



Bruce Peter Ericksen

January 19, 1947 - March 30, 2019

Bruce Peter Ericksen, 72, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2019 at the Central Utah Veterans Home in Payson, Utah. He was born to Rolf and Mary Ericksen in 1947, and was raised in Rockford, Illinois in what he referred to as an idyllic childhood. After serving a full-time mission in Denmark, Bruce married Debora Lea Fullmer in the Salt Lake City Temple on November 24, 1970.

Bruce served in the military as a pilot for the Air Force and Navy providing Aeromedical and VIP airlift operating the C-9A 'Nightingale' and C-9B 'Skytrain' aircraft. Active military service included service in CONUS, Europe, N. Africa, USSR, and the Middle East. His military flight experience led to a fulfilling commercial aviation career primarily based out of Dallas, Texas where he raised his family.

Bruce is the proud father of four children and grandfather to nine grandchildren. His life was marked with a love for his family, service to others, and his physical endurance with a particular fondness for long strenuous hikes. Shortly after retirement, an ATV accident left him a complete quadriplegic and only five months to live. As a result of blessings from Heavenly Father and miraculous care provided by his loving wife, family and friends, Bruce continued to serve those around him for nearly another 12 years. Bruce continued to find ways to uplift, encourage, and bless others

despite his physical limitations. His unassuming faithfulness and firm testimony were an example of one of God's children "in whom was no guile."

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 10 am in the Chapel at 12101 S. 700 W., Draper, Utah with a viewing at 9 am. Interment will be held at the Heber City Cemetery between 1:30 and 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Bennion Central Utah Veterans Home in Payson, Utah for their exceptional care, love, and professional service provided to Bruce in his final years.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Peter Ericksen*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

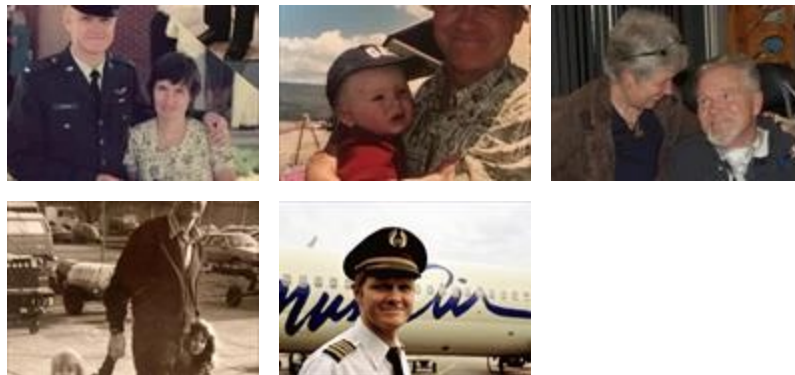


“ *It was such an honor to carr for such a wonderful man! God be with you 'til meet again!*

Wes - April 13, 2019 at 05:13 PM



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Elska McKim - April 08, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing Bruce Ericksen he is an incredible human. Everyday he would be involved with his church, in giving back to his fellow VA, and his family and friends. There are wonderful stories Eva told has told me about his excursions so far into the in the woods that her mom would have a tracker on him.) The cool plane stories I even tried to get some alien story and he went into the depths of the universe. The tender ones of him making food for his family from scratch like the best swedish pancakes, bread and ice cream. His strength everyday to give back with force and determination has inspired me to be a better person and follow his lead. He is unstoppable, literally before and after the accident, now in heaven and when called. Thank you for your service for our freedom. We honor you and your kind heart that you shared with me, your family and the world. We love you " Unbroken Bruce!!!"



Melissa Michie - April 08, 2019 at 03:32 AM

MS

“ Bruce, you are a beautiful person, humble and gentle, yet strong as you have borne this heavy physical and mental burden. Your example, and Debbie's, has been a light unto many. It has been a privilege to be a tiny part of your life and I will look for you on the other side. God bless your family.

Marilyn Speroni - April 07, 2019 at 05:50 PM

JM

I took care of Bruce for 3 years and was amazed at his patience and kindness he showed, he was a great person who taught me many great lessons in life, he endured to the end, never complained.

John Martin - April 10, 2019 at 05:44 PM

BE

“ We will miss you dear brother . Beverly and I so enjoyed your visits when you were a pilot with AA and would come for visits on your layovers in Tampa. You were a man of great faith and integrity and an inspiration to all. So proud to have called you my brother. Rolf and Beverly Ericksen

Beverly Ericksen - April 07, 2019 at 07:31 AM

MH

“ We sold our home in Provo, Utah and moved to Timber Lakes in Heber with the purpose to build a dream home in the mountains. We rented a delightful home for 6 months while our home was being built. When we moved out the Ericksen's moved into the home we had been renting. We had many happy opportunities to enjoy their company at church and neighborhood. Both of them so talented, witty, and service oriented. How we admire their ability to meet this great challenge and keep their love and attitude moving forward. What a marvelous example for us all. We love to see this picture of Bruce wrapped in the "blanket of patriotism" (most likely made by Debora) with his eyes shining. He knows something that we will all learn when it comes our turn to meet the challenge of what life gives us. What a great example they are.

With much love from Carl and Melanie Harris

Melanie F Harris - April 07, 2019 at 12:10 AM

TK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I remember well the first day I went to church with my now husband Eric and then spent dinner and enjoyed a visit with both Bruce and Debbie. Rest In Peace. Theresa Knudsen

Theresa Knudsen - April 06, 2019 at 10:37 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home - April 06, 2019 at 09:37 AM