



Donald James Brady

March 3, 1935 - August 9, 2018

Our beloved father and grandfather, Donald James Brady, 83, passed away peacefully on August 9th, 2018 surrounded by his children. He was born March 3rd, 1935 to Irene and Emery Brady in Midvale Utah. He graduated from Jordan High School and attended the University of Utah where he studied business. He fell in love and married Marilyn Nyal Williams of Salt Lake City, on November 20th, 1959. They were married for 51 years.

They are the proud parents of two daughters and one son. Don was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and brother-in-law. He loved his family very much and was happiest when surrounded by those he loved. Marilyn and Don's children were well taught in music, fine arts, education and the Gospel.

Don had a strong testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and loved to study the scriptures and the teachings of modern-day prophets. One of his greatest loves was teaching the youth and primary children in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 60 years. He often reminisced of camping with the youth at Red Fish Lake, Sun Valley, Camp Steiner and more. He is still considered a mentor and friend to many of these young men as they've grown into adulthood.

At the age of 15, he started working with his cousin Gene Millerberg as a florist. He continued creating flower arrangements during his college years and decorating the downtown ZCMI Christmas Tree Lane. It was while working at ZCMI flower shop where he first saw Marilyn working at Deseret Book. After a two-year courtship, they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley and moved to Midvale where they began their life together.

Don's professional life included selling cars at Streater Chevrolet with his father, working with land development companies to subdivided properties into residential neighborhoods and then selling the properties to new homeowners. Pepperwood, Stansbury Park, and Timber Lakes in Heber Valley were significant land developments throughout his career.

Additional interests included sailing, skiing at Alta, BYU Football, the Utah Jazz, acting in many local productions at Promise Valley Playhouse, Pioneer Memorial Theater, TV commercials, ward Road-shows, remodeling homes and painting with watercolors.

Don is survived by his children Kelly Jayne, Patrick (Heidi) and Katie Pahnke (Jeremy) and five grandchildren: Matthew, Catherine, Jackson, Annie, Piper and his sister Maxine Whittle.

Proceeded in death by his wife Marilyn Nyal Williams, his parents and sister Donna Jane Brady.

We are deeply grateful for his friends and hospice caregivers who gave him the kindest care and respect during his final months.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 18th at 12:00 noon in the LDS Yale Ward building, 1431 East Gilmer Drive, Salt Lake City UT. Friends and family may call on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM prior to funeral services. Interment will be held at the Salt Lake Cemetery.

Events

AUG **Viewing** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Yale Ward

1431 E Gilmer Dr, Salt Lake City, UT, US

AUG **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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AUG **Graveside Service** 01:30PM - 02:00PM

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Salt Lake City Cemetery

200 North N Street, Salt Lake City, UT, US

Comments



“ I love Don Brady. He was a second father to me. He taught me so many things - hard work, perseverance, respect for others, respect for self, how to treat women, how to enjoy life, love of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All through my growing up Don was my youth advisor. I was asked once long after I had become an adult why Don had been such an excellent youth leader. The answer was simple. I always knew he loved me. Don always took time for me and showed me that he cared about me. I know he did this for countless others too.

Don taught by example in the way he loved Marilyn and his children. I think the world of Kelly, Patrick, and Katie. They were raised by wonderful parents. The Lord's Plan of Happiness gives us such great hope and peace. God bless you!

Allen Hughes - August 18, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Not only a great man, but a great brother-in-law. I have a memory when I was very small we went somewhere to harvest a Christmas tree that Don cut down I can still smell the beautiful aroma of that day, not just the tree but the beautiful fresh air. That had to be 50+ years ago and the imprint is still fresh on my mind. I love you Don I'm glad you're with my beautiful sister again.

Jerry Williams - August 16, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Don was a kind and loving man with amazing spiritual gifts and remarkable talents. He has touched the lives of thousands, both directly and indirectly, through his acts of loving service and his genuine interest in the needs of others. The hours I spent with him are most memorable - he made a true difference in my life. He truly loved his neighbor..

Thank you Don for all you did for me and for our family. I'm truly grateful. Your examples will live on through your beautiful children, and grandchildren and all your posterity yet to come. We've been blessed and made better by knowing you..

Roger Williams -

Roger Williams - August 16, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ I will never forget Don Brady and his family because of all the joy and feeling of achievement they brought into our lives when, together we were involved in plays, programs, musicals and church activities. Don was a gifted teacher, artist and actor. Even now, I remember way back when he played the role of a frustrated Judge in "Hello Dolly" and brought so much laughter from the audience, we had to wait to say our lines. Thank you Don - I have been blessed to know you!

Pat Davis

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“ Our dear Kelly Jayne, Patrick & Kathryn, Oh how we love you and your parents! The Brady family brought love, compassionate service, unexcelled talent and warmth into the Yale II Ward and the Harvard-Yale neighborhood. We have sorely missed our regular and joyous interactions with you. Don has experienced a new birth into our Father's heavenly realms where he is and will be with loved ones and where your family will eventually enjoy the eternities together. May you be comforted in knowing that your parents love you and continue to be advocates of your success and happiness!

Bob & Joy Orton

Robert F. & Joy D. Orton - August 18, 2018 at 09:37 AM