

Robert Stanley Kent

July 5, 1928 ~ June 7, 2024

Robert Stanley Kent, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away unexpectedly on Friday June 7, 2024 at the age of 95. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on July 5, 1928 to Robert and Naomi Kent and was the 7th of 12 children.

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Naomi Kent, step-siblings Aaron, Eathel, Clyde, Joseph, Cleo, and Flowa (Ingram), siblings Richard, Betty, Arthur, and Bill (Kent), his first wife Jennie Lee (Dyches) Kent, and his second wife Eva Suzanne (Stockfish) Kent, sons Stanley and Steven Kent, stepson Jay McCarthy, and his great-granddaughter April Victoria Kent.

Bob grew up during the depression. His family did not have a lot of money and they moved around a lot, living in Salt Lake City, Alpine, Kanarraville, American Fork, and Pueblo, Colorado. They moved wherever his family could find work. He became a competent hunter and an excellent mechanic under the tutelage of his brother Aaron (Ingram).

Bob loved cars. He was the only one of his friends that had one, and he would drive them on their dates. On one of those drives, he met Jennie and they fell in love. Bob lived in Salt Lake City, and Jennie's family soon moved to Wales. So, Bob drove all the way to Wales every weekend to court her. Bob married Jennie Lee Dyches on November 14, 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah and they were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They had six children: Sandra, Robert, Jennie, Stanley, Sara, and Steven.

Bob and Jennie worked hard to provide opportunities for their children and family that were not available to them. They were a real team. He was a skilled upholsterer and worked with some of his brothers at Pioneer Manufacturing for many years. He worked 10 hours a day, and then went home and did upholstery in his garage as a second job, while Jennie managed the household and reared the children. When that company closed, he joined the U.S. Post Office as a letter carrier. He continued to do upholstery work in his garage as a second job, working late into the night most evenings. His work was excellent, and through word-of-mouth referrals, he reupholstered furniture for many of the families in Delta, Oasis, and the Salt Lake Valley in Utah.

Jennie died in 1984 and Bob was devastated to lose his beloved companion.

While working at the U.S. Postal Service, Bob met Eva Suzanne Stockfish. After a brief courtship, Bob and Sue were married on May 12, 1990 and he acquired 2 stepchildren, Jay and Michelle. They were later sealed in the Bountiful Temple. Sue was much younger than Bob and he hoped he wouldn't have to lose another spouse. He was heart-broken again when she passed away unexpectedly in November of 2023.

Bob was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Throughout his lifetime, he served

faithfully as a home teacher, Sunday School President, Counselor, and other callings. In retirement, he served for four years at the Ogden Cannery of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Bob had a love for life. He enjoyed gardening, and loved to have a lot of flowers, which he called ‘posies’, in his yard. He loved to grow tomato plants and shared his produce with neighbors, family, and friends.

Bob was a skilled ‘fixer’. He could see a problem and then devise a contraption or arrangement that would solve that problem. After retiring, he worked with two of his close friends maintaining rental properties. They called themselves the ‘B-A-T’ boys (Bob-Al-Tom).

Bob believed in working hard when you worked, and in playing hard when you played. He enjoyed camping, waterskiing, and taking road trips to see the world in which he lived. He was always active, helping roof his son’s home at age 83, slalom skiing behind his boat at 86 years old, going to the gym in his 90’s and still walking the neighborhood until the day he passed.

Bob loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and loved having them all come to his home for annual barbeques and Christmas breakfasts. Bob was a good cook, and it was always a family favorite to visit him and share a bowl of his amazing Vegetable Soup or Special Chili.

Bob looked forward to spending a week with the extended family each year camping and waterskiing at Pineview Reservoir up Ogden Canyon. He started many traditions that will be continued through the years.

Bob is survived by his children: Sandra (James Gentry), Robert Kent (Marilyn), Jennie (Gaylen Smith), and SaraJane (Raymond Slack), step-children: Michelle, step-daughter-in-law Tiffany Merrill, brother Jack Kent, 31 grandchildren, and 64 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held on Friday June 14, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary located at 260 East South Temple St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 15, 2024 with a viewing prior from 9:30-10:45 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bountiful 10th Ward, located at 1145 North 200 East Bountiful, UT 84010. Interment will follow at Larkin Sunset Lawn located at 2350 East 1300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84108. For those unable to attend, services will be streamed via Zoom. Please click on the "Watch Services" link above.