

Jay Rulon Christensen

April 22, 1934 ~ May 3, 2025

With hearts full of both sorrow and gratitude, we announce the passing of our beloved father, Jay Rulon Christensen on May 3, 2025, in Bountiful Utah at the age of 91. Born on April 22, 1934, in Mount Pleasant, Utah, Jay was the son of Hans Reed and Rhoda May Christensen. He was married and sealed to Kathryn Armstrong Christensen, from Ephraim, Utah on July 20th,1956 in the Manti Utah temple.

Jay lived in Boston during WW2 for several years and then lived the rest of his youth in Ephraim where he graduated from Snow High School (Manti, UT) as valedictorian. He attended and graduated from Snow College, graduating with honors and then received a scholarship and attended medical school at the University of Utah, being the youngest in his graduating class. He completed his internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology specializing in Infertility in Fresno, California, where he established his medical practice until he retired.

Jay served the Lord his entire life. He held numerous church callings for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints including Stake President, Bishop, High Counselor, Scout Master twice, Young Men's President, Returned Missionary Health Service Committee Advisor, and an Ordinance Worker in the Bountiful Temple.

Jay also established a medical missionary program with doctors and hospital care in central California where he served as the area medical advisor for 25 years.

Other professional aspirations and accomplishments include serving as president and other executive positions on Boards namely: Navmed of America, Priority Plus Inc, Valucare Insurance Company Inc, Priority Health Services Inc., and Matrix Inc. Also, he was founder and secretary of Mexicare Insurance Company and ValueCare insurance company which had over 400,000 members when it was sold to Pacific Care of California.

He was a consultant to the State of California Department of Corporations; hearing officer for the State of California Medical Institute of Quality Care; senior surveyor for hospital accreditation, senior consultant for physician review, senior consultant for hospital physician arbitration, district representative for central California Credential Committee and Physician Review and District Representative; Chairman of the Ethics & Medical Morals Committee for Hospitals & Religious Orders; and clinical instructor for the University of California at Irvine in Fresno, and a member of The American College of Physician Executives. He served 6 years in the United States Air Force & California Air National Guard and retired as a Major.

Jay’s passion was flying his Beechcraft Bonanza, a single turbo-charged engine plane, and was an instrument-rated pilot for 25 years.

After his wife, Kathryn Christensen, passed away in June of 2012, he married his widowed neighbor, Donna Jones, who loved and cared for him over the next 12 years.

He leaves behind his 4 children: Laura Duncan (Bountiful, UT), Andrew (Victoria, MN), Curtis (Gilbert, AZ) and James (Manti, UT), and 17 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, family and many friends who loved him.

An evening viewing will be held Friday, May 16, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Fox Hill Ward, 200 South Eagle Ridge Blvd, in North Salt Lake. Funeral services will be on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00 am at the same location. Interment to follow at the Ephraim Park Cemetery, 650 North Main Ephraim City, Utah 84627.

For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom. Please click on the Watch Service button above to join the meeting.