



Duane Lester Whiting

April 8, 1935 - October 8, 2019

Duane L. Whiting, 84, was called home October 8, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Born April 8, 1935 to Wayne E. and Thera Whiting in Holladay, Utah.

He married Beverly Bacon on December 18, 1957 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was raised in Holladay next to his grandparents chicken farm and spent his childhood roaming the Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Duane's love for the outdoors was instilled in him at an early age by his father's family. His favorite activities were camping, hunting, and fishing. This love he has passed onto several of his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed participating and watching many sports like baseball, golfing, skiing, hiking, and basketball. He was a big fan of the University of Utah sports, and cheered for BYU--but only if they were not playing the U. He was also a big Utah Jazz fan.

Duane graduated from Granite High School in 1953. He attended the University of Utah and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology in 1959. During his University studies, he was a dedicated member of the National Guard, working as a Bridge Design Draftsman, and helped with the design of the road over Guardsmans pass. Duane also worked for the National Forest Service in Montana and Idaho.

While attending the U, Duane met the love of his life, Beverly Bacon, on a geology field trip to southern Utah. They married in the Salt Lake Temple on December 18, 1957. Duane's father joked that he finally brought home the "Bacon"! During their sixty-one years of marriage, they had six children, twenty-one grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren.

As an Environmental Engineer/ Hydrogeologist, Duane had a long and successful career, working at several companies like Kennecott, Geneva Steel, ASARCO, Ford, Bacon & Davis, CH2MHill, and two major gold mining companies in Nevada. As a member of the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Advisory Council, he was instrumental in helping set new environmental mining regulations to help improve the quality of compliance and reclaiming the land. One of Duane's most memorable work opportunities was surveying

the land and helping develop the property for Disney World in Florida. For many years, he also was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Utah, teaching geology classes and directing field trips for students.

A stalwart member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he had a strong testimony and love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Never one to be bashful, he was not afraid to share this with others. He held many callings during his lifetime. His favorite was working with the young men in the scouting organization where he was called as a Scoutmaster at age thirty. He continued his scouting service for fifty-three years, and held many different positions, earning the prestigious Silver Beaver Award in 1986 for his exemplary service. During those years, he successfully assisted 106 young men to achieve their Eagle Scout award. Duane was still serving as a committee chairman shortly before his death.

In 2002-2005, Duane and Bev served as church service missionaries in the Salt Lake Conference Center. And from 2005-2007 they both served as senior missionaries in the Omaha, Nebraska Mission, with assignments in the Winter Quarters Temple, the Mormon Trail Center, the Kaneshville Tabernacle, and acted as Directors of the Trail Center for their final six months of service.

Both Duane and Bev enjoyed traveling the world, visiting family and friends, and also ushering for the Salt Lake County Arts Program. Other hobbies include photography (he was a member of the Salt Lake Photochrome Club, and a photographer for the Days of '47 Parade & Events), gardening, painting, playing the organ, and doing the daily crossword puzzle with his sweetheart. But most important to him was spending time with his family, working tirelessly to organize family gatherings, and loved supporting all of their activities with a smile. Duane made lifelong friends wherever he went and was loved by all.

Survived by his wife Bev, sister Arleen, children: Julie (Dennis), Scott (Jeri), Doug (Teresa), Ruth (Cory), Laura (Hanko), Amy (Mike). And his twenty-one grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents and a great grandson.

Viewing will be held Monday, October 14th from 6-8:00 pm and Tuesday, October, 15th 9:30-10:30am, with Funeral at 11:00am. All services held at 2925 E. Bengal Blvd. SLC, Ut 84121. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Events

OCT 14 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Brighton 5th Ward
2925 E Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, UT, US

OCT 15 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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2925 E Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, UT, US

OCT 15 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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2925 E Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, UT, US

OCT 15 **Graveside Service** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

Salt Lake City Cemetery
250 N Street, Salt Lake City, UT, US

Comments



“ We never heard of Duane’s passing until now, a year after..sorry to hear it. Brother Whiting was a great man. He breathed life into our scouting program while he and Bev lived in Round Mountain NV.
One of the best hunting trips we ever had was when we packed into South Twin River. Duane kept us laughing with great sense of humor. After a hard hunt on the mountain and back at camp he said” well we lucked out again and didn’t get one of those stinky things”, a phrase I still use today when we are unsuccessful on our hunt..He will be missed greatly.
Frank Cecchini

Frank Cecchini - October 21, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ It’s telling that of the images posted here, they are almost all of Warden with family and friends. By friends I mean anyone who ever came in contact with him. Aside from my own dad, I don’t think I’ve never known a more genuine, friendly, loving and kind man! His love and enthusiasm for life and brotherly love were and continue to be exemplary for me. And he was always there! I don’t know how he and Bev did it with the responsibilities of their own family, but Warden and Bev came to every important family event. If showing up is half the battle, you would never lose one with him on your side.

To Bev and and all the rest, know that our thoughts, prayers and hearts are with you in this difficult time. We love you so much and look forward to a blessed, joyous reunion!

Curtis Smith - October 14, 2019 at 12:10 AM



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Laura Kiessner - October 13, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ Oh man Duane. Why did you have to go on vacation? Did you take that train ride home with Jim joining you? It's much too early to leave. I was so hoping to have your company with a few more things before you went home. It's okay though. You're home and in peace now, and those of us who are away are sobbing in our hearts and aching to see you again. Many years we had a wonderful friendship and some incredible memories, even some hilarious and frustrating memories as we spent years helping Jim with his trains and needs. The train shows were also fun. The meet and greets with you and Beverly were timeless and special. The support and encouragement you always gave me towards school, and uplift to help me see the light at the end of the tunnel. I could go on and on. Now, I have to accept the harsh reality that goodbye (even though short) really sucks. The hole that it leaves in my heart is a painful one, but it will fill with time. So, until we meet again, and enjoy another's company and visits, along with some spiritual locomotives, God be with you til we meet again. I love you so much Duane, and miss you terribly. I'll do my best to buck up, and hold back the tears that come from missing you until that day when we meet in the Lord's grand courts above. God's speed my eternal loving friend.

Robert Jones - October 13, 2019 at 11:17 AM



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Amy Astill - October 13, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ I was sad to hear of Duane 's passing on to the next life. Bev is such a good friend who will miss you dearly. I'll miss your visits to the ward library. I've enjoyed some of your stories. You will be missed.
Eileen Jensen

Eileen Jensen - October 13, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ So sorry to lose this kind, loving man. So enjoyed working with Duane and Kev at the theatres. They were great ushers.

Gerry Leonard - October 18, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Love and miss my grandpa dearly!



Brett Brown - October 12, 2019 at 10:03 PM



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Spencer Whiting - October 12, 2019 at 05:06 PM



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Jacqui Sheppick - October 12, 2019 at 03:47 PM



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Brittney - October 12, 2019 at 01:09 PM



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