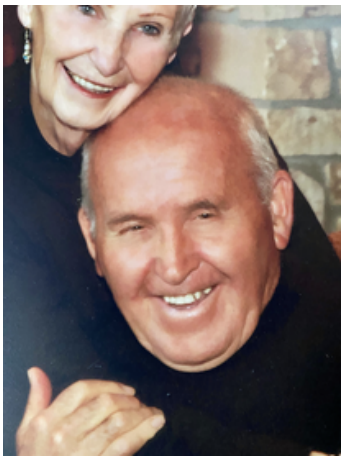


William Kent Marsden

September 14, 1924 ~ November 26, 2020

William Kent Marsden died peacefully in his home on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2020, of complications related to a stroke. As he was a man of immense gratitude, it is appropriate that he passed away on a day set aside to express our thanks.

William Kent was born Sept. 14, 1924, in Parowan, Utah, to William Marsden and Della Jane Davenport. He grew up in a large, loving, and musical family of two brothers and four sisters. William Kent joined the Navy where he served his country proudly in World War II until his honorable discharge. He also served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Western States Mission.

After his mission, William Kent married Jennis Weeks and had one daughter, Janet. They later divorced. He subsequently met the love of his life, Martha Dianne Brown. They were married on June 20, 1963 in the Salt Lake Temple. William Kent adopted Martha's five children. He loved and raised them as his own.

William Kent had an unmatched work ethic and a love for farming. He also worked in road construction for the state of Arizona. He had a deep love for the scriptures and a passion for missionary work. He was very witty and full of fun stories and always had everyone laughing. He was blessed with an amazing tenor voice. He shared his testimony through music as much as through his words and conduct.

William Kent is survived by his wife, Martha, and nine children: Janet (Ron) Gress, Ronald (Marissa) Marsden, Steven (Maria) Marsden, Cheryll Marsden, Lonnie (Jeff) Woods, DeAnna (Agbor) Agbor, David (Janice) Marsden, Jared Marsden, and Aaron (Rachelle) Marsden. He is also survived by a son-in-law, Mark Ramos, and daughter-in-law, Angie Marsden Springer, by sister Mary Jane Stewart, by 30 grandchildren, and by 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Linda Jean Ramos, a son William James Marsden, his two brothers, and his three sisters.

He was a loving father, devoted husband, and a cherished friend to many.

A public viewing will be held ■Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.■ at the Mountainview 3rd Ward building, ■1889 S. 1700 East, Salt Lake City■. Private family services will be held at the Parowan City Cemetery in Parowan, UT on Friday, December 4th at 1 p.m. The family will be streaming the services via Zoom. Please contact them for the link and passcode. Masks and social distancing will be required.