

Weston "Dale" Larsen

April 20, 1934 ~ January 2, 2021

Weston “Dale” Larsen was born on April 20, 1934, in Pleasant Grove, UT to Blain and Cleone Bunker Larsen. He passed away peacefully on January 2, 2021 in Lehi, UT.

As a young man, youngest of three children, he grew up on the family farm in Orem, UT, where the value of hard work became his constitution.

On June 21, 1955, he married his eternal companion, Barbara Banks, in the Salt Lake Temple.

He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1956 with a Geology degree.

As a geophysicist, he enjoyed a 36-year career at Phillips Petroleum Company. During the first 4 years of his career, he moved his family several times living in various towns in CO, KS, TX and OK while working on a seismograph crew. However, once settled in Bartlesville, OK, he remained there for over 50 years, where he and Barbara raised their family and developed long-lasting friendships.

He served in several leadership positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including as a bishop in the Bartlesville Ward and a member of the Stake Presidency in the Tulsa Oklahoma Stake. His true passion was working with the youth, especially encouraging and assisting them to reach their full potential.

Though not athletically-gifted personally, he enjoyed coaching baseball and basketball. One of his major accomplishments was coaching a Young Men’s church basketball team that culminated in an Area Tournament championship in Dallas, TX, in 1974.

In 2011, he and Barbara moved to Draper, UT in order to be closer to family.

His interests included hunting (particularly wing-shooting), fishing and gardening.

His immediate family consists of Cody (Cheryl) Larsen of Lehi, UT, Melinda (Warren) Benincosa of Eagle Mountain, UT, Michelle (Kelly) Garner of Draper, UT and Jace (Arlene) Larsen of Edmond, OK, with 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Barbara Banks Larsen, his eternal companion and Erin Benincosa, a granddaughter.

Thank you to all the personnel at Covington Senior Living in Lehi, UT and Bristol Hospice for caring for Dad over these last five months.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Alzheimers Association (act.alz.org).

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