



Brigham Delworth Gardner

September 7, 1928 - February 6, 2022

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Born: September 7th, 1928

Died: February 6th, 2022

Brigham Delworth “Del” Gardner, an accomplished economist and professor, and a fiercely dedicated family man, passed away on February 6th, 2022, at his son’s home in Orem, Utah. His wife Kathryn Christensen (Gardner) preceded him in death, as did his sister Nola Jean Leavitt, brother Harold “Hank” Gardner, and his parents, Brigham Delos and Camera Lorean Gardner. He leaves behind seven children: Brigham E. Gardner, A. Paul Todd, Naunie M. Gardner, G. Peter Todd, Bruce B. Gardner, Jeanmarie Todd, and Phillip A. Todd, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. His brother Joel Gardner, sisters LaNiel Reasch, Julia Sarvey, Vivian Jones, and Marjorie Bradshaw survive him.

Del was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His faith was central to his core and sustained him through life’s joys and challenges. He served in various LDS callings including Bishop, High Councilor, and as a member of a BYU Stake Presidency.

Del was the oldest of eight children. He was born in humble surroundings to Brigham Delos Gardner and Camera Lorean Hepworth (Gardner) on September 7th, 1928, in Grover, Wyoming, a farming town nestled in the pioneer community of Star Valley.

Born prematurely, Del weighed just 3 ½ pounds, but had a full head of red hair that befitted his Scottish ancestry. His mother spoke of the homemade incubator that was devised of a shoebox and lightbulb to keep him warm.

Despite the challenges of having underdeveloped lungs due to his premature birth, Del thrived, and in the Gardner tradition, went on to become a splendid athlete. He was a distance runner, and a baseball, football and basketball player for his high school alma mater, the Star Valley Cheesemakers. In addition, he received athletic letters from the University of Wyoming in cross country and baseball.

Throughout his life he was an avid and accomplished golfer, earning tournament trophies late into life. He took exceptional joy in winning family golf competitions with his “66 cousins”, a close-knit group of first cousins who met regularly. He was a passionate fly fisherman and loved exploring the farmland sloughs of Star Valley and the Snake and Green Rivers to cast a fly with family members and his children.

Del’s athletic prowess was rivaled only by his intellectual abilities and achievements, evidenced by the many notable awards and accolades he was given throughout his career. The son of a school principal (father) and teacher (mother), education was of utmost importance in the family. He was student body president of his class. He was also a talented trombonist and had a lovely singing voice.

Del earned a scholarship to the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He

excelled academically and earned both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree at UW. He was called to serve in the British Mission following WWII, during which time he served in the mission presidency under Stayner Richards. He fondly remembered leading the mission's proselytizing baseball team, The Seagulls, to victory!

Del earned a PhD in agricultural economics at the prestigious University of Chicago. He taught Agricultural Economics for over 40 years at Colorado State, Utah State University as Department Chair, UC Davis and Brigham Young University. He was a past director of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, working at the University of California Berkeley campus. He was a past president of the Western Economics Association and a member of several prestigious "think tanks". He authored numerous books and published

Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery

1520 N 800 E
Orem, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **26**. 8:30 AM (MT)

LDS Church
620 Heather Road
Orem, UT 84097

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Burial

FEB **26**. 12:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brigham Delworth Gardner*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Todd/Gardner children,*

We want to send our condolences to you at this time of mourning the death of your dad Del. We were able to watch the funeral service on YouTube today and matched your faces with those we knew when you lived in Davis. Del and Kathryn would be so proud of the wonderful people you have become.

Dick and Del shared the love of golf, academic argument and gospel discussions and service. Our son Keith followed in the footsteps of Del (his professor and mentor) when he became a professor of Agriculture Economics. He, Laura, Linda, Karen and Pam treasure the experiences they had with you younger children and the lessons they learned from Del and Kathryn in their church classes and activities and our joint family fun. JoAn and Kathryn shared many experiences in their church callings and in sponsoring the Japanese summer students etc. We grew even closer as our families helped our Cambodian friends adjust to life in America.

Your family was/is an inspiration to all of us of how to blend two outstanding families into a loving oneness.

Love, Richard and JoAn Criddle

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Richard and JoAn Criddle - February 26, 2022 at 03:52 PM