



Hal Rex Sheppard

December 15, 1943 - September 7, 2019

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12/15/43 – 9/7/19

Hal Rex Sheppard, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on September 7th in his home in Draper, Utah at the age of 75. Hal was born on December 15th, 1943 in Springville, Utah to Rex & Silvia Sheppard. Hal has been married to Anita Sheppard for the last 56 years. They were married in Salt Lake City on July 9, 1963.

Hal was the second-to-oldest of five children. Spending his childhood and adolescent years growing up in Springville, Utah. Many years were spent playing baseball and learning to hunt with his father. Shortly after graduating from Springville High School, Hal met Anita Archuleta while he was working in Salt Lake City. They dated briefly and got married in 1963. Quickly after settling into marriage, Hal was drafted to the Army and served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968 as a Field Medic.

After returning from the service, Hal & Anita lived in Springville while Hal attended Brigham Young University and worked at Geneva Steel. Hal's career at Geneva Steel lasted as they moved to Salt Lake City and then bought their first home in West Valley City. It was there that their first child, Jason Rex Sheppard, was born in 1975. In 1978, Hal, Anita, and Jason moved to Sandy,

Utah. In 1981, they had their second child, Ryan Hal Sheppard. Hal retired from Geneva Steel in mid 80's, went into real estate for several years, worked for Linford Brothers Glass as a Sales Rep and finished his career at Whitewater Whirlpool & Bath working there close to 20 years. In 2006, when the need arose, Hal & Anita adopted and raised two of their grandchildren, Rheanna & Ryan Sheppard. Hal had a heart of gold and would be the first to help anyone in need.

Since 1993, the family lived in a beautiful home in Draper, where Hal lived until the time of his passing. Throughout the years, there weren't many weeks that went by that Hal was not found on the golf course with close friends, fishing at Scofield or in the mountains hunting & camping. Hal also enjoyed traveling, with several special trips to Mexico, New York City and a once in a lifetime trip to Augusta, GA to watch the Masters Golf Tournament. More than anything, Hal loved spending time in the mountains with friends, relatives and also teaching his sons Jason & Ryan to love the outdoors the way he had. Hal was brave, strong, fearless and never afraid of an adventure. Hal had a great sense of humor, liked to tease most people, and loved a practical joke.

Hal Rex Sheppard is survived by Anita Dulcinea Sheppard, Jason Rex Sheppard, Julie Sheppard, Ryan Hal Sheppard, Rheanna Caprice Sheppard, Ryan Ray Sheppard, Bridger Jason Sheppard & Logan Hal Sheppard, Helen (Alan) Perry, Roy (Marlene) Sheppard, & Donna Sheppard.

Hal was preceded in death by Rex Sheppard, Sylvia Sheppard, Marcelino Archuleta, Antonia Archuleta, Ila Hulce, Mabel Trujillo, Ray Archuleta, & George Archuleta.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 12:00pm at the Meadows 6th Ward located at 420 East Stokes Avenue, Draper, UT 84020. Friends and family may visit on Wednesday evening, September 11th from 6-

8pm at that same location and on Thursday morning from 10:30am – 11:30am prior to the Funeral Services. Graveside services will be held following the funeral service at the Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park, located at 17111 S. 1700 W. Bluffdale, UT, 84065. Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Meadows 6th Ward
420 E Stokes Ave
Draper, UT

Viewing

SEP 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Meadows 6th Ward
420 E Stokes Ave
Draper, UT

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Meadows 6th Ward
420 E Stokes Ave
Draper, UT

Graveside Service

SEP 12. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams
17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I still sit here everyday and wonder why? Out of all people why did it have to be you 😞 but I know you're up there smiling down on us and we miss you like crazy. Life just isn't the same without you. I will love you forever and always ☐

Rheanna Sheppard - January 29, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ Hal Rex Sheppard

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

RS

“ I miss you so much grandpa you'll forever be in my heart ☐

ree sheppard - February 18, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JS

“ Everytime I saw Hal, I could feel he really cared through how he asked questions and really listened. I always enjoyed swapping hunting stories with him. He was a good example to me as a strong man who was kind and cheerful. Anita, Jason, Ryan, and families I'm so sorry for your loss.

Joel Sheppard - September 12, 2019 at 09:17 AM

JS

“ Hal was a wonderful father-in-law. He was a great example of a husband and father. He was the best grandpa. Hal loved his grandkids and gave them all that he could. He had a huge heart and a awesome sense of humor. He will be dearly missed! Rest in peace Hal. Love, Julie

Julie Sheppard - September 11, 2019 at 12:26 PM

OC

“ I met Hal when i first starting dating George. From the start I knew he was a genuine ,sincere and very intelligent man. In all my years of knowing Hal he never had a bad or mean thing to say about anyone. My best story of Hal & Anitas story is the one of Hal calling Anita from Germany where he was stationed. He called and they would talk and after each time they would say OVER after & at the end of the call they would each say "LOVE YOU OVER"....I know and im sure I speak for everyone that had the honor to be Hals friend family , neighbor , co-worker etc....they were in the presence of a truly wonderful person. Love you Uncle Hal...

Olivia Chacon-Archuleta - September 11, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JA

“ Every year when my dad was alive he would celebrate the 4th of July & his birthday together & throw this huge party for all his friends & family! Uncle Hal always made it with a huge smile on his face & loved to joke around & crack everyone up! My dads would tease him about the BYU cougars ,but uncle Hal would dish it right back to him. He was a generous man & always so happy sitting around with family listening to music & sharing laughs. He will be missed & I know our family in heaven is waiting To be there for him. God bless The Sheppard's! Love you all 🙏❤️

Jessica Archuleta - September 10, 2019 at 12:41 AM

DB

Sorry for loss. I too lost my dad 11mons ago. my thoughts and prayers are with you and family at this difficult time

Dawna Baker - September 10, 2019 at 09:05 AM

CH

“ I can't remember a Birthday/Christmas without my Uncle Hal, even today as an adult he never missed the chance to wish me Happy Birthday. I loved my Uncle Hal and have a tons of memories floating around my head, here's one of my favorites. Uncle Hal and Aunt Anita lived in Sandy every year Aunt Anita would plant strawberry plants in her garden and all over the yard. And tell us kids not to touch them. Well Uncle Hal knew how much I loved strawberries and would take me around the yard to find all the big ones. He wash them off with the hose and tell me now run on the side and eat them. Uncle Hall loved my family, Travis and the boys and always greeted us with a smile and a hug. The last few years my little boy Jamo had gotten to see him a few times a month. He sure is going to miss coming over to see you. We love you Aunt Anita, Jason, Julie, Rhenna, Ryan, Bridger and Logan.

Cristal Healy - September 10, 2019 at 12:20 AM

ER

Hal Sheppard was a one of a kind. I have so many memories of my brother in law that I will cherish forever . He always teased me and would tickle my ear and act like he didn't do it. Great sense of humor and always happy up until the last time I saw him which was this last month on August the 8th. I told him as he lay in his bed sick, that when I came back in September that I wanted to see the strong big man that I've known my whole life and he said back to me Memmy that man is gone and never coming back❤️ That's when I knew that was a goodbye to me. This man was a complete class act. He always told me that he never knew a mother & Son friendship could be so strong. Speaking of my son Shane & I. I will never forget that coming from him. Hal, May you be at peace and always know you will be missed very much from my Archuleta Family and my Romano Family. Love you Uncle Hal, (that's what I called him) 😊. May all the Sheppard Family be at peace. Love you all.

Emily Archuleta Romano - September 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ *Anita, we were so sorry to hear about Hal's passing. He was a great example in my life. I know how much he will be missed. Know that we love you and are keeping you in our prayers.* ”

Susan Caldwell Berg - September 09, 2019 at 11:30 PM