

Jaren Kent Baxter

November 25, 1950 ~ July 28, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend Jaren “Jerry” Kent Baxter passed away on July 28, 2025, at the age of 74 in Sandy UT. He is survived by his loving wife, Joni Jensen Baxter.

Jerry was born November 25, 1950, in Salt Lake City to Raymond Wright Baxter and Maxine Kaufman VanPatten. He was raised in Salt Lake City and graduated from Olympus High School.

As a young man, Jerry became a successful entrepreneur. He built a career marked by hard work, determination and drive. He worked at Fleming Foods and many stores within the Grocery Market. He was highly skilled and the best Produce Specialist of his time. He was a master at coming up ideas to help retailers succeed.

Though he stood tall in stature, Jerry had a soft, loving and thoughtful heart. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease - always quick with a clever remark or playful grin. His laughter and lighthearted spirit brought joy to those around him.

In 1973, Jerry married Joanne Boulter. Together they raised four children in South Jordan, UT. After their divorce, he found a peaceful home with welcoming friends in Sandy, UT. Several years later, he met and married Joni Jensen. Their marriage was filled with love and devotion. Together they happily spent the remainder of his life.

Jerry had a deep love for nature and found peace in scenic drives and time in the mountains and countryside. These quiet adventures reflected his appreciation for the beauty of the world and the time spent with those he loved.

He is also survived by his children, Adam (Natasha), Dane, Nathan (Jordie), and Candice (Sean); and 11 cherished grandchildren, along with nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends who will miss him deeply.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Maxine Kaufman VanPatten; Father, Raymond Baxter; stepfather, Eldon VanPatten; brother, Dale Baxter; and granddaughter, Trinady Baxter.

Jerry’s life was filled with laughter, love and devotion to his family. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A Mingle will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E Dimple Dell Rd, Sandy, UT. The family invite you to come visit and mingle with happy memories of Jerry.