

Stanley B. Nance

February 28, 1918 ~ December 19, 2021

Stanley Boyd Nance passed away in Sandy, Utah on Sunday morning, December 19, 2021, at age 103. He fought a faithful fight and endured well his mortal probation. Stan was born in Garfield, Utah on February 28, 1918, to James Milton Nance and Ellen Brady Nance.

Stan spent the first few years of his childhood in Garfield and Kaysville and then at age 5 his family moved to the Brady family farm in Union (near Sandy, Utah). The Brady farm was where his mother was born, and his dad, James, was asked by Grandpa and Grandma Brady to take over the farm. Stan spent the next 14 years of his life helping his dad and mom and his siblings with farm labor on their 40-acre farm. Stan attended schools in Sandy and graduated from Jordan High School.

At age 19, he was called to serve a 2 ½ year mission to the Tahiti Mission where he served for 18 months until pre-WWII concerns caused the Church to reassign missionaries. Stan was reassigned to the Texas Mission for the last year of his missionary service.

After his mission he met and fell in love with Helen Wardle. Stan and Helen were sealed by Harold B. Lee in the Salt Lake Temple on June 19, 1942. His sweet wife passed away 35 years ago on December 24, 1986. They are the proud parents of 14 children. Stan and Helen's time was devoted entirely to family and church activities and making sure their seven sons and seven daughters played together, vacationed together, and attended church together. Stan loved taking the family fishing and, on many vacations, including trips to Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Disneyland, and other fun destinations (yes, 16 of them in the old green station wagon). Stan was an avid gardener all his life and raised tomatoes from seed until he was 100 years old.

Stan gave outstanding service to his country during World War II as a high-speed radio operator in General Bradley's famed Secret Soldier unit, 23rd Headquarters Special troops (better known as the "Ghost Army"), where he earned 5 bronze stars. His service to his country will never be forgotten.

He was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During his life he served on the Stake M.I.A. board, Stake Sunday School presidency, High Priest Group Leadership, and Melchizedek Priesthood instructor. He and his wife, Helen served an 18-month mission in the Tahiti Papeete Mission in 1981. Stan's most rewarding church assignment was the nine years he served as an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple.

During his career he worked mostly as a salesman, but later in life he founded and was the owner of Utah Ohio Gas & Oil Company.

He enjoyed life and viewed each new day as an opportunity to learn something new, which most likely contributed to his long life of 103 years. He spent many hours memorizing scriptures, which kept his mind sharp until his death.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, wife Helen, sons Shirl and Scott, daughter-in-law Debbie, grandson Jacob Morgan, great-grand-daughter Marley, and 6 siblings, Lillian, Averil, Wesley, Beryl, Alton, and James. Survived by his sister Joyce (Nance) Short, 12 of their 14 children; Boyd (Susan) Nance, Stan (Rosalie) Nance, Shela (Paul) Brooks, Shelley (David) Hudson, Cal Nance, Diane (David) Dean, Dana Nance, Denise (Larry) Haasch, Janae (Val) Christianson, Joel (Kim) Nance, Jeri (Scott) Newbold, Jolene (Mike) Chesnut, 53 grandchildren, and 130 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 11:00 am at the Larkin Mortuary (260 E. South Temple) with limited seating and masks encouraged. A viewing will be held that morning from 9:00-10:30 am prior to the service. The interment will be at the Larkin Sunset Lawn (2350 E 1300 So).

For those who wish to view the recording of the services may do so here:
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