



## Hugh Dellwin Park Jr.

*Nov. 2, 1942 ~ May 8, 2022*

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend, Hugh Dellwin Park. Hugh passed away on Sunday, May 8th in Sandy, Utah at age 79.

Hugh was born in Blackfoot, Idaho on November 2, 1942, to Hugh "Dell" and Leona Park. He was the baby of the family and had five older sisters and one older brother. He grew up on a dairy and potato farm in Idaho (milking cows 365 days a year), where he learned the value of hard work and responsibility. He loved growing up on a farm and often mentioned in recent years that he wished he could have been able to make a living being a farmer. His parents, who survived The Depression, taught him not only how to work hard, but also how to be frugal with his money and appreciate the little things in life. He took these lessons with him and passed this legacy down to his own children and grandchildren.

While attending Snake River High School, Hugh loved playing every sport he could. He was captain of the basketball, football, and baseball teams, lettering for three of his 4 years while in high school. He also served as class president and president of the Letterman's Club. Upon graduating from high school in 1961, he enrolled at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate that year and half of his family's potato crop was unable to be harvested, which resulted in him having to drop out of college and go back to work on the farm. The one bright spot during this difficult time was meeting the love of his life, Joyce Arnell, who was only a junior At Blackfoot high school. It would take four more years of ups and downs before he could finally seal the deal.

The following year he got the chance to play football at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and returned to his schooling. He was enjoying his time there and was even named the defensive captain of the team. But again, his time at Ricks was cut short when his dad suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. He had to drop out of college once again and come home to take care of the cows. Once his dad recovered and came home from the hospital, Hugh was able to live at home and continued to help on the farm, while also attending Idaho State University in

Pocatello, ID. He loved accounting and management classes, and finally graduated with his bachelor's degree in business.

During this time Hugh finally convinced Joyce he was the one, and on August 6, 1965, they were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. Hugh began working for OSCO Drug right after his graduation from Idaho State University. He acquired an assistant management position in Helena, Montana, but soon realized the retail hours were not going to work for their growing family. Hugh resigned and moved back to Blackfoot with Joyce and their newborn son, David. He enrolled in the MBA program at Idaho State University in the evenings and kept the books for a farmer during the day.

One of Hugh's favorite pastimes while he was raising his young family during this time, was playing fastpitch softball for the Blackfoot Spuds. He often joked that their team's name was funny, but they were actually really good, winning the Idaho State Championship several times, and taking fourth place overall one year in the World tournament. Hugh was a superb athlete and when he got older and couldn't play sports himself, he enjoyed watching his own children and grandchildren play. In his later years, he also loved watching any sporting event on TV, especially the Utah Jazz. He was a die-hard fan, and it was the one time he did not particularly like the grandchildren doing flips or being rambunctious in the family room.

Upon graduation from his MBA program, Hugh was hired by Burroughs Corporation to sell "accounting machines," which were basically the earliest computers, to small businesses. In those days, the salesman sold the system, wrote the programs and instruction manuals, installed the system, and collected the accounts receivable. He became a territory manager in Twin Falls, ID, and won salesman of the year for the three years he was over that branch. He was then promoted to zone sales manager and moved back to Pocatello, ID. He was offered the district product manager job in Denver, CO. but passed it up for several years because his mother still needed his help on the farm. When she died in 1977, he took the Denver job and commuted for two years, knowing that in order to get to the next position of branch manager it was a step he was required to make. These were difficult years for him as he and Joyce now had two more children, Michael and Natalie, and Hugh was working in Denver, away from his young family.

In 1980 Hugh's hard work paid off as he secured a position in SLC as a branch manager and finally moved with his family to Sandy, Utah. During these years they added a final baby girl to the family, Katie. It was a very hard pregnancy and birth, and Joyce's life hung in the balance. Hugh was very scared at this time that he would lose her. In 1987, as the computer industry was changing, Burroughs reorganized and became Unisys and Hugh was now an account executive selling large computer systems to government accounts in Utah, his two largest being Davis County School District and the City of Salt Lake City. He was twice awarded as one of the top ten salesmen for the entire Western United States.

In 1990 Hugh left Unisys and joined forces with Digital, spending three years in Idaho Falls, ID working on a Dept. of Energy account. This was a great experience for their family to be back in Idaho and closer to Joyce's parents, Stan, and Ethel Arnell. Unfortunately, due to the changing nature of computer systems and the Berlin Wall coming down, business dried up and he found himself back at Unisys in SLC. Things were never the same and he changed jobs a few more times working with both Uintah Business Systems (selling PCs) and Radix Corporation. He enjoyed being on the front lines of the changing computer world and seeing how technology was changing, even though it did eventually force him into an early retirement.

Bear Lake was Hugh's happy place, with many of his summers spent on the lake skiing and boating. For years he tried to convince the in-laws that the water was actually warm and "smooth as glass." In his later years, he spent numerous days on the golf course, reading his Western novels, going on couple's trips with his friends, and spending time with his family.

Hugh was Mr. Fix It! Even as a young boy he remembers being fascinated by how things worked. He loved to take

things apart and put them back together. He not only could repair almost any broken item, he could also sew, cook Sunday dinner, grocery shop, shuttle kids around, and do the laundry. He lived a life of service, dropping anything to help lift the burden on those around him. We feel such a void with him gone and will miss him deeply!

Hugh is survived by his wife Joyce, and his children: David (Jennifer) Park, Michael (Nikki) Park, Natalie (Sean) Jolley, and Katie (Nick) Redd. His grandchildren: Haylie (Kyle) Park, Ashlyn (Sean) Park, Paige (Johnny) Park, Madison Park, McKell Park, Jackson Park, Taylor Jolley, Sydney Park, Jake Jolley, Summer Jolley, Braxton Redd, Beckham Redd, and a great-granddaughter, Aria. His sister Patti (Carl) Capson and sister-in-law Arlene Park. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hugh Dellwin Park, and Leona Brookbush, and five siblings: Norma, Maxine, Della, Afton, and Wayne.

A memorial service will be held on May 14 at 11 a.m. with a viewing at 10 a.m. at the Eastridge 7th Ward, 1020 E Sunburn Ln, Sandy, UT 84094. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East, Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah.