



David Lee

December 3, 1942 - April 14, 2016

Eternity reached out and embraced Frederick David Lee on April 14, 2016 after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. The sorrow of those whom he left behind is surely offset by the joy of those who are greeting him on the other side as he takes on new assignments and renews relationships with those awaiting him there.

David, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Dec 3, 1942, to William Day Lee and Carol Varis Phillips, was the third of six siblings: Carill Ina (John) Nicoll, William Phillips (1 Pamela and 2 Ellen) Lee (deceased), Maria (Jay) Hoopes, Gary Don (Lorraine) Lee, and Linda (Rick) Jackson.

David married, first, Young-Ja Kim Lee in Seoul, South Korea on August 18, 1967, which marriage was sealed May 9, 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple. Kim passed away March 8, 2010. This 43-year union was blessed with four beautiful daughters: Teresa Stanley, Christina (Chad) Gunderson, Laura (Tom) Andrew, and Jenica (Zachary) Taylor. Near-perfect grandchildren include Sienna, Brant, and Austin Stanley; Olivia and Adam Gunderson; Ethan, Emma, Jacob, and Lily Andrew; and Jackson, Alexandria, and Donovan Taylor. On June 17, 2011, David married Elaine Anderton Kirsch Lee, and there followed a joyous "Chapter Two" in both of their lives, sadly cut short by David's recent passing. Elaine's children were all very fond of David and grateful for him coming into the life of their mother.

David grew up in Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah, before moving to Billings, Montana. Returning to Utah, he graduated from Orem High School ('61), Brigham Young University (BYU) (Geography, '69), and later from George Washington University (Geography, 1980). He also did post-graduate work at University of Maryland.

Professionally, he joined the Utah National Guard in 1961, and following graduation from BYU he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School, receiving his commission in the U.S. Army in 1970. He served on active duty until 1978, at which time he transferred to the Army Reserve. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1990 and retired with 32 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Concurrently, in 1980, he joined the Civil Service and spent 20 years working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Topographic Engineering Center (Alexandria, Virginia), retiring in 2001. After retiring, he taught part-time in the Religion Department at BYU for five years and served as curator of the Orem Heritage Museum for a time.

David served four full-time missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: the first was a proselyting mission to South Korea (1962-1965); the second was a Public Affairs mission to South Korea with his first wife, Kim (2009; cut short because of her illness); next was a Church Education mission to the Big Island of Hawaii with his wife, Elaine (2012-2014); and finally, a mission served in their home area of Orem, Utah (2015; cut short because of his losing bout with cancer).

He loved the Lord Jesus Christ and served faithfully throughout his life in many callings.

David had a love for life, sprinkled with a generous amount of humor. He loved music, both performing and writing it. He also loved writing, and wrote a number of books.

A favorite motto? “Everything comes down to love.”

A big thank you goes to the many friends, neighbors and family members that have shown such an outpouring of love and support during the time David has been ill. Thanks are also extended to Envision Hospice Care for the excellent care they provided.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the LDS church located at 990 North 100 West in Orem, Utah. Friends and family are invited to a viewing from 9:00 to 10:40 a.m. prior to the service. Following the funeral the Interment service will be at the East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, 4800 North East lawn Drive in Provo, Utah with full military recognition.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 East Lawn Drive
Provo, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 23. 9:00 AM - 10:40 AM (MT)

Orem LDS
990 North 100 West
Orem, UT 84058

Funeral Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM (MT)

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990 North 100 West
Orem, UT 84058

Tribute Wall



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