

Jön Larry Sidwell "Sid" Jenson

October 20, 1935 ~ July 27, 2024

Jön Larry Sidwell “Sid” Jenson died of Parkinson’s Disease in his home in Salt Lake City, Utah on July 27, 2024 at 88 years of age. He was born October 20, 1935 on a farm in Rexburg, Idaho. His parents were Neils Christian Jenson and Maggie Irene Wayman. He graduated from Madison High School in 1953 and went on to study Agronomy at Ricks College and then graduating with a BS in Crop Science and Agronomy from Utah State University in June of 1962. He was a Corporal in the US Army National Guard in Idaho.

He played basketball at Ricks College and Utah State University where he’s in the Athletes Hall of Fame. He continued to play basketball in the Senior Olympics competing all over the world for the USA team, winning 15 gold medals until he was 78 years old.

In 1959, he met Katherine Miller at Ricks College during her half-time band performance at a football game. Sid served a 2-year mission for the LDS church in Sydney, Australia. While there he played on the Mormon Yankee Basketball Team. After his mission Sid and Katherine married in the Idaho Falls Temple on July 21, 1961 and went on to have 7 children: Daedre Anne, Jacqueline, Julie Kaye, David Sidwell, Katherine Janette, Jared Miller, and Brett Julian.

With his Chemistry and Agronomy education, Sid was a successful farmer and rancher in Roberts, Idaho on Silver Ridge Ranch. He served as a bishop twice, then a stake president, and high councilman in Idaho. He served three missions with his wife, Katherine for the LDS church at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jesup, Georgia, and the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also served faithfully as an ordinance worker in the Idaho Falls Temple and Salt Lake Temple.

Sid was Jefferson County Farmer of the Year, President of the Rigby Rotary, Eastern Idaho Alumni President for Utah State University, State Director of Farm Bureau, President of Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Delegate for the Idaho State Republican Party for two Presidents in 1972 and 2000, Ricks College Snow Society Board Member, and Chairman for the Jefferson County Planning Board.

Sid was preceded in death by his father, Neils C. Jenson, mother, Irene Wayman Jenson, brothers, Grant Wilbur, Neils Everett, Lynn, and sisters, Carol Joy, Twila, and Iris, and granddaughter, Mercedes. He is survived by his sister, Lucy and brother Kent, his wife, Katherine and their seven children. Sid has 25 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at the LDS church at 135 A Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 on Saturday, Aug 3, 2024 at 10:00 am with a viewing at 9:00 am MST. There is a viewing at Larkin Mortuary on Friday, Aug 2, from 6-8pm at 260 East South Temple in Salt Lake City. There will be a graveside service with Full Military Rites at Iona Cemetery in Idaho Falls, Idaho on August 3, 2024 at 5:00pm MST. A recording of the service may be viewed by clicking the

"Watch Service" button above.