



## Jay Spencer Keys

August 27, 1954 - October 31, 2017

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8/27/54- 10/31/17

Jay Spencer Keys, 63, passed away peacefully at home in Cottonwood Heights on October 31, 2017, his final Halloween prank to his family and friends. He was born August 27, 1954, in New Jersey to Joe and Norma Keys. He married the love of his life Jody Robertson Keys. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, on April 9, 1976. They had nine children.

He served an LDS mission to Ecuador. Jay graduated from the University of Utah, with a degree in Elementary Education. He later received an Accounting Degree from Weber State University. He worked for the Federal Government for almost 29 years, until he retired from the Social Security Administration in 2013.

Jay was an avid reader and never left home without a book in his pocket. He had a quirky sense of humor, often telling strange jokes. He enjoyed teaching, especially the Gospel Doctrine Classes at church.

He is survived by his wife Jody, and their nine children: Jere Keys (Obi), Jessica Hooper (Robert), Jayne Watson (Brian), Jacki Bohannon (Patrick), Joanna Sumsion (Kevin), Jeanne Herbert (Travis), Jordan Keys, Jasmine

Harris (Chris), Jared Keys, and 14 grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother Norma Keys, sister Marth Christensen (Tim), and many other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father Joe Keys.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 11:00 am, at the Butler 20th Ward Building, 1355 East 7200 South, Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Butler 20th Ward Building, and prior to the funeral from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Following the funeral services, interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, UT.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Humanitarian Fund.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Butler 20th Ward  
Salt Lake Butler West Stake, 1845 East 7200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

## Viewing

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Butler 20th Ward  
Salt Lake Butler West Stake, 1845 East 7200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Butler 20th Ward  
Salt Lake Butler West Stake, 1845 East 7200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

## Graveside Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Larkin Sunset Gardens  
1950 East 10600 South  
Sandy, UT 84092

# Tribute Wall



“ Jay Spencer Keys

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Jody and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences at Jay's passing. When I think of Jay the phrase which comes to mind is "salt of the earth." His easy-going sincere manner and his patience in adversity were exemplary. He was a solid friend; I was blessed for having known him. May God bless you.

Michael Hannan - November 06, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ I'm not even sure where to start! More than 30 years of friendship to filter through. One of the funniest (and most mortifying) is the time he chose to tell a lunch cashier that he was going to "pay for myself and my two wives" as Jody and I herded our combined group of 9 or 10 children through the line! The most sacred is that I had the privilege of Jay baptizing me 21 years ago yesterday! And then there all the wonderful memories that came before and after these two events! So glad that you are at peace with our Heavenly Father!

Sally - November 04, 2017 at 12:33 AM



“ Things I will remember about my dad: his quick wit, his awful jokes, the book in his back pocket, fighting over Howard Stern or Country stations when he had to drive me to school, his faith (best Gospel Doctrine teacher I ever had) and so much more. We love you Dad and will see you again. Families are Forever!

Jayne Watson - November 02, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jay Spencer Keys.



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November 02, 2017 at 05:57 PM