

Garry Wayne Mickelsen

December 7, 1952 ~ April 15, 2026

Garry Wayne Mickelsen died on April 15, 2026, after a brief illness. Born December 7, 1952, to Wayne and Darlene Mickelsen, he graduated from Jordan High School in 1970, started Mickelsen Excavating and Construction with his father, and married Kathy Maxfield in 1972.

For more than half a century, Garry led his company in transforming the valley's landscape. Mickelsen Excavating took on projects across Utah and Nevada, completing a wide range of civil works. Whether it was building pipelines, constructing roads, or laying the groundwork for basements and foundations, Mickelsen Excavating played an essential role in developing infrastructure and enhancing countless lives.

Garry was passionate about the outdoors and cherished spending quality time with his family and friends. He loved taking rides in his side-by-side, exploring new places, and delighting in spoiling his grandchildren. Many of the family's most treasured memories were created at their Bear Lake cabin, where Garry brought everyone together for boating, jet skiing, and relaxing on the beach. He was always at the heart of these special moments.

Garry came from humble beginnings to establish a meaningful and successful life for his wife, Kathy, and their children: Jason (born April 25, 1973); Jared (born September 1, 1978; deceased July 14, 2023); and Zack (born June 17, 1982). As a dedicated and exemplary father, he worked diligently to ensure financial security and instill dignity as well as a strong work ethic in his children. He was also the grandfather of six, and valued spending time with his grandchildren. Bringing joy to them was a highlight of his later years.

Garry is survived by his siblings Kim Mickelsen, Sharla (Dave) Mansius, Linda (Barr) Jensen, and Shawn Mickelsen. He was predeceased by his father Wayne, mother Darlene, and son Jared.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to the services from 1:00–1:45 p.m., as well as Tuesday evening, April 28, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the same location.