid visitors farewell by saying, "take your time leaving, and hurry back!" or when someone would say "I'll be back", he'd reply with an "I'll be here."

A viewing will be held Friday April 14, 2023 from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Funeral Service to follow at 11:00 am all at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South). For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84159507949. A free Zoom account is required and you will need to sign in to view the service.

“Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.” – C.S. Lewis

God looked around his garden
And he found an empty place
He then looked down upon his earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God’s garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills are hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered “Peace be Thine”
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn’t go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.